



May 2016

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



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MAY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Reservations must be made no later than noon, April 28. Cancellations must be made by Sunday May 1st, phone call only 520-219-2896.

Meeting: Tuesday, 5 April 2016. 5:30 Social Hour. 6:15 Dinner

Dinners include chips/salsa during Happy Hour, and drinks may be purchased in the adjoining bar.

CINCO DE MAYO DINNER

Dinner choices include:

Smoked Chicken Enchilada Casserole with non-spicy red sauce, Taco Meat Chimichangas, Refried Beans, spanish Rice, Chips/Salsa and Dessert (Churro Sticks filled with Caramel and drizzled Chocolate)

OR

Fiesta Topopo Salad, Fresh Fruit, Dessert

Cost: \$16.50 (inclusive) each. Checks please. It is difficult to make change for this uneven amount!!!

Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting or phone in your cancellation by the Sunday preceding the meeting, you will still be responsible for reimbursing the Tucson Drifters for the cost of the meal.

We look forward to seeing you there. . . .

Location: Shrine Center of Tucson
450 S. Tucson Blvd.
Tucson, AZ
(South of Broadway)



WALTZING THRU TENNESSEE WITH A TWO-STEP TO ATLANTA TOUR - Tucson Drifter Style

An important meeting for all those going on this rally will be held at 4:45 p.m., prior to our May 3 dinner meeting at the Shrine Center. We will distribute essential rally materials and answer any questions regarding the rally.



President's Corner:



The March Wickenburg rally was a delightful event. Activities included a Literary Festival, Desert Caballeros Western Museum (which is one of best western museum in the west), Hassayampa River Preserve, and a chuck wagon dinner with entertainment. Judy and I had a blast. My thanks to the rally hosts: Smith, Kuznicki, Newton, Baumann, Nester.

In the event you read this before April 28th, The April Rally April 28 – May 1, 2016 is still open so check with the Rally Master. – From the Ancients to the Stars, at the Rail-Side RV Ranch & Cabin Resort in Williams, Arizona – 11 Coaches have signed up and there is room for 15. Activities include the Lowell Observatory; dine at the famous Black Bart's; visit the wild animals at Bearizona; explore part of the original Route 66; and enjoy a happy hour at South Rims Wine and Beer Garage. Bass/Salfen hosts.

Our final rally before the summer break is WALTZING THRU TENNESSEE WITH A TWO-STEP TO ATLANTA TOUR – Tucson Drifter Style May 26 - June 17, 2016. Eleven coaches have been signed up. The lucky Drifters will enjoy the glamour and glitz of 5 major stops on the tour of Tennessee and Atlanta and the beautiful landscapes and all the excitement of Tennessee's colorful history as one of America's early Frontiers. Rally Hosts: Roubal/Miller/Coplin

Thanks to Roger Johnson and Fred Brooks for their presentation on RV safety and the importance of RV weight at the last dinner meeting. The individual tire weigh in at the Shrine Center on April 16 & 17, 2016 was successful. 8 coaches came in early Friday afternoon and 16 Drifters enjoyed a nice dinner at a Poco & Moms Mexican restaurant. The weigh-in identified weight distribution problems with some of the coaches. Thanks Roger for pulling it together.

Check out the website for the latest rally pictures and updated brochure as well as helpful links to other RV related websites.

Donna Rogers has 3 different sets of jack pads available for sale. Check out the details in this newsletter.

I encourage all of you to also be on the lookout for new potential members. Give them one of the new brochures and refer them to the Drifters website. It has lots of information about the club and access to the newsletters. www.tucsondrifters.org. Check the website to make sure we have the correct coach info listed for you. If not, send an e-mail to our treasurer so we can update the membership listing.

I encourage all of you to consider purchasing a logo'ed Tucson Drifters shirt to wear at Drifters events. We now have an arrangement with Aztec Embroidery and Screen-printing here in Tucson that allows you to order a shirt in men's and women's sizes and styles directly from the vendor. See website for more details.

I always welcome your comments and suggestions.

Don't let that rig stay in the driveway...Let's go places.

Rick



ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2016

Attendees: Ruth Roubal, Steve & Lori Miller, Larry & Laraine Coplin, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Rick & Judy Rolland, Suzi & Marv Bass, John & Jean Farnow, Hans & Tricia Dernison, Bernie & Kendra Kuen, Larry & Susan White, and Martha Castriotta

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Ruth Roubal on April 5, 2016 at 4:29 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

March 31 - April 3, 2016 - Way Out West!!! Wickenburg, AZ - Great weather, Great Rally, and all had a good time

April 28 - May 1, 2016 - Bass, Salfen - From the Ancients to the Stars, Williams, AZ - There are still three openings

May 26 - June 17, 2016 - Waltzing Thru Tennessee with a Two-Step to Atlanta -Roubal, Miller, Coplin - All money due at this time has been paid. Clint Black will be at the Sam Town Casino while we are there if anyone would like to see him.

