



December 2016

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING



Suzi Bass	12/2
Margrita Hutchison	12/2
Alberta Jones	12/2
John Ebner	12/7
Ken Hall	12/9
Ted Schaefer	12/22
Carol Smith	12/22
Ben Miller	12/27



Happy Anniversary



Tom & Dianna Tucke/Coleman	12/7
Ron & Irene Kuznicki	12/15
Neil & Priscilla McCullough	12/18
Bob & Soile Jones	12/21
Bernie & Kendra Kuehn	12/23
Marv & Suzi Bass	12/31
Rick & Judy Rolland	12/31

Fellow RVers

Tis the season for many things, but one that is at this time important to our members is the selection of 2016-2017 season rallies. We need new ideas, old ideas, and many helpful Tucson Drifters for Rally hosts. This is your club and we all must contribute to its success and future.

With that said, the next activities meeting will start at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec 6, prior to the dinner meeting. We hope to see you all and gladly thank you, in advance, for your participation. We have some serious work to do!

Ruth Roubal Lori Miller
Vice President-planning Asst Vice President-planning

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016

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

Please make your reservations and advise which dinner you prefer no later than noon 30 November. Cancellations must be made by Sunday 4 December by phone call only, 520-219-2896.

Meeting: Tuesday, 6 December; 5:30 Social Hour; 6:15 Dinner



Christmas Dinner



Pick One: Baked Ham W/Raisin Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Holiday Veggie Medley, Salad, Roll/Butter, Dessert
OR
Greens W/Cranberries, Walnuts, Blue Cheese, Dressing, Chicken On top, Cup of Soup, Dessert

Cost: Complimentary for Active Drifter's Members

For social members and guests: \$17.00 (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 to 520-219-2896 by the Sunday preceding the meeting, you will still be responsible for reimbursing the Tucson Drifters for the cost of the meal.

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

We look forward to seeing you there. . . .



President's Corner:



Hello Drifters,

As my 3rd term as Drifter's president comes to a close, I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am excited about the new season and the activities that we will be having for the next 5 months. I look forward to seeing everyone at the December dinner meeting.

The nominating committee presented the officer and director list which was approved at the November Dinner Meeting and will take effect in January. (I thank Linda Salfen as our new President and Suzi Bass as V.P. for volunteering). The other Officers and Directors agreed to stay in their positions and I want to thank them for staying on for another year. I would like to thank the nominating committee for their effort on this. I will continue as Web master of the Drifters website.

Our club continues to be a very active group. We enjoy getting together for a great time at our activities. That is what this Club is all about. Thanks to everyone for participating in our events. I hope everyone is back in the swing of things and is ready for the Tucson Drifters 2016-2017 season. We have a good number of new members and I want to welcome all of them to our new season. We have a lot of activities planned for this season and hope everyone will get out and enjoy them. Rallies and dinner meetings are the two things that we do the most in this club. The rallies are under the direction of Ruth Roubal and her team. She is always looking for people to be rally hosts or to help out with rallies.

Good Sam and FMCA have large rallies planned for next year that I hope all of you will consider attending. We will all park together to enjoy the events. The Good Sam Rally is at the Phoenix Raceway from February 23-26. The FMCA Rally at Wild Horse in Phoenix is March 7-10. Dry camping RV parking is either March 5 or 6th. Electric parking is March 6th. Other rallies to San Diego, Rocky Point, and New Mexico have been planned (See other sections of the newsletter for details and signup info.)

I encourage all of you to also be on the lookout for additional 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 out the website for the latest rally pictures and updated brochure as well as the calendar of events and helpful links to other RV related websites. Also, 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 the newsletter or 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

November 1, 2016

Attendees: Steve & Lori Miller, Larry & Laraine Coplin, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Rick & Judy Rolland, Suzi & Marv Bass, Fred & Cindy Brooks, Ted & Diana Scheafer, Hans & Trica Dernison, Susanne Phillip, and Gary & Lee Wood.

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Lori Miller on November 1, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

October 20-23, 2016 - Oro Valley Rally - Catalina State Park - Dernison and Fearnow - Great Rally, everyone had a wonderful time.

December 1 - 4 2016 - Prescott - Holly Jolly Christmas - Millers, Salfen, and Roubal - We will be staying at the Orchard RV Ranch. All activities are planned.

January 2017 - No Rally

February 13 - 17, 2017 - San Diego by the Sea - San Diego, CA - This rally is closed with 17 coaches attending.

March 2017 FMCA National Rally - Rolland and Brooks - March 7 - 10, 2017. Wildhorse Pass south of Phoenix. We will arrive on the March 6 and depart on March 11, 2017. There is dry camping or electric. Check out the FMCA web site for registration.

April 2017 - Rocky Point - Castriotta, Rolland, Baumann/Nester, This rally is still in the works. Looking at late April.

May 14th - 26, 2017 - Zig and a little Zag thru New Mexico - Miller, Coplin, and Salfen - Las Cruces, Elephant Butte, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. Activities are all being worked on and the rally host are headed to Las Cruces tomorrow to make final arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Rally suggestions for the 2017/2018 Season

Clifton, AZ in Sept or Nov.
Lake Havasu, AZ
Big Bend, TX

Amado, AZ - Amado Balloon Festival
Phoenix Botanical Gardens - Queen Creek, AZ
Globe, AZ - Apache days in October
Desert Hot Springs, CA
Distant Drum - Camp Verde, AZ
Kanab, UT
Lake Powell, AZ
Fredericksburg, TX
San Antonio, TX
Yuma, AZ
Mogollon, NM - Ghost Town
Estes Park, CO
Colorado Springs, CO

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

SAN DIEGO BY-THE-SEA

February 13-17, 2017

SOLD OUT

San Diego, a popular destination for the Drifters, was sold out by the first dinner meeting. If you missed out on getting registered, you may want to consider having your name added to the "stand-by" list. This means, if there was a cancellation, I would call people on the list to see if they still have an interest in attending. Calls would be made in the order the emails were received.

