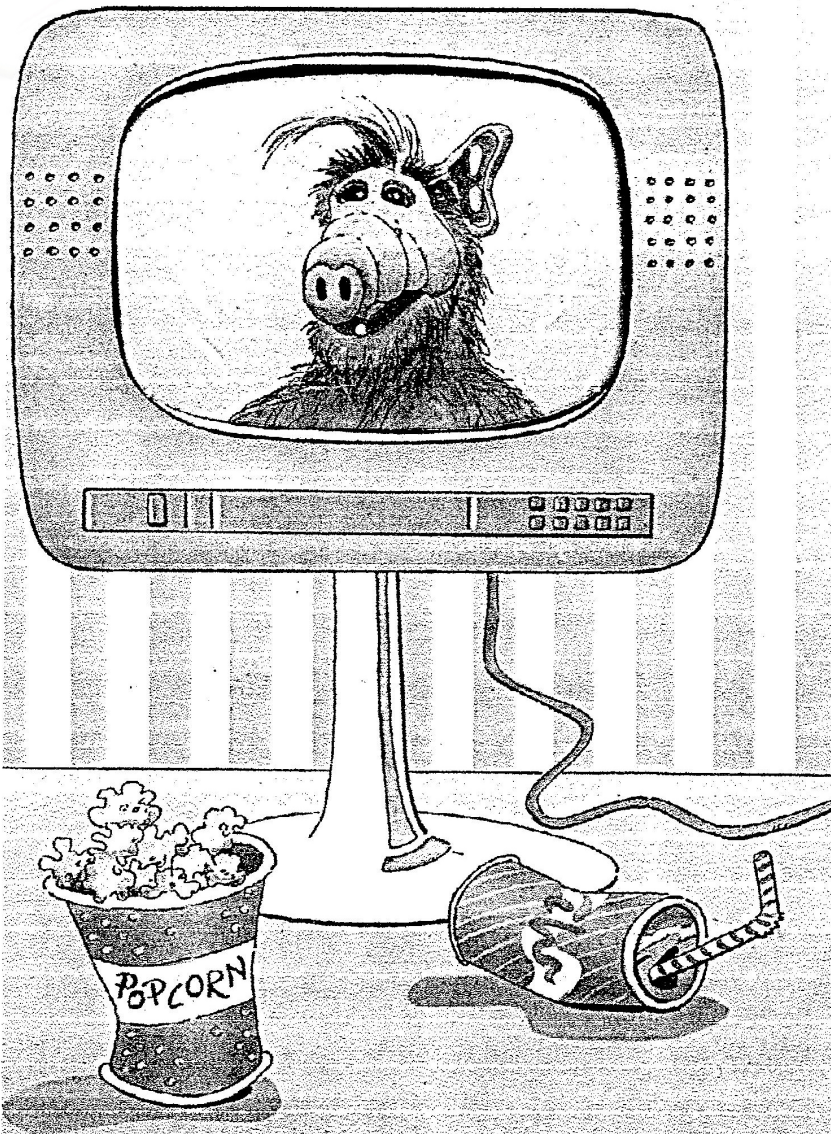


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ALF'S BACK

Here we are with our second issue. Yes we know, it's about time. But hey, that Premier issue was tough to follow up. We wanted to be sure to do it right. We appreciate the response and great comments. We knew we were on the right track, but it's still good to hear it from you. Please continue to send in your feedback. It's the only way to tell if we are going in the right direction. Let us know what you like or even dislike (hopefully not much).

The BIG news this time around is of course, the return of the ol' Alfer to TV this winter—what, you haven't heard? Well then turn right now to page 4 and read Tom's article. He gives all the details we've come up with.

Also in this issue we have to thank and recognize our first contributor to the newsletter. Ron Holmes sent in an article and some artwork. We hope this will inspire others of you to do the same.

Well that's enough of my babble, I'm sure you would rather read more about ALF. Well, then read on.....

Scott

ALFMEISTERS JOINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAN CLUBS

On December 1, 1995, ALFMEISTERS became a new member of the National Association of Fan Clubs (NAFC), joining over 2,000 other clubs around the world.