NEW BUSINESS

The following is a tentative schedule for the 2016/2017 season:

October 20-23, 2016 - Oro Valley Rally - Catalina State Park - Dernison and Farnow - Enjoy a private tour of the Biosphere 2, visit the Romero Ruins archaeological site, then you can decide if you would like to go to Tohono Chul "Desert Corner in Hohokam, or a Jeep Ride into the National Park surrounding Catalina State Park, or go on a hike in Catalina State Park. Dinner will be at Bubb's Grub (Dutch Treat), Deposit is due June 30, and Final payment will be Sept. 15.

December 1 - 4 2016 - Prescott - Roubal, Miller, Baumann, Nester - The RV park we have stay at in the past no longer does Rallies. We have not been able to find a RV park that has a meeting room in the area. There is a park that can accommodate, but has no meeting room, so all meal would have to include in the rally price or on your own. We will continue to do research. Other suggestion for the December Rally: West Phoenix, Lake Havasu, or Laughlin.

January 2017 - No Rally

February 13 - 17, 2017 - San Diego by the Sea - San Diego, CA - Coplin and White - Nothing has changed. September newsletter will have all the information.

March 2017 - Lake Havasu changed to the FMCA National Rally - Rolland and Brooks - March 7 - 10, 2017. Wildhorse Pass south of Phoenix

April 2017 - Rocky Point - This will be a rendezvous, no planned activities, but will travel together. Looking the 3rd or 4th week of April.

May 2017 - Zig and a little Zag thru New Mexico - Miller, Coplin, and Salfen - This will be a 10 to 14 day rally starting in Las Cruces, then on to Elephant Butte, next Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and possible end in Taos. Activities could include White and Missile Range, Messila Village, Spaceport America, and many other possibilities. The Rally host will be visiting some of the areas on their way to Tennessee.

An Emergency Contact Line will be added to the Registration Form, please make sure to fill it in.

No Activities Meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



COACH WEIGH-IN

The coach weigh-in project was held on April 16, 2016 and provided interesting and useful information on our motor coaches. Participants received the following from organizer Roger Johnson:

Hello fellow Drifters,

Fred (Brooks) and I thank you all for your participation and cooperation this weekend. From our perspective it was a worthwhile activity for all concerned and we hope you feel the same.

We received high marks from the Escapees Weigh-it team and they were pleased with the number of participants and the cooperation they received.

They requested any feedback we may have in the program, pro or con, and/or just general comments. If you have any please send them to me and I will consolidate and forward.

Also, if you have any suggestions for future programs of this nature please send them to me as well and I will forward to the Activities group for discussion.

Thanks again for your participation.

May the wind always be at your backside and the dirty side down.

Roger

FOR SALE

Lynx Levelers, Orange in color. Set of 6. \$25.00. That's the price on ebay. But you would have to pay shipping as well.

EZ Ramp Levelers, yellow in color. Set of 10. \$25.00

Level-Eze, 16" X 16", White in color, Set of 4. Heavy Duty with rope handle. \$50.

Contact **Donna Rogers** at H-520-883-8079 C-520-240-5619 or rogersd424@gmail.com



The Tucson Drifters Gang - at March's Way Out West rally in Wickenburg





Tucson Drifters Oro Valley Rally

October 20-23, 2016

Welcome to the silence of Catalina State Park, 11570 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ 85737. -no trains, no heavy traffic, and no airports. Located at the base of the majestic Santa Catalina Mountains, the park is a haven for desert plants and wildlife and nearly 5,000 saguaros. Arrive Thurs. Oct. 20 at your convenience, any time after 2pm.



Day 1 -Happy Hour at 5pm,

6:00 pm: Pot luck dinner with chicken provided. Bring your place settings and drinks.

Best campfire story contest will follow. We may be visited by an authority on the Native Americans in the area.

Day 2 - 8:30 am coffee and muffins. Bring your own chair and



coffee.

9:30 am: Leave for Biosphere 2 - one of the world's most unique facilities dedicated to the research and understanding of global scientific issues. The Biosphere 2 facility serves as a laboratory for controlled scientific studies, an arena for scientific discovery and discussion, and a far-reaching provider of public education. Its mission is to

serve as a center for research, outreach, teaching and life-long learning about Earth, its living systems, and its place in the universe; to catalyze interdisciplinary thinking and understanding about Earth and its future. There will be a private tour guide especially for us who will take us on a guided walking tour lasting roughly 1.5-2 hours. The tour is a little under a mile of walking with over 150+ stairs throughout the structure. You will go inside the structure known as Biosphere 2 which has a rainforest, ocean, Mojave Desert, marsh and savannah areas.