So, if you wish to be put on the list - send Laraine Coplin an email. Do not mail the registration form or deposit check unless you are called.

Currently the following members are scheduled to attend this rally: Coplin, Bass, Baumann, Brooks, Chandler, Fearnow, Fling, Hansen, Johnson, Jones, Kuehn, Kuznicki, Miller, Rolland, Roubal, Salfen, & Wood.

Currently on stand-by: Christensen

A detailed itinerary / information sheet for this rally will be sent out in January.

This will be a great rally at a great destination!

Host: Laraine & Larry Coplin
larainecoplin@mac.com
Cell: 480-772-3974



Zig and a Little Zag thru NEW MEXICO

May 14 - 25, 2017

We start our 12-day journey in Las Cruces at the Hacienda RV Resort. We will be visiting the White Sands National Monument...famous for its 275 square miles of the seemingly stark, brilliant white gypsum sand. Next stop... the White Sands Missile Range Museum where you can trace the origin of America's missile and space activity.

The adventure continues as we zig north and slightly west to Cedar Cove RV Park in Elephant Butte. Our space activities will resume when we visit Space Port America. You'll feel like an astronaut, if you choose to enter the G-Shock simulator or venture into the Spaceport Operations Center where you will interact with Spaceport America crew members. We will also see a state-of-the-art fire station.

Now we are ready to continue the journey. We will go north and slightly east to find the American RV Park in Albuquerque. For our first night in town, the hosts have scheduled a pizza party in the resort's clubhouse. The next morning we board a trolley for a tour of Old Town and the surrounding neighborhoods. Over the next few days we will be going to The Albuquerque Museum of Art & History and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. Another morning finds us at the Turquoise Museum. Here we will learn about the processing of a turquoise stone from digging in a mine to sitting on the shelf of the jewelry store. An evening of magic and entertainment will start when we enter Max's Magic Theatre for a private show that will leave us all wondering if we need to schedule an eye exam...or...is it really magic?

We begin the zag portion of our journey as we relocate to the Santa Fe Skies Resort in beautiful Santa Fe. Our tour of Santa Fe starts at the New Mexico State Capital Building. A trolley will carry us through the city and beyond before returning to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The afternoon has been left open for you to do more site seeing, shopping or a little relaxation. The final adventure as a group will be a visit to the Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum, where you will learn how the atomic bomb was developed. The last day is free for you to explore Santa Fe and/or surrounding areas. Just be back in time for the Farewell Dinner.

The fee for this rally is \$900. The cost includes all 50-amp full hook-up RV spaces, admission to all venues, four host provided meals, two dinners out, and one lunch.

Rally limited to the first 15 registrations - so get your reservation in now.

**Hosts: Lori & Steve Miller 520-749-6092
Laraine & Larry Coplin
Linda & Jeff Salfen**





Tucson Drifters Events Calendar

2015-2016 - *A Work in Progress*

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October 2016		November 2016		December 2015		January 2017	
Title:	Oro Valley Rally	Title:	NO RALLY	Title:	Holly Jolly Celebration	Title:	NO RALLY
Date:	Oct 20-23	Date:		Date:	Dec 1-4	Date:	
Place:	Catalina State Park	Place:		Place:	Prescott	Place:	
Host:	Dernison & Fearnow	Host:		Host:	Miller, Salfen, & Roubal	Host:	
February 2017		March 2017		April 2017		May 2017	
Title:	San Diego By the Sea	Title:	FMCA National Rally	Title:	Rocky Point Rendezvous	Title:	Zig and a Little Zag Thru New Mexico
Date:	Feb 13-17	Date:	Mar 31 - Apr 3	Date:	TBD	Date:	May 14-26
Place:	San Diego, CA	Place:	Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix (100 miles)	Place:		Place:	New Mexico
Host:	Coplin	Host:	Rolland/Brooks	Host:	Castriotta/Rolland	Host:	Miller/Coplin/Salfen

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

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A *nonrefundable* Rally Deposit must accompany rally registration. Once the Balance Due Date is passed and Total Payment made, no refunds of these monies will be made until the rally has been completed and records have been reconciled. Any refunds are exclusive of rally deposits.

Zig and a Little Zag through New Mexico

May 14-26 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

• Come and join the Drifters as we do a Zig and Little Zag thru New Mexico. We have 12 fun filled days planned for you. The rally begins in Las Cruces then moves to Elephant Butte and Albuquerque before spending our final days in Santa Fe. We have a diverse itinerary planned; of course it includes visits to White Sands National Monument, Spaceport America and Los Alamos. There will be city tours, museums, cathedrals, magic theatre and a tour of the Capitol. We will learn and view the process of changing a stone from a Turquoise mine into designer jewelry. The cost includes all 50 amp full hook up RV spaces, admission to all venues, four host provided meals dinners, two dinners out, and one lunch.

• Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email (s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

		Amount Paid
Rally Fee: (2-Persons)	\$ 900	_____
<u>\$150 DEPOSIT (non-refundable) to be paid by 12/15/16</u>	\$ 150	_____
<u>SECOND PAYMENT - DUE 2/7/17</u>	\$ 375	_____
<u>BALANCE - DUE 4/4/17</u>	\$ 375	_____

Rally limited to the first 15 registrations. Additional registrations will be placed on stand-by. If you have physical / accessibility issues, contact the rally host.

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.
Mail to: Steve Miller, 9871 E Kleindale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749

Hosts: Lori & Steve Miller 520-749-6092, Larry & Laraine Coplin, Linda & Jeff Salfen

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