NAFC was formed in 1977 to give fan clubs an opportunity to network with one another, to uphold reliability and responsibility in fan clubbing, to help people interested in starting fan clubs and to offer publicity to fan clubs in all fields of entertainment. The group publishes an annual directory and quarterly newsletter. Hopefully, we can make contact with fellow ALFMEISTERS from the far reaches of this planet!

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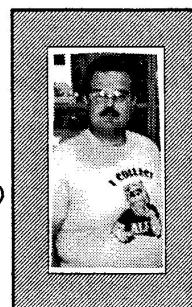


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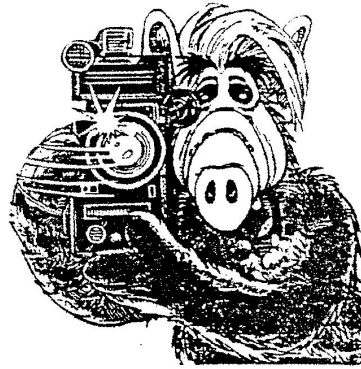
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VIDEO ALF-a-bits



Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue

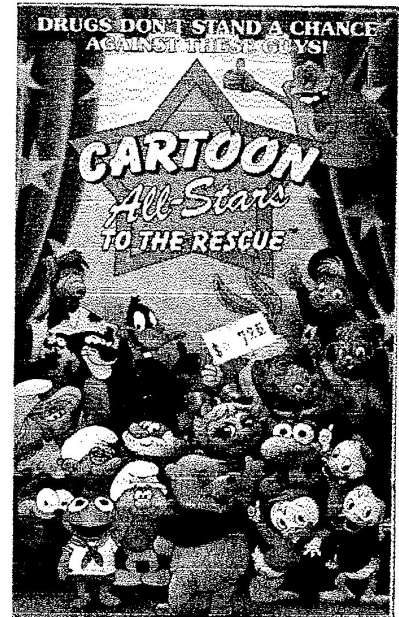
Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue was an unprecedented anti-substance abuse television video special for children and their parents. It was originally broadcasted on all major television networks and hundreds of independent stations and cable outlets in the U.S., Canada and Mexico on Saturday morning, April 21, 1990. It was a commercial free program funded by Ronald McDonald Children's Charaties and McDonalds' Restaurants.

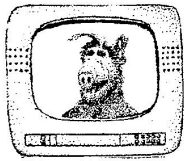
The special featured many popular cartoon characters of the time including Alvin and the Chipmunks, Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, the Smurfs, the Muppets, Garfield, Winnie the Pooh, and of course ALF. The cartoon was rebroadcasted on April 12, 1991. This broadcast was advertised at local McDonalds' restaurants by way of their paper tray placemats.

The 30 minute cartoon depicts a young boy who is involved with drugs and is shown the folly of his ways by the All-Stars. The ALF character has approximately 3-1/2 minutes of air time and has a strong part. His voice sounds very much like Paul Fusco, although his name is not listed in the voice credits. The animation style is also different from the regular ALF cartoons.

The cartoon was released as a home video by Buena Vista Home Video, Stock No. P0438 in, I believe, 1990. It was meant as a free rental.

Scott Brodnax





ALF RETURNS IN TV MOVIE!!!

ALF fans will finally learn what happened to their favorite three and one half foot furry Alien in a television movie scheduled to air on ABC on Saturday, February 17, 1996. The movie will be 2 hours long. As we left ALF after four entertaining seasons, he was about to be captured by the Federal Alien Task Force as he was leaving with his alien friends.

According to ABC press releases, the new ALF movie, which began as "The Return of ALF", involves a couple of young scientists who help ALF escape when they realize the danger he is in. The latest information is that Martin Sheen will guest star as a crazed military figure who ALF encounters. The television movie is called "Project ALF", and was co-created and written by the original producers, Paul Fusco and Tom Patchett. The movie was originally announced to advertisers as "ALF: The All-New Movie".

