Russ Neely

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Russ Neely Update – Oklahoma Service Date set.

Thursday – August 12, 2010 –Oklahoma City Service Updates

There will be a service Sunday August 15th, 2010 at 2 PM Central time at the Edmond Community Center, Edmond OK. The Community Center is available from 1 to 5 pm for the service.

Any friends wishing to attend may do so, and Alfa attire is welcomed!

Date **Sunday August 15, 2010** – Service 2 PM (Central Time Zone)
Friends can gather from 1 to 5

Location
Edmond Community Center
48 East Main Street
Edmond, OK 73083
(405) 359-4698

Peg has identified a charity that deals with head trauma patients for anyone wishing to.
Brain Injury Association of America
1600 Spring Hill Road - Suite 111
Vienna, VA 22182
(703) 761-0750 ext 636
http://www.biausa.org

Acknowledgements should be sent to
Peg Neely, IMO Russ Neely
6000 Covey Run Lane
Edmund, OK 73034-9445

Peg also commented that Russ' children read the posts placed on the AROC site and those were much appreciated. I would ask those of you on the BB and Digest to also register on our AROC forum (you do NOT have to be an AROC member) and share your memories for all, including Russ' family to read.

For anyone traveling in by air, Edmond is due north of Oklahoma City, and the Community center is 19 miles from Will Rogers World Airport. The community center is also about 6 miles from the house.

Monday – August 9, 2010 – Iowa service update, and Oklahoma Service Date Set

Peg updated me that there were approximately 180 people at the service in Corydon Iowa including several Alfa club members from Kansas and Oklahoma as well. Sunday her brother drove her home.

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Thursday – August 5, 2010, 5:00 PM Eastern
At this time I have the following information in regard to Russ' services.
Peg is still in Michigan at this time, but they expect to head to Iowa tomorrow.

A service in Corydon Iowa will be held Saturday (about 90 miles South of Des Moines).
Any friends wishing to attend may do so, <u>and Alfa attire is welcomed</u>!

Date Saturday August 7, 2010 – 1 PM (Central Time Zone)
Location
First United Methodist Church
213 West Jackson Street
Corydon, IA 50060-1455
(641) 872-1569

For anyone wishing to do so, please send donations to the charity of your choice, IMO (In Memory Of) Russell Neely. Acknowledgements should be sent to

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For the many of you that have e-mailed and called regarding Russ, as a result this evening John Justus will set up a new Forum Page "Member Memories" in the General section of the AROC web site.

While Russ Neely will be the first library in this new section, we will certainly welcome the thoughts and stories of all our members that we've said goodbye to. Please be sure to look for this new section, and please share your fond memories of the first time you met someone, or a memorable moment that those Alfisti touched your lives.

Thursday – August 5, 2010, 10:00 AM Eastern
At this time I have the following information in regard to Russ' services.

Today Russ will be cremated, and following that Peg will drive back with Russ' family near Des Moines Iowa where a memorial service will be held on Saturday. I will update this post as soon as I have any address or location information for those that may wish to either attend or send something for the service.

Peg's brother will then drive her home to Oklahoma City from Des Moines, and a service in Oklahoma City will be held, but date and location are yet to be determined.

Last evening a gathering at the home of Susie and David Small was held where family in Michigan and many Alfa family attended.

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As a result of the outpouring of stories on “how I met Russ” and so much more, this evening John Justus will create a new forum on the AROC web site – Member Memories.

Wednesday - August 4, 2010, 03:30 AM Eastern.

It is with a heavy heart that I must sadly report Russ Neely passed away this morning at approximately 3:30 AM.

Both children arrived in time, and local friends left the family to be with Russ. As soon as Peg has a chance to begin considering plans, I will update all with any known plans, and preferred contact methods, etc.

Previous Updates.

Please use the link to the hospital site http://www.mcrmc.org with directions from the August 2, 2010 entry to send your thoughts and prayers with the family.

Update (PM) Tuesday - August 3, 2010

As of this afternoon, Russ has taken a turn for the worse. His children are en-route at this time. We will keep you posted as things develop.
Please keep in mind that Peg and the family are quite tied up at this time. If you wish to send your thoughts and prayers, please do so via the e-mail referenced below.

Update (PM) Monday - August 2, 2010

Today Russ had a “quiet day”. Many doctors were in today. He is now breathing more on his own. All commented that this was good, and what we want over the next week in order for his body to begin to heal. Look for an update Tuesday.

Peg said that they were beginning to receive e-mails, which were much appreciated.

Update (AM) Monday - August 2, 2010

Last evening, members or Russ’ family began to arrive. With someone to stay, Peg was finally able to get to a nearby hotel with the rest of the family members, and get some much needed rest and recharge a bit.

This morning’s Drs. Reports as expected contain a mixed bag, some items still in question, but others showing positive improvement. Overall Peg stated it was a slight improvement, but of course Russ is still in critical condition and remains in the ICU. (Please note that flowers and items are NOT allowed in the ICU).

For those of you that would like to convey your wishes, thoughts and prayers, the hospital has a web site for you to do so. Please direct your browser to

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One on the home page select Patient / Visitor info. Once that page is loaded, you may select E-mail a Patient, or E-mail a Prayer for a Patient.

You will need to enter Russ' first name (Russell) and Last Name (Neely), the date, your name and the message. The hospital staff will print the message and deliver it to the patient and family. Peg noted that she had already received several e-mails and e-prayers and thought this was a great way for the friends and Alfa community to reach them at this time.

Initial Update Sunday - August 1, 2010

To all interested Alfa Romeo members and friends of Peg and Russ Neely:

While attending a social event in Michigan on the weekend of July 30th, 2010, Russ Neely slipped and fell from a moving golf cart. He landed on asphalt pavement, striking his head on the rear.

EMT and Respiratory therapists were virtually across from the accident and began immediate emergency care while awaiting an ambulance. Russ was transported to a nearby Level 2 trauma center, where he remains in critical condition. Peg and several friends have remained on site during the initial care.

Currently Peg would like everyone to know that all the thoughts and prayers are appreciated for Russ' speedy recovery, at this time it is requested that friends and interested parties look to these communications for their updates to allow Peg to remain focused on and in communication with immediate family. Currently all family members have been notified and those that can travel are on their way.

We will know more in the days to come, as any head trauma has 4 to 7 days where symptoms and events develop and hopefully resolve, or are identified and treatment plans become more evident.

Again, thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and concern.

For Peg Neely, Chip Denyko