For all hikes and walks, please bring an adequate water supply, a snack, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing, shoes, and hat for the weather conditions.

Happy Hour at 5pm

Dinner - will be catered. Bring your own plates and drinks.

Day 3 - Breakfast in the Ramada at 8:30am. Across Oracle Road there is a Farmers Market every Saturday morning which you may wish to check out yourselves.

10am - there will be a tour to the **Romero Ruins Interpretive Trail**, a 0.75 mile loop, The trail crosses a seasonal wash (feet may get wet) before climbing about 80 steps to the hilltop. The Romero Ruins archaeological site includes the surface features of the remains from a Hohokam village dating back to about 500 A.D. Trailside signs address the archaeology of the site, the Hohokam culture, and the Romero homestead. Plan on 30 minutes of walking time. For the protection of cultural resources no collecting is allowed.

One the way back there is a Nature Exhibit from 10am till 1pm displaying animals from the desert around us.

11:00 am - you have 3 choices.



1) Tohono Chul "Desert Corner" in Hohokam. The mission of Tohono Chul Park is to enrich people's lives by connecting them with the wonders of nature, art and culture in the Sonoran Desert region and inspiring wise stewardship of the natural world. From the Hummingbird garden to the Geological wall they have something for everyone.



Some may want to stay and enjoy the Garden Bistro at Tohono Chul for lunch but the park closes at 5pm.

2) Jeep Ride into the National Park surrounding Catalina State park. This is limited. Let us know if you are bringing your jeep or any 4 wheel drive vehicle. The photo below was taken in Tucson Wash, a backroad between Oracle and Mammouth. The trail is suitable for any 4x4 SUV or pickup truck. The off pavement trail is 13 miles. Total trip from Catalina State Park and return is about 70 miles and 3+ hours.



3) A hike in Catalina State park. Either the Canyon Loop Trail - 2.3 mile loop or the Sutherland Trail 9.1 miles, one-way — no dogs in Desert.

Rest of the day is free until...

4:45 pm Bubb's Grub. Dutch treat - you pay for yourselves.

Day 4 - breakfast with McDonalds' egg McMuffins at 8:30am.

Leave for home before 12 noon. Bring your own coffee and chair.





Tucson Drifters Events Calendar

2015-2016 - A Work in Progress

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October 2015		November 2015		December 2015		January 2016	
Title:	GOIN' WILD	Title:	SHAKE, RATTLE, & ROLL	Title:	CHRISTMAS DELIGHT	Title:	NO RALLY
Date:	Oct 22-25	Date:	Nov 15-19	Date:	Nov 30 - Dec 2	Date:	
Place:	Camp Verde, AZ (200 miles)	Place:	Mesa Spirit RV Resort (100 miles)	Place:	Sabbar Shrine Center	Place:	
Host:	Coplin/ Miller	Host:	Roubal/Dye	Host:	Roubal/Rolland/Coplin	Host:	
February 2016		March 2016		April 2016		May 2016	
Title:	SANTA CRUZ VALLEY ARTS & HISTORY	Title:	WAY OUT WEST	Title:	FROM THE ANCIENTS TO THE STARS	Title:	WALTZING THRU TENNESSEE WITH A 2-STEP TO ATLANTA
Date:	Feb 11-14	Date:	Mar 31 - Apr 3	Date:	Apr 28 - May 1	Date:	May 26-Jun 17
Place:	Green Valley, AZ (30 miles)	Place:	Wickenburg, AZ (160 miles)	Place:	Williams, AZ	Place:	Tennessee & Georgia
Host:	Kuehn/Hall	Host:	Smith, Kuznicki, Baumann, Nester, & Newton	Host:	Bass/Salfen	Host:	Roubal/Miller/Coplin

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

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Oro Valley Rally

Oct. 20-23, 2016

Catalina State Park, 11570 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ 85737

REGISTRATION FORM

This weekend has a tour of Biosphere II, a tour of Tohono Chul, and a variety of other exciting events.

Names _____

Coach Length _____ Home phone _____

Cell phones _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name Phone

Rally fee

() 1 person, \$150

() 2 persons, \$185

Total Fee Due \$_____

Deposit \$ 75 (Due with Registration by **June 30, 2016**).

Balance Due \$_____ (Due **September 15, 2016**)

Choose one -- Want to do Tohono Chul ()

Want to do Jeep Ride ()

Want to do additional hike ()

Make check payable to: Tucson Drifters

Mail to: Steve Miller, 9871 E Kleindale Rd. Tucson, AZ 85749

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