



February 2014

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING

Lois Wiley

### Happy Birthday:



Lori Miller	2/4
Fred Brooks	2/8
Ron Ruscett	2/8
Bob Perovich	2/10
Chuck Schulter	2/13
Dick Teschner	2/13
Irene Kuznicki	2/25
Joanne Hall	2/26
Adelina Beyerale	2/27

### Happy Anniversary:

Mary & Bob Perovich	2/6
Dolores & Alfonso Madrid	2/8
Nancy Baumann & Bill Nester	2/14
Joanne & Ken Hall	2/17



Anyone with just the smallest piece of news please phone me at 749-4386 or e-mail me at [flwiley@cox.net](mailto:flwiley@cox.net) and I will put it in the sharing and caring column and you will make everyone happy!

## ACTIVITIES MEETING AT 3:15 pm

prior to February dinner meeting at KOA (formerly Lazydays, formerly Beaudry) Florizona Restaurant building.

## FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

After skipping the January meeting/dinner, we're back on schedule for February.

***Please make your reservations and advise which dinner you prefer, no later than noon, Thursday, January 30 by replying to this email: [driftersdinner@earthlink.net](mailto:driftersdinner@earthlink.net). Cancellations must be made by Sunday (2/2/14) phone call only 520-242-3343.***

Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2014. 5:30 Social Hour. 6:15 Dinner.

Where: KOA (formerly Lazydays, formerly Beaudry) Florizona Restaurant building.

What: Cajun shrimp penne pasta (sautéed shrimp over penne pasta & green peas in a creamy Cajun/Parmesan sauce + salad + dessert.) **OR**

Chef Salad (greens with deli meat & cheese) + soup when main entree gets salad + dessert.

Cost: \$15.00 (inclusive) each. Check is preferred as we are unable to make change. Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone in cancellation to 520-241-3343) you will still be responsible for reimbursing the Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.

2014 dues of \$20/coach are now due. You may include this in your dinner-check as well as rally fees. Please make a note on your check what you are paying for.

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We look forward to seeing you there . . . . .

Beverly Johnson

## TUCSON DRIFTERS 2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

REMINDER: Annual dues are payable beginning January 1. Annual dues must be submitted no later than March 31, 2014. Members who do not submit dues payment will be dropped from the Tucson Drifters membership. Remember that all members must also keep their FMCA membership current. A renewal form is also provided at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. This renewal does not apply to those who joined the Chapter after June 1, 2013, your dues are paid through 2014.

**Make check payable to Tucson Drifters and if you don't renew at the dinner meeting, mail to: [Gayle Fisher](mailto:Gayle.Fisher@earthlink.net), 7240 N Cathedral Rock Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718**



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## President's Corner:



*I have been very impressed with the turnout at our last few rally's this season. The 17 coach Mystery Rally in November, the 9 coach rendezvous prior to our free December dinner meeting and the 17 coach New Year's rally at Casa Grande included many interesting activities and were a great success. My thanks to the Rally Master and Rally Hosts for their attention to detail, and making each rally interesting. It is encouraging to see so many of you stepping up to be rally hosts. It is truly a rewarding experience and I will be encouraging all of our members to step forward and lend their expertise in a future rally. I want to make sure we have a good mix of rally's where we have some close to home and also some longer distance rally's.*

*I hope you enjoyed our free December Dinner. It was a lot of fun and it was very nice to see a lot of our old friends along with a lot of our new members too. Thanks to Ruth and her team for all the hard work to make these events such a great success. We really have a nice facility for our club dinner meetings and the staff at KOA/Lazy Days is great to work with. I look forward to seeing most of you at the next dinner meeting or future activity of the club.*

*Things are really shaping up for the rest of our rally season this year. The Activity team has really been doing a lot of work to plan the remaining 4 rally's before the summer break. We hope to see a lot of you sign up for them. We are also getting new members along the way.*