ALF enjoyed four fun-filled seasons of approximately one hundred episodes, two animated series, and syndication in many countries. In addition to the many loyal fans, the ALF phenomenon inspired a fifty issue Marvel Comics series and an unparalleled variety of merchandise around the globe. With so much going for ALF, fans were shocked by the sudden cancellation after the cliffhanger final forth season episode. Producer Tom Patchett was also dismayed at NBC's decision to cancel ALF. Apparently, it was understood that if ALF was not continued for a fifth season, the network would give the producers and writers a chance for closure of the series.

Ironically, the abrupt conclusion of ALF by NBC lends more anticipation and excitement to "Project ALF" on ABC, who did not hesitate to embrace it. ALF syndication rights reverted back to the producers in September who believed that a late afternoon kids show hampered ALF's popularity with adults. Few of us would deny that much of ALF's humor was significantly geared toward adults, especially the baby boomers.

The focus of the new movie is on ALF's adventures after splitting up with the Tanner family of Willie (Max Wright), Kate (Anne Schedeen), Lynn (Andrea Elson), Brian (Benji Gregory), and baby Eric (J.R. & Charles Nickerson). Thus, the Tanners will not have a role in the new project.

While rumors exist that personal problems among the cast led to the TV series cancellation, sources close to the producers assure ALF fans that nothing could be further from the truth. The decision to follow ALF's adventures apart from the Tanner's also had nothing to do with ill will. Perhaps ALF fans should think of the Tanners as being in a witness protection plan in an effort to protect ALF.

Although the last television episode is entitled "Consider Me Gone", ALF fans no longer must do so. The ol' ALFer is back and no doubt will be as charming, witty and loveable as ever. We can only hope that the movie will be a success, because a new series could begin and have ALF returning to our households. Rumor has it that "Project ALF" will be open-ended to allow just for that possibility!

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FUN WITH ALF



TRIVIA

WHAT'S THE PLANET MELMAC'S MOTTO?
"ARE YOU GOING TO FINISH THAT SANDWICH?"

WHAT TYPE OF PERSONALITY DOES ALF HAVE?
"TYPE T" - THRILL AND ADVENTURE SEEKER



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TO FIND THE HIDDEN ANSWER, JUST COLOR IN ALL OF THE SEVENS!

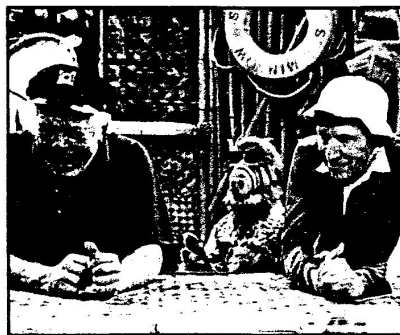




ALF

SEASON II

<u>PROD. NO.</u>	<u>EPISODE TITLE</u>
2001	OH, PRETTY WOMAN
2002	YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A HOUND DOG
2003	WORKING MY WAY BACK TO YOU
2004	THE BALLAD OF GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
2005	SOME ENCHANTED EVENING
2006	TAKE A LOOK AT ME NOW
2007	CAN I GET A WITNESS
2008	ISN'T IT ROMANTIC
2009	PRIME TIME
2010	WEDDING BELL BLUES
2011	SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME
2012	I'M YOUR PUPPET
2013	NIGHT TRAIN
2014	HAIL TO THE CHIEF
2015	THE BOY NEXT DOOR
2016	WE'RE SO SORRY, UNCLE ALBERT
2017	VARSITY DRAG
2018	WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE
2019	SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME - PART 1
2020	SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME - PART 2
2021	HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT
2022	MOVIN' OUT
2023	TEQUILA
2024	WE ARE FAMILY



EPISODE GUIDE - SEASON 2

PRODUCTION #2001 - "OH, PRETTY WOMAN"

ALF enrolls Lynn (ANDREA ELSON) in a beauty contest, even though she has serious doubts about her attractiveness.

PRODUCTION #2002 - "YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A HOUND DOG"

Resentful of the attention the Tanners pay to a lost dog, ALF gives the stray to a mean old lady (guest star ANNE RAMSEY) with a dubious claim of ownership.

