



May 2014

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

Lois Wiley

Happy Birthday:



Larry Castriotta	5/6
Clint Smith	5/7
Helen Baldrige	5/8
Marv Bass	5/11
Bill Nickerson	5/15
Mary Lou Kesselring	5/18
Bill Nester	5/23
Jim Hinshaw	5/19
Jim Schultz	5/20
Ed Hutchison	5/30
Judy Rolland	5/30

Happy Anniversary:

Larry & Loraine Coplin	5/3
Geof & Marita Newton	5/6
Dick & Gayle Fisher	5/13
Ben & Gay Miller	5/13
Larry & Martha Castriotta	5/23
Fred & Cindy Brooks	5/24



Congratulations All !!

Maintaining our health can present difficult challenges. We are glad to report some of our Tucson Drifters are doing well recovering in the face of recent issues.

Since **Jim Hinshaw's** stroke on March 23, 2014, we received word from Georgia that as of April 18th, Jim is doing great. He will wear a heart monitor until May 4th and if there are no issues he will have surgery on the right carotid artery. They sent the following message:

"To Our Drifter Family, Thank you so much for all the love, concern, well wishes, thoughts and prayers. For the visits, phone calls, e-mails and beautiful cards. We shared and you really showed how much you care. Our love to you all, Jim & Georgia"

Carol Smith fell and broke her pelvic bone in two places. Because of the types of breaks there is not much they can do for her except help her with the pain, which is apparently quite severe. She tripped over an electric wire

in her daughters garage. I think we need to get Carol some roller skates or as Client said he is going to wrap her in bubble wrap. At last word, she is doing very well and has not had to take any pain medication for some time now.

Donna Rogers reported that **Stanley Quill's** triple bypass surgery went very well. The heart surgeon did a very good job. The bypasses were made with the heart beating instead of hooking the heart to a machine. This allows the heart to heal faster, is easier on kidneys...etc. Surgery started at 7:30 AM, he got to ICU about 1 PM. Donna said Stanley slept most of afternoon, but he knew she was there as he responded to nurses commands and he squeezed her hand. On April 21, 2014 he had a pacemaker put in and is in Health South for physical therapy. Donna said to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers.

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

MAY DINNER MEETING

Please make your reservations and advise which dinner you prefer, no later than noon, Thursday, May 1st by replying to this email:

driftersdinner@earthlink.net.

Cancellations must be made by Sunday (5/4/14) phone call only 520-241-3343.

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

Where: KOA (formerly LazyDays, formerly Beaudry) Restaurant building.

ENTRANCE to KOA is now off of Country Club and not through the LazyDays facility.

What: Spinach salad with chicken, mushrooms and egg. Soup instead of dinner salad. Dessert.

OR

Pork Tenderloin with orange/ancho sauce, garlic mashed potatoes & vegetables. Pre-dinner 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.

Payment is now due for the October rally to Ruidoso. You may include this in your dinner-check. 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

President's Corner:



Our first half of the 2014 rally season is drawing to a close with the Moab Rally where 8 coaches are participating. Those attending the Kartchner Rally tell me that everyone had a great time touring the caves and the old west town with the "story teller & tour guide cowboy." My thanks to the Rally Masters and Rally Hosts for the tasty food and their attention to detail, happy attitude and making the rally fun & interesting. We will share the pictures with all of you at the next dinner meeting. I encourage all of you to step forward and lend your expertise at a future rally.

Lori & Steve Miller along with input from some of us have finished the first version of the Tucson Drifters brochure. We will have copies available for each of you at the May dinner meeting. Give them to your RV friends so they might consider joining the Drifters. Over the summer Suzi Bass and I will be concentrating on increasing new membership by contacting RV dealerships and resorts and provide them brochures or other promotional materials. Another summer activity is expanding the use of our website to include promotional material to encourage new member signups, recent rally & scrapbook pictures, adding exciting details on upcoming rally's and links to additional RV info and RV Education.