*Our election of Officers and Directors went very smoothly and put in place a great group of people to manage the club for the next 12 months. I wish to thank the nominating committee for their effort on this. Most of the Officers and Directors agreed to stay in their positions. I want to thank them for staying on for another year.*

*My key objectives for the coming year will concentrate on increasing our membership, expanding the use of our website to include scrapbook pictures, adding details on upcoming rally's and links to additional RV info and RV Education. In addition, to continue emphasis on encouraging new friendships and meeting new friends, experiencing new destinations, and most important...Enjoying the RV life!*

*I just want to remind the Executive Board that we will be having a meeting just following the Activity meeting, the same day as the monthly dinner meeting. It makes a lot more sense to have the meetings on the same day, as most of the members will be attending both meetings. The Activity Meeting and the Executive Board meeting are open to all members. I encourage all of you to attend the Activity meetings to participate in the planning stages of the activities your club has from month to month. You are invited to attend both meetings.*

LETS GO PLACES !

*Rick*



## DRIFTER GALS TIP OF THE MONTH

Are your wine glasses rattling around in the cabinets no matter what you do? Suggest you gather up all the beer can/bottle coozies your husband has been collecting over these many years and store a wine glass (bowl side down) in each coozie, put it back on the shelf (coozie end down) - no rattle, no crack, no break!!! If you hang your glasses on a rack under the cabinet the same thing applies. And if you store your motor coach outside between rallies/trips there's the added advantage of being on a trip, taking the wine glass out of the coozie and voila - it's neat, clean, shiny and ready for immediate use although the rest of the coach may still have a fine layer of storage dust (which you've just not yet gotten to\*). Marita Newton and I have been doing this for a long time and I've yet to lose a glass.

*\*Let's face it gals - there are priorities at play here. Always - - - wine/fun before dust!!!*

As always I'm looking for tips that will make 'coach life' easier and free us up to do the things we come on the rallies to enjoy. Send your tip to me at [suzib@comcast.net](mailto:suzib@comcast.net). Til' next time - - - -

Suzie Bass

## INTERVIEW WITH NEW LAZYDAYS CEO

The following was forwarded to me by Larry Coplin and is from a recent article in the Tampa Bay Times by staff writer, Susan Thurston, and provides interesting information about the new CEO.

### Lazydays new CEO seeks to shift RV dealership into high gear

Tim Sheehan spent 28 years focused on TVs, computers and electronics as a salesman and executive for Best Buy. Last year, he hit the road, landing the job as chief executive officer for Lazydays, a top seller of recreational vehicles. More a techie than a camper, Sheehan immersed himself in the RV business, visiting manufacturers and shadowing salespeople pitching motor homes with prices upward of \$350,000. During his first eight months, Lazydays revamped its website, replaced the phone system at its 126-acre campus in Seffner and opened a call center.

Up next? Plans to add locations up north to expand Lazydays' reach and boost revenue, now at about \$500 million a year.

In a recent interview at the Florida RV SuperShow, Sheehan, 49, spoke about the appeal of RVs and the importance of a single sale.

#### What attracted you to the position?

One of the things I found exciting is the spirit of RVing. It's about getting outdoors, doing something you really enjoy and about being with people you enjoy being with. And it's doing it in an amazing vehicle. A lot of these things are like houses on wheels. I was blown away by the level of innovation. The RV industry has taken all of the things we love in our residential world and put them into an RV, from more comfortable cushions and couches to wireless Internet and satellite TV.

#### Have you done much RVing?

When I was young, my family had a towable RV, but I have very limited experience. Growing up in the city (of Minneapolis), we always aspired to get out into the country. I really love the outdoors.

#### What's the difference between selling electronics and RVs?

In the RV business, most of the salespeople are on commission, and it's clear to me why. You have to be patient and committed and stick with people through the buying process. The salesperson has to be well-trained, not only on the product, but they also have to understand how to interact and work with people. It's an amazing process to watch.