PRODUCTION #2003 - "WORKING MY WAY BACK TO YOU"

ALF's bad behavior prompts the Tanners to make a new home for him in the garage.

PRODUCTION #2004 - "THE BALLAD OF GILLIGAN'S ISLAND"

ALF gets a surprise visit from cast members of the TV series "Gilligan's Island," including Gilligan (BOB DENVER) and the skipper (ALAN HALE).

PRODUCTION #2005 - "SOME ENCHANTED EVENING"

ALF talks Willie (MAX WRIGHT) into throwing a Halloween costume party to impress his boss and get a better job.

PRODUCTION #2006 - "TAKE A LOOK AT ME NOW"

Tanner neighbor Raquel Ochmonek (LIZ SHERIDAN) sees the elusive ALF, but no one will believe her.

PRODUCTION #2007 - "CAN I GET A WITNESS"

ALF is accused of breaking the Ochmonek's (JOHN LA MOTTA and LIZ SHERIDAN) window and the Tanners put him on trial.

PRODUCTION #2008 - "ISN'T IT ROMANTIC"

ALF and the kids give Kate (ANNE SCHEDEEN) and Willie (MAX WRIGHT) a second honeymoon.

PRODUCTION #2009 - "PRIME TIME"

The Tanners become a Nielsen family, and ALF rigs the people meter to his spaceship to raise the ratings of his favorite shows—which causes havoc for NBC Entertainment President Brandon Tartikoff (played by guest star DAVID LEISURE).

PRODUCTION #2010 - "WEDDING BELL BLUES"

A scandalous secret from his past makes ALF join a monastery.

PRODUCTION #2011 - "SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME"

Excluded from Dorothy (ANNE MEARA) and Whizzer's (PAUL DOOLEY) wedding party, ALF reacts with a case of non-stop, nerve shattering hiccups.

PRODUCTION #2012 - "I'M YOUR PUPPET"

ALF's new ventriloquism dummy leaves the Tanners speechless when he makes ALF his puppet.

EPISODE GUIDE CONT.

PRODUCTION #2013 - "NIGHT TRAIN"

ALF and Willie (MAX WRIGHT) hop a freight train in search of adventure.

PRODUCTION #2014 - "HAIL TO THE CHIEF"

Kate (ANNE SHEDEEN) gives ALF a civics lesson and then dreams that they are opponents in a Presidential election. Political interviewer JOHN McLAUGHLIN has a cameo role as himself.

PRODUCTION #2015 - "THE BOY NEXT DOOR"

ALF befriends Trevor (JOHN LA MOTTA) and Raquel's (LIZ SHERIDAN) nephew, Jake (JOSH BLAKE), a belligerent boy who has trouble communicating with anyone.

PRODUCTION #2016 - "WE'RE SO SORRY, UNCLE ALBERT"

ALF is afraid he may have literally scared Willie's (MAX WRIGHT) Uncle Albert (ELISHA COOK JR.) to death.

PRODUCTION #2017 - "VARSITY DRAG"

When ALF learns that the cost of his upkeep is preventing Lynn (ANDREA ELSON) from attending the college of her choice, he becomes a paper carrier to cover his expenses.

PRODUCTION #2018 - "WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE"

An overprotective ALF invites his blind friend, Jody (ANDREA COVELL), to live with the Tanners.

PRODUCTION #2019 - "SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME " (PART 1)

ALF joins the neighborhood block patrol and confronts a burglar in the Ochmoneks' house.

PRODUCTION #2020 - "SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME" (PART 2)

Willie (MAX WRIGHT) must rescue ALF from the SWAT team surrounding the Ochmoneks' house, in which ALF had been chasing a burglar.

PRODUCTION #2021 - "HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT"

Pacifist Willie (MAX WRIGHT) goes one-on-one with a neighborhood bully.

PRODUCTION #2022 - "MOVIN' OUT"

Willie (MAX WRIGHT) can't scare up a buyer for the Tanner home because ALF keeps spooking potential buyers with phony phantoms.

PRODUCTION #2023 - "TEQUILA"

Kate's (ANNE SCHEDEEN) former college roommate, Maura (guest star DOROTHY LYMAN), mistakes ALF for her imaginary drinking buddy.

