



January 2017

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

President's Corner:



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As we begin a new year I would like to thank Rick for serving as president the last few years.

I look forward to serving as your president. Remember, we go dark for January so we won't be meeting again until February at which time I will call my first board meeting. I will send out an email with an agenda and the time we'll meet.

Just a reminder for those of you planning to attend the FMCA Rally in Chandler, March 7-10 be sure and get your registration in by January 6th to get the lower rates. Remember we have some other great rally's coming up. We have the Rocky Point and New Mexico rallies that still have openings, so sign up if you're hankerin' to go.

Don't forget our motto of: It's not where you go, but who you go with.

Linda

CARING AND SHARING



Jennie Christensen	1/4
Lois Wiley	1/5
Larry White	1/11
Beverly Johnson	1/18
Diana Schaefer	1/20



Happy Anniversary

Roger & Beverly Johnson	1/1
Jim & Barbara Schultz	1/5



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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, Farnow, Fling, Hansen, Johnson, Jones, Kuehn, Kuznicki, Miller, Rolland, Roubal, Salfen, & Wood.

Currently on stand-by: Christensen

Host: Laraine & Larry Coplin

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More FEBRUARY FUN

GOOD SAM
RV SUPER SHOW
PHOENIX

Phoenix International Raceway, Phoenix, AZ
February 23 – 26, 2017
RV Show hours:
Thursday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us at the inaugural Good Sam RV Super Show! See RVs on display, exhibit booths, kids activities, music & fun! There is also special Good Sam Club Member pricing!

This is one event you won't want to miss!

"We are excited to bring you a new concept that incorporates many elements of past national rallies," said Good Sam Club President Mike Siemens. "Good Sam members enjoy community as part of club membership, and we are trying to preserve that benefit with events that combine a regional RV show with overnight camping, youth activities, educational seminars and entertainment for all. Our hope is for the Good Sam RV Super Show to become an annual event and to recreate it at RV shows across the country."

ONSITE CAMPING PROMOTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED!
Register for the 4 nights
of dry camping by January 13

and you will receive a Free 2017 RV Travel & Savings Guide
(valued at \$19.95) and a Free 2017 RV Buyer's Guide (valued at \$9.95).
(Guides will be distributed at the show.)

Tucson Drifters roll into March and join the FMCA International Convention

FMCA'S 95TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND RV EXPO
RALLY IN THE VALLEY
CHANDLER, ARIZONA • MARCH 7-10, 2017
RAWHIDE WESTERN TOWN & EVENT CENTER

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA

It's time to plan your trip to Chandler, Arizona, for the 95th International Convention: Rally in the Valley! You need to sign-up on your own-We will all park together!

<http://www.fmca.com/conventions-64/chandler-2017.html>

- See the latest in motorhomes and imagine yourself behind the wheel of the best the industry has to offer.
- Wander the exhibit hall to find the perfect accessories (and more) for your RV lifestyle.
- Join FMCA friends and family for helpful seminars, memorable social events and outstanding daily entertainment.
- It's all about having FUN!

There's something for EVERYONE at the International Convention this year. If you've never been, come find out what you've been missing! If you've been before, you KNOW how much fun a convention can be. Register now — your friends are waiting!

Stay (and camp) for the whole event — the welcome mat is out!

Early Bird special expires January 6. Register now and save up to \$30!

If you have questions, call Rick Rolland 405-2123



SOUTH OF THE BORDER

APRIL 23-26



Join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point Way on April 23-26. This fun-filled adventure rally includes 4 nights in ocean-front sites at The Reef RV Park, 3 dinners (including 2 beach fiestas), 2 breakfasts, a fabulous guided tour to "hidden Rocky Point", tequila tasting, ATV riding, shopping on Rodeo Drive, beachcombing and sunsets - oh!, the sunsets!

Get your Olé on and join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point way!