#### What experiences from Best Buy are helping you at Lazydays?

One of the things I loved about Best Buy was that when I started out, it was a \$50 million company. When I left, it was \$50 billion. But when I look back at what period I enjoyed the most, it was the first 10 or 15 years, when it was smaller and growing and you felt you could have an impact. Lazydays is a very robust, midsized company that does a lot of revenue but was at that stage where it had a lot of growth potential. I was drawn to that.

#### Are you a gadget guy?



I like to keep up on the latest and greatest, but I've become a little less interested in it. One of the things we used to do in my old job was work in stores during the holidays. It really hit me after I hadn't been in the stores for about 10 years how all the technology had pulled away so fast from what I knew. With most technology, about 10 to 20 percent of its potential is actually used by most of us. The capability outstrips anything we'll ever know or care to do.

**Was it difficult switching from a chain with hundreds of locations to a company with two locations? (Lazydays acquired Beaudry RV in Tucson, Ariz., in 2011.)**

I used to talk TVs in the hundreds of thousands. In the RV business, the unit of one matters. You come to appreciate each and every customer and what it takes to retain those customers. Our mission is to make customers for life, because in our business, every 3 1/2 to 4 years there's a trade-in. While every big-box retailer aspires to build that relationship, it's very hard to do. The loyalty is much thinner.

**Do you like not having to compete with Amazon?**

I have an amazing amount of respect for Amazon, and I never felt like you have to compete with Amazon. You have to learn to co-exist. Prior to Amazon, it was Walmart that was going to kill Best Buy. There are limits to what Amazon can do, and that is customers want help.

**Lazydays founder Don Wallace used to park an RV outside his home along Bayshore Boulevard. Any trips planned?**

I don't have time to hop into one of those 30-footers and tool around the country. But now that I've talked to people who do, it has opened my eyes. I wouldn't have understood the freedom you could have and the camaraderie that happens at campsites. There are a lot of neat things you could do if you have the time.

**MORE NEWS FOR YOU:** Kampgrounds of America (KOA) now owns Lazydays RV campground. In case you missed the article in the Tucson newspaper, here is a link with more details:

[http://azstarnet.com/business/local/koa-buys-lazydays-rv-s-tucson-campground/article\\_d259a150-c97d-5211-b12e-dfa68529e5dd.html](http://azstarnet.com/business/local/koa-buys-lazydays-rv-s-tucson-campground/article_d259a150-c97d-5211-b12e-dfa68529e5dd.html)



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT RALLY



February 20 - 23, 2014



While signup dates have passed, should any cancellations arise, anyone who may be interested as a standby in may contact a rally host. It should be another fun rally. Your Rally Hosts: Coplin, Miller, Rolland, Kuznicki

## THE BLUE and THE GRAY

March 13-16, 2014  
Picacho Peak Rv Resort

### Thursday 3/13/14.

Afternoon Check-in  
5:30 pm Potluck and evening movie: Lincoln

### Friday 3/14/14

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Club House

9:30 a.m. AZ State Capital & Museum Tour  
Legislature will be in sessions--so will include talking with AZ Senator or Representative

(Optional Activities: Museum in Florence and also one in Casa Grande, Hike the Peak, Geocaching, Monastery near Florence, etc.)

Lunch on your own

6:00 p.m. Catered Dinner  
Game night----Bring your favorite

### Saturday 3/15/14.

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Club House  
Seminar on History of the battle and other interesting things

9:30 a.m. Ostrich Farm tour---ride the Monster Truck, Feed animals

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: Visit the exhibits at State Park  
Take in the RE-ENACTMENT of the only Battle in AZ

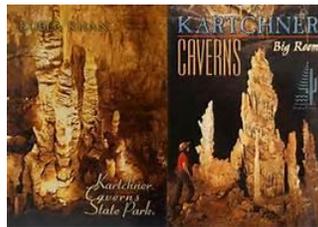
5 p.m. Cook-out by Hosts

Sunday 3/16/14  
Farewell

Hosts: Smith/Miller/Martin/Fearnow

## KARTCHNER KAVERN KRAWL and GAMMONS GULCH

April 3-6, 2014



Come join the Drifters at the Kartchner Kavern Krawl. This rally will include tours of both caverns and also a tour of Gammon's Gulch. We might be entertained at Gammons Gulch by local actors. Most meals will be included along with a star party at the resort's private observatory.