PRODUCTION #2024 - "WE ARE FAMILY"

In his fantasies, ALF announces his existence to the world and substitutes for late-night television host David Letterman to interview guest SANDY DUNCAN (in a cameo appearance as herself).

THE MANUFACTURER'S NOTEBOOK

In this issue we devote this page to a company that produced ALF merchandise. We try to be as complete as possible when listing the items produced by that company. Any errors or omissions are solely ours. This issue we begin with JANEX.

Janex Corp.
57 Paag Circle
Little Silver, NJ 07739

Janex produced several very nice ALF items. Three of their five items are figural pieces, with pleasing renditions of ALF's entire body in two cases and ALF's bust in the third. All of the items were made in Hong Kong. All packaging is dark blue at the top, slowly fading to a light blue at the bottom, with tiny white dots representing stars interspersed throughout.

- #01000 MIGHTY LIGHT - A flashlight with an ALF caricature picture on the handle. No batteries are required. Simply press the trigger mechanism and it lights up. The flashlight is mounted on a 6"x11-1/2" card. 1987
- #04002 BANK - A plastic figure of ALF's head and neck approximately 6-3/4" tall, with a slot in the back of his head and a stopper on the bottom. It is mounted on a 5"x5"x1-7/8" base with a 5"x9-3/4" card attached to the back. 1988
- #07025 LARGE BATTERY OPERATED TOOTHBRUSH - 7-1/2" tall figure of ALF attached to a stand. The figure is leaning up against the toothbrush handle. The box is 9"x14-1/2"x3". The original Toys-R-Us price was \$12.99. 1987
- #07027 SMALL BATTERY OPERATED TOOTHBRUSH - There is no figure on this item, but it has a small picture of ALF on the handle. The box is 5-1/2"x8-5/8"x1-7/8". 1987
- #08800 QUARTZ BATTERY OPERATED TALKING ALARM CLOCK - 6" tall figure of ALF leaning against a round clock. 1987

Special thanks to Maria at Les Freidland Associates for confirming this information.



ALF SIGHTINGS

ALF has been spotted in our popular culture in addition to news about the upcoming television movie. On November 26, 1994, scenes from the ALF television series appeared on the NBC Special, TV's Funniest Families.

More recently, on October 10, 1995, ALF was mentioned and pictured on "The Simpsons" animated television series. The episode revolved around Bart, who sells his soul to Millhouse. When Bart wants his soul back, Millhouse informs him that he traded it for a handful of ALF Pogs, exclaiming that ALF is back in the form of pogs! Has anyone out there seen any *real* ALF Pogs?!

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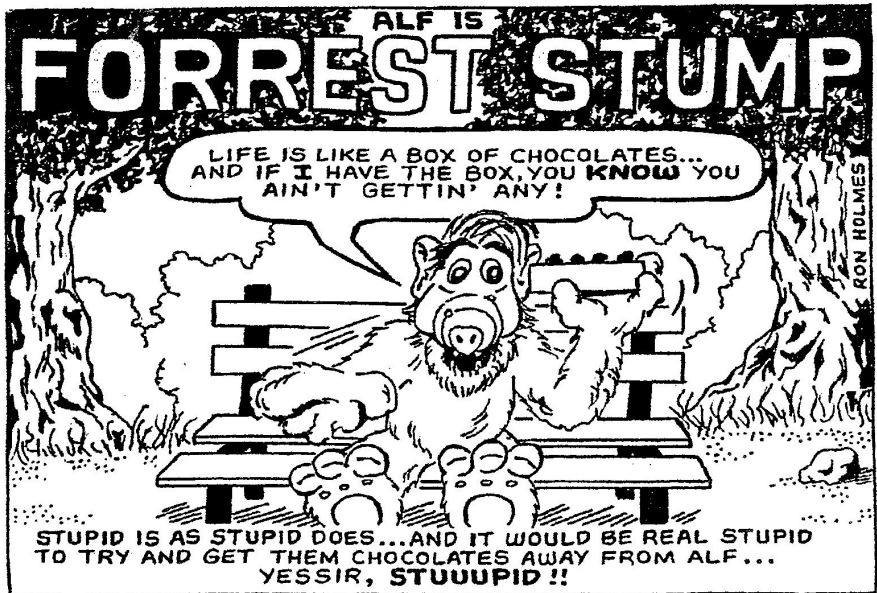
The ELUSIVE ALF

by Ron Holmes

I don't know what ALF-pickins are like in other parts of the country, but here in southeastern Massachusetts, especially in the New Bedford area, they are slim to none.