The Activity team has just about finalized the new 2014/2015 Rally Plan. Read the newsletter for more details.

We start the new season after the summer break with the LEGENDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY-A RALLY IN RUIDOSO, NM-October 1 – 5, 2014. Reminder...the \$50 deposit for this rally is due at the May Dinner Meeting May 6. Hope to see you there.

Don't let that coach sit in the driveway...

LETS GO PLACES !

Rick



DRIFTER GALS TIPS OF THE MONTH

Drifter Gal - Good Eats (With apologies to Alton Brown)

Recipes were requested for a couple of dishes served at the Kartchner Kavern Krawl - one was an appetizer the other a breakfast dish.

Appetizer - Warm and Cheesy Bacon Dip - makes approximately 5-1/2 cups

- 1 (16 oz.) package sour cream
- 1 (3 oz.) jar Hormel Real Bacon Bits
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup chopped green onions

Directions: Heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Transfer to 2-quart baking dish and cover. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve with fresh veggies, crackers or chips.

Breakfast Dish - Omelet in a Bag - serves as many as you wish to make. You'll need quart size Ziploc freezer bags, eggs and omelet ingredients such as cheeses, onion, green pepper, mushrooms, tomato, hash browns, Salsa, etc.

Directions - Have each person write their name on the bag with permanent marker. Crack two large/extra large eggs in the bag and shake to combine. Then each person selects whatever ingredients they want and adds them to the bag. Once again shake bag gently to combine all ingredients, carefully press out the excess air and seal the bag. Drop the bags in a pot of rolling, boiling water and cook for exactly 13 minutes (this timing is for 6 - 8 bags in the pot at one time - fewer bags might decrease the cooking time).

Open the bag and the omelet will roll out easily. Enjoy!!!!

Suzie Bass

THE MOAB ADVENTURE RALLY

May 12-16, 2014

580 miles



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Journey with us down this road for an experience of a lifetime. We will be seeing Canyonlands National Park for its adventures and beauty.



We will also be going to Arches National Park. The Park contains one of the largest concentrations of natural sandstone arches in the world. The arches provide

extraordinary geologic features such as spires, pinnacles, pedestals and balanced rocks. The contrasting colors, landforms and textures are absolutely breathtaking. This is a must on anyone's Bucket list and should not be missed as well as we are celebrating our 15 year Anniversary as the Tucson Drifters RV Club. Truly an accomplishment!!!

You will be arriving on May 12th and leaving on May 16th, 2014.

Schedule of events.

May 12th - Arrive at your leisure to a full service RV Park in Moab called The Canyonlands RV Resort.

4:00 PM - Enjoy a hosted cocktail hour with Shrimp Cocktails and Margaritas.



**THE LEGENDS OF LINCOLN
COUNTY
RUIDOSO, NM
October 1-5, 2014
400 miles**

5:00PM - You will be served a welcome dinner prepared by your Rally Hosts.

6:00PM - Anniversary cake and ice cream served.

May 13th - Group Drive to the Arches National Park - Gods Land.

5:00PM - Pizza Dinner at local restaurant.

May 14th - Group drive to Canyonlands Nation Park. Dinner on your own this evening. Host will make some suggestions or we could go out as a group.

May 15th - This will be the big adventure day. We have set aside this day for the many activities of the area (4 X 4 Adventures where you can experience twisting turning trails with very steep climbs and descents while enjoying the amazing views, Dead Horse Point State Park, scenic drives to name a few.

6:30 Pm - We will be picked up at our RV Resort and transferred to Canyonlands by night Tour - We will be enjoying a dinner of three different choices. One of which is a Dutch Oven Dinner (BBQ Beef, Pork or Chicken, Roast beef or Pork, Cow Poke Potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn, Homemade Rolls, Salad Bar and dessert) prior to a Canyonlands by Night Boat Trip up the COLORADO RIVER.