So, get your reservation in to guarantee your ticket for the Kavern Krawl.

Rally Hosts: Salfens, Castriottas, Powells,  
Hohmann/Snow

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2014

#### Officers

President	Rick Rolland
VP	Linda Salfen
VP for Planning	Ruth Roubal
Asst VP for Planning	Cheryl Dye
Secretary	Marv Bass
Treasurer	Gayle Fisher
Asst. Treasurer	Beverly Johnson
National Director	Bernie Kuehn
Alt. National Director	Jeff Salfen

#### Directors

John Fearnow	Suzi Bass
Tom Roubal	Donna Rogers
Lois Wiley	Lori Miller
JoAnne Powell	Howard Dye



# Tucson Drifters Events Calendar

2013-2014 - *A Work in Progress*

*It's not where you go, but who you go with!*



October 2013		November 2013		December 2013		January 2014	
Title:		Title:	<b>IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME</b>	Title:	<b>HOLIDAY RALLY/DINNER MEETING</b>	Title:	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION</b>
Date:		Date:	Nov 14-17	Date:	TBD	Date:	Dec 30-Jan 2
Place:		Place:	Instructions to follow	Place:	Lazydays RV Resort, Tucson	Place:	Palm Creek RV Resort Casa Grande, AZ
Host:	<b>No Host - No Rally</b>	Host:	Coplin/Roubal/Dye/Baldrige/Nickerson	Host:	Activities Volunteers	Host:	Johnson/Bass/Nester/Baumann
February 2014		March 2014		April 2014		May 2014	
Title:	<b>ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT</b>	Title:	<b>THE BLUE &amp; THE GRAY</b>	Title:	<b>KARCHNER CAVERNS</b>	Title:	<b>CANYONLANDS AND ARCHES NATIONAL PARKS</b>
Date:	Feb 20-23	Date:	Mar 13-16	Date:	Apr 4-7	Date:	TBD
Place:	Mesa Spirit RV Resort Mesa, AZ	Place:	Picacho Peak, AZ	Place:	Benson, AZ	Place:	Moab, UT
Host:	Coplin/Miller/Rolland/Kuznicki	Host:	Smith/Miller/Martin/Fearnow	Host:	Salfen/Hohmann/Snow/Castriotta/Powell	Host:	Roubal/Dye

Visit our website with our own club name as the URL: [www.TucsonDrifters.org](http://www.TucsonDrifters.org)

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TUCSON DRIFTERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues: \$20.00 (Payable January of each year)	
FMCA F#	_____
Member Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Home Phone:	_____ Cell Phone: _____
Additional Cell Phone:	_____
E-Mails:	_____
Rig(year/make/length):	_____

**Make check payable to Tucson Drifters and Mail to:**

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# The Blue & The Gray

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Sunday 3/16/14	

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Phone -Home		Phone - Cell	
Email			

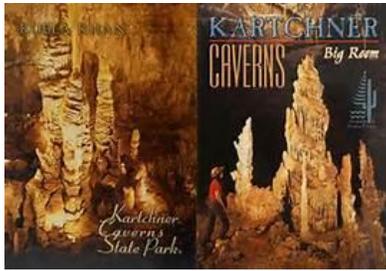
Rally Costs	( )	1 Person	\$135
	( )	2 Persons	\$190
	( )	3 Persons	\$245
		Total Due	
		Deposit Paid by February 20, 2014	\$50
		Balance due by March 5, 2014	

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Name		Motorhome Length	
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Email			
Pet(s) Description			

Rally Costs	( )	1 Person	\$170
	( )	2 Persons	\$225
	( )	3 Persons	\$280
		<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 12/18/14	\$50
		BALANCE DUE by 3/1/14	

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