I've been to the flea-markets (where all I managed to pick up were some fleas, by the way.) ...Been to so many yard sales that I sometimes find myself drawn, zombie-like, into peoples' yards who aren't even selling anything. They usually just take me gently by both arms and escort me back out to the street as I mumble repeatedly to myself, "ALF...must find ALF". After giving me some very weird looks they send me on my way. Thankfully, no police have been involved yet.

I've been to the Salvation Army (no ALF salvation there), to little out of the way stores that are so small that their entire stock rests on two shelves... I've been up to my armpits in boxes, bins and barrels (good name for a country song), where thousands of Cabbage Patch Kids, Snoopy dolls, Mickey Mouse and Garfield toys have stared back at me over the years, their faces frozen in grins, seemingly laughing at me... taunting me. But is ALF usually among that crowd? NOOOOO! In frustration I once beat the heck out of a Smurf doll because it wasn't forthcoming with any information as to where anything ALF might be. I tell ya, sometimes I just lose it.



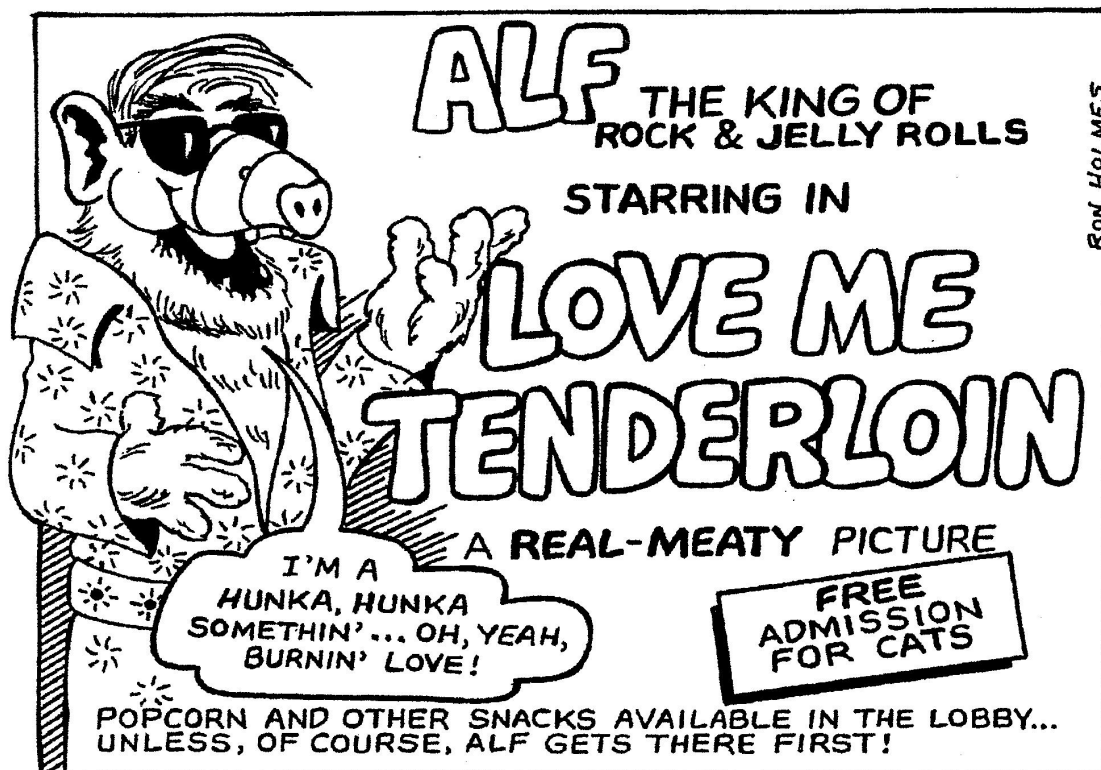
I remember one time I asked a store clerk if they had any ALF merchandise. When he said, "This way", I followed him, doing my little happy dance along the way. When the clerk led me over to some Christmas stuff and pointed to some 'elf' trinkets I just wanted to cry. I thanked him all the same, but deep down inside I wanted to hurt the boy real bad.