When the sunset and shadows begin to cast a sense of serenity and quiet beauty on the mighty Colorado River the Moab Queen begins its ascent upstream, An informative narration given by your Tour Host to help put the scenes of the Colorado River canyon in proper perspective, emphasizing that the canyon itself is virtually unchanged since the living drama took place . Once in a lifetime journey.

May 16th- 8:00 AM - Light breakfast is served - bring your own drink.

Time to depart for your journey for the summer or return home to Tucson. Safe journey!

HAPPY TRAILS TO US ALL

COST OF RALLY IS \$335.00, DEPOSIT IS \$95.00 PER COUPLE.
DEPOSIT DUE BY MARCH 24 AND FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE APRIL 5TH, 2014.
TEN COACHES ARE NECESSARY AT THIS PRICE.



HOT HOT HOT is what Tucson will be October 1 - 5, 2014, but it will be COOL COOL COOL in the mountains near Ruidoso, NM where the Tucson Drifters will be enjoying their *Legends of Lincoln County* rally. Please join us. We'll meet Wednesday, October 1st @ the

beautiful *Little Creek RV Park* in Alto, NM for Happy Hour and Potluck. *Geohunt will begin NOW.*

Thursday morning will find us at the incredible *Spencer Theater* for a tour of this phenomenon in the mountains and their beautiful Dale Chihuly glass exhibits. Lunch back at the park, prepared by your hosts, then off to *Smokey Bear Historical Park/Museum*. Dinner on your own or optional group dinner-out in Ruidoso.

Friday we visit historic Lincoln, NM where much of the *Lincoln County War* took place, and where Billy the Kid escaped jail and killed a deputy. A guided tour will give us the history of the town before we enjoy a wonderful lunch @ *Dolan House*. After lunch we'll visit *Ft. Stanton* on our way back to the park. Dinner provided by your hosts.

Saturday morning we'll visit the *Hubbard Museum of the American West*, then you'll be free to enjoy Ruidoso's *Aspenfest*, *Chili Cookoff*, and *Car Show* all at Ruidoso Downs adjoining the museum. Or take in shopping in Ruidoso or try your luck at the *Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino*. An *Octoberfest* dinner will await you ~ host prepared ~ when you return to the park for the evening.

Sunday your hosts will prepare biscuits and gravy for your farewell breakfast.

Get your reservations in now. Deposit of \$50 by May 6, with final payment due August 15.
Includes 4 nights RV park, all admissions, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners plus potluck and pay-for-your-own group dinner.



Cost:\$274 for 2 people
\$203 for 1
\$357 for 3.

Your rally hosts: Roger and Beverly Johnson; Dick and Gayle Fisher

FALL COLOR TOUR thru VERDE CANYON

This fall (Oct. 30 - Nov 2) we will be gathering at Distant Drums RV Resort, 583 W. Middle Verde Rd., Camp Verde AZ 86322. This rally will feature a 4-hour, 20-mile ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. This is the ideal time to catch fantastic fall colors at their peak through out the Verde Canyon. We have reserved a first-class car with "living room style" seating in overstuffed chairs and love seats, complimentary hot and cold appetizers and complimentary beverage. A full bar service is available, We have access to the outdoor viewing cars and can move back and forth between indoor / outdoor cars at our leisure.

We also have meals and entertainment planned at Distant Drums RV Resort. Of course Cliff Castle Casino is just across the highway and Sedona, Cottonwood and Jerome are only a short drive away. There's lots to do and see in this very historic part of our State - - so get your registration in today.

