

First is an e-mail from Arnie to the Oversight Committee on the Mavericks stand re- SOB attending the national rallies.

Dear Randy,

As a member of the oversight committee as past Rally Master and Mavericks rep, my vote is to allow past Alfa owners "THAT ARE NOW SOB'S" to attend the National Rally. Since you can no longer buy a new, 2009, 2010, Alfa's it is not the past owners fault, but Alfa Leisure fault, so I feel we should not penalize the owner when they purchase a SOB.

I know many chapters are now allowing SOB's in their chapter. In the Mavericks all SOB's are past Alfa owners. We enjoy their company and they enjoy ours. I see the national rallies as a place to socialize enjoy friends. It is no longer an Alfa Only Vendor and Seminar rally. I feel it should be opened up to all that have ever owned an Alfa so they can come back and socialize with friends.

Arnie Burr

Second is the response and decision of the Oversight Committee on SOB attendance.

Greetings Everyone,

The Alfa Sunseekers chapter has decided to decline hosting the 2011 Alfa Annual Rally. Their wish is for the National Rally to accept non-Alfa owners of "some other brand" (SOB) RVs into the Annual Rally and failing that, declared they would not host the rally unless this change was made. There has been a healthy discussion of this issue raised by Randy Fabian, Sunseekers president, and I thank all who participated in the online discussion.

When attendees at the 2009 National Rally, held in Bakersfield, formed the current structure of our Alfa Annual Rally Committee, they also voted not to include SOB owners in the Annual Rallies. Individual chapters, however, were left free to include SOB owners in their membership. This is clearly an important issue for the chapters with some already including SOB owners.

The decision not to accept SOB owners at Annual Rallies was the result of actions taken, as a group, by all those in attendance at the previous Rally. I believe this issue is far too important to the longevity and perhaps, the viability of the Annual Rally to be left to an online email exchange of positions and must therefore be placed before the larger, and more representative, group that attends the next Annual Rally. The Roadrunner chapter is scheduled for the 2012 Rally and could simply accept hosting the 2011 Rally, but I can report they are not at this time willing to do this. Some other chapter may decide they will do it but I will not ask for that commitment at this time.

Instead, I am asking that we table further discussion until the 2010 Annual Rally in Tucson. The question of whether SOB owner attendance at Annual Rallies is to be permitted going forward will be put before the entire group again at that time. Selection of a host chapter for the 2011 Rally can be completed at that time as well. If the will of the group is to allow SOB owner attendance, then perhaps the Sunseekers will reassume that responsibility for 2011. If they still decline, or if the will of the group is to continue as an Alfa Owners Only event, we can survey the chapters at that time in hopes of delegating a host. I believe (and think others do, too) that a 12 month lead time for planning an Annual Rally is sufficient and would not produce undo problems or pressures for those who end up doing the job.

Thanks to all of you for your diligent and thoughtful participation in the Annual Rally Committee and especially in this current discussion. And, thanks also to Randy Fabian for being forthright in presenting the Sunseekers' issues to us, as well as for his willingness to ask his chapter to review the issue a second time and consider additional suggestions.

Best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas to you all and I hope to see you in Tucson next spring.

Jim Collard