It's true that there is alot of disappointment on an ALF hunt, but when you do find something of ALF, especially if it is a piece that you need for your collection, it's like finding the Holy Grail. Oh, alright, I might be exaggerating a wee bit. But moments like those are few and often far between, and it's not getting better as time goes by. After all, there's only so much ALF merchandise out there. Things of ALF were only produced for about five years, compared to other characters like Snoopy, the Looney Tunes and Walt Disney characters, etc.,

which have been around for decades. These characters are constant and will probably be with us forever, unlike ALF who, unfortunately, had a limited run...and, unless ALF makes some grand return in the future(ed. note- maybe the not to distant future.), his collectibles will likewise be limited.

Sure, we all wish that there was a lot more ALF stuff to collect, but at least it IS possible to collect everything that was produced on ALF, whereas with the other characters I mentioned you couldn't possibly collect everything on them because there is just too much. It's sort of a Catch-22 or, as ALF would say, "Catch-a-Cat-22".

Anyway...Hey! Wait a pea-pickin' minute! STOP THE PRESSES!! HOLD THE MAYO!! (Virginia Mayo, that is) As I'm writing this I am looking out a window and there are some kids across the street swimming and playing in a small pool. It looks like there are ALF designs on the pool. It may be little doggie designs though. But... Could it be?... Is it the ever elusive childs' wading pool by Coleco? Can't tell for sure from this distance. Must go and investigate... I might have to fight some kids for it, but I think I can take them. Ahh, the games afoot.



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ALF SWAP!

FOR SALE OR TRADE:

For the largest ALF sale/trade list in this universe, write to: Tom Cannavo, 25 Arizona Ave., Jackson, NJ 08527

Looking for that unique item of ALF? I have many great European ALF items from Germany. All are licensed products. Write for my U.S. and European ALF lists: Val Bendel, 4072 Tumbleweed Trail, Loves Park, IL 61111

ALF View Master Gift Set (yellow box), Mint in box \$20; ALF collectible figures by Coleco, "Augie/Neep" set, Mint on card \$12; ALF IBM Party Kits by Box Office, Mint in box \$20; The Many Faces of ALF hand puppets by Burger King, (without cardboard cut-outs), Good condition \$5.00 each; The Many Faces of ALF records, Mint condition \$15.00 each. Also have the ALF episodes on video. For more info. please contact: Mr. Aneesh Sehgal, 3412 West 66th Street, Chicago, IL 60629 Tel. (312) 476-0289.

ALF Computer Software - 4 different titles; ALF Pop-up Books - 4 different titles. Contact Ron Holmes, 140 Summit Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

FOR TRADE:

Large inventory of ALF items for trade. If you have an item I'm looking for, I'll trade you one or more items from my extensive list. Call or write: Scott Brodnax, 225 Church St., Clover, SC 29710 Tel. (803) 222-1066

WANTED:

ALF skateboard, raincoat, & flashlight. Also, any ALF store displays or promotional items. Please write to: Val Bendel, 4072 Tumbleweed Trail, Loves Park, IL 61111

Any ALF Episodes of: ALF/ALFTALES HOUR, or ALFTALES on video with the original commercials. Also, any ALF toys, figures, or rare items. Please contact: Mr. Aneesh Sehgal, 3412 West 66th St., Chicago, IL 60629 Tel. (312) 476-0289

This spot is reserved for you. Send in your want/trade/sell list, and we will print up to 3 items in each CAtegory.... Please send your list to: ALFmeisters, c/o Val Bendel, 4072 Tumbleweed Trail, Loves Park, IL 61111

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