A FEW PICS FROM APRIL RALLY



GAMMON'S GULCH



Things got a little out of hand





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:	IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME	Title:	HOLIDAY RALLY/DINNER MEETING	Title:	NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
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:	No Host - No Rally	Host:	Coplin/Roubal/Dye/Baldrige/Nickerson	Host:	Activities Volunteers	Host:	Johnson/Bass/Nester/Baumann
February 2014		March 2014		April 2014		May 2014	
Title:	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	Title:	THE BLUE & THE GRAY	Title:	KARCHNER CAVERNS	Title:	CANYONLANDS AND ARCHES NATIONAL PARKS
Date:	Feb 20-23	Date:	Mar 13-16	Date:	Apr 4-7	Date:	May 12-16
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/Kuehn

Visit our website with our own club name as the URL: www.TucsonDrifters.org

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MOAB RALLY

MAY 12-16, 2014



REGISTRATION FORM

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Name		Motorhome Length	
Phone -Home		Phone - Cell	
Email			
Pet(s) Description			

Rally Costs	()	1 Person	\$
	()	2 Persons	\$335
	()	3 Persons	\$
		TOTAL DUE	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 3/24/14	\$95
		BALANCE DUE by 4/05/14	

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Please made checks payable to "Tucson Drifters"
 Mail to: Gayle Fisher, 7240 N Cathedral Rock Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718

Rally Hosts: Roubal/Dye/Kuehn



LEGENDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

A RALLY IN RUIDOSO, NM

October 1 – 5, 2014



Little Creek RV Park
290 New Mexico 220, Alto, NM 88312

REGISTRATION

Deadline for reservation May 6th; final payment by August 15th

Wednesday, 10/1/14	Arrival, happy hour, potluck; hosts provide pork roast entrée; bring your own table setting, drink, and an appetizer/side/salad/dessert to share
Thursday, 10/2/14	Morning: Spencer Theater Tour; Lunch provided at RV Park; Afternoon: Smokey the Bear Museum; 3-Day GeoHunt starts today – GPS Receiver required Dinner on your own – <u>Optional</u> : group dinner at Cattle Baron Steak House in Ruidoso—hosts make the reservations, you pay for your own dinner/drinks
Friday, 10/3/14	Morning: Historical town of Lincoln, NM; Lunch included at Dolan House; Afternoon: Visit Fort Stanton; Dinner provided at RV Park: Soup, Bread and Pie; bring your own table setting & drink
Saturday, 10/4/14	Morning: Museum of the American West; Lunch on your own; Afternoon: AspenFest @ Ruidoso Downs (car show, crafts market, chili cook-off) or on your own OktoberFest Dinner provided at the RV Park – GeoHunt awards
Sunday, 10/5/14	Breakfast: sausage and biscuits; Departure

Name			Motorhome length	
Phone - Home			Phone - Cell	
Email				
<u>Optional:</u> Group Dinner	# of reservations:	See the menu at: http://www.cattlebaron.com/images/menus/ruidosomenu.pdf		

Rally Costs	()	1 Person	\$203
	()	2 Persons	\$274
	()	3 Persons	\$357
		TOTAL DUE	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 5/6/14	\$50
		BALANCE DUE by 8/15/14	

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Hosts: Roger and Beverly Johnson / Dick and Gayle Fisher

**RIDING THE RAILS
thru
VERDE CANYON**

October 30 - November 2, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

ARIZONA FALL COLOR TOUR

*Distant Drums RV Resort
583 W. Middle Verde Rd, Camp Verde AZ 86322*

The Verde Canyon Railroad will roll us through the vibrant canyon corridor as we sit in the first-class section with panoramic views of the colors of fall along the Verde River. We can relax in comfortable overstuffed chairs and love seats as we are served hot and cold appetizers. A champagne toast will start us on this four hour journey through nature. Full bar service is available and everyone has access to the outdoor viewing cars.

Name _____ Coach Length _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____, Cell _____

Email (s) _____

Rally Costs () 1 Person \$198

() 2 Persons \$299

() 3 Persons \$400

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

DEPOSIT PAID by 07/31/14 \$ 50.00

BALANCE DUE by 09/15/14 \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Tucson Drifters.**

Mail to: Gayle Fisher, 7240 N. Cathedral Rock Rd., Tucson, AZ 85718

Hosts: Larry & Laraine Coplin 480-772-3974

Ron & Irene Kuznicki, Rick & Judy Rolland, Frank & Lois Wiley

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