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



CHICK CHATTER

By Suzi Bass

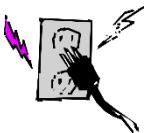


At the Catalina State Park Rally we had happy hour under the trees at sunset and dinner under the stars. The folks who brought treats to happy hour were on a roll and we were treated to some tasty-tasty snacks. The following one was a real winner - it disappeared almost before it could be set on the table. Give it a try - you won't be sorry.

Margarita's Sourdough Pretzels

1 Bag Sourdough Pretzels
1 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
1 Cup Vegetable Oil
1 Tbsp Garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Lemon Pepper
1 tsp Chili Pepper

Pre-heat oven to 250 degrees. Break pretzels into bite size pieces. Mix remaining items together and pour over pretzels. Toss to coat. Spread on rimmed cookie sheet and bake in over for 1 hour.



POWER TALK

Roger Johnson found considerable interest in discussions involving various RV power requirements and believed the following information would be of value to our members.

Comparison of 20 amp to 30 amp 50 amp power

So just how much more power does a 50-amp shore power plug have compared to a 20- or 30-amp plug? It all comes down to watts. There are two basic numbers to consider when we want to calculate the wattage available from each style pedestal outlet: Volts and Amperes. Voltage is a measure of electrical pressure, and Amperes is a measure of available current flow. Ohm's law tells us that Volts times Amperes equals Watts. • 20-amp outlet = 2,400 watts • 30-amp outlet = 3,600 watts • 50-amp outlet = 12,000 watts

Here are the quick calculations: • If you multiply 20 Amps times 120 Volts you get 2,400 Watts. • And 30 Amps times 120 Volts equals 3,600 Watts. • But how does 50 amps times 120 volts equal 12,000 watts and not just 6,000 watts?

That's because there are actually two separate 50-amp conductors in a "50-amp" shore power outlet. It probably should be called a 100-amp plug since that's how much amperage is really available. After that it's just a matter of knowing the watts required by all of your electrical "stuff" and adding them together. All modern appliances have a tag that displays their wattage. You just add up everything you want to turn on at the same time and make sure you have enough wattage available from the shore power outlet. Since circuit breakers are only rated for 80% of their load capacity for continuous load, you need a little extra power available to make sure you don't trip a breaker accidentally.

Typical watt usage:

- Small Flat screen television - 50 watts
- Kids video game - 10 watts
- Laptop computer - 100 watts
- Desktop computer - 500 watts
- Hair dryer - 1,500 watts
- Toaster Over - 1,500 watts
- Small Microwave Oven - 1,200 watts
- Incandescent light bulb - 40, 60 or 100 watts
- CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) 13 watts
- Slow Cooker - 200 to 1,500 watts (low or high heat)
- Small space heater - 600 or 1,200 watts (low or high heat)
- Overhead LED Lights - 5 watts each
- Overhead Incandescent Lights - 20 watts each
- 15,000 BTU Air Conditioner - 2,000 watts running / 3,600 watts starting surge

This is why most modern RVs have at least a 30-amp shore power plug and all large RVs have a 50-amp plug. You can see that even a single toaster oven or hair dryer would use up more than half of the power available from a 20amp shore power outlet. But you can run a hair dryer, microwave oven, toaster oven, plus an air conditioner and a bunch of lights all at the same time from a 50-amp pedestal outlet and still have power to spare. So if you park your RV next to your house, you should consider having a real pedestal outlet installed by an electrician. That way you can run everything in your RV even while it's parked in your driveway. If you only plug into your house using a dog-bone adapter to hook into a 20-amp outlet in your garage, you may not even be able to run the air conditioner in your RV.

This information is provided via FB from Mike Sokol is an electrical and professional sound expert with 40 years in the industry and validated by our own Fred Brooks - the resident expert all thing motor homes.



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2016-2017 - 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:	February - Good Sam Nat'l Rally
Date:	Oct 20-23	Date:		Date:	Dec 1-4	Date:	Feb 23-26
Place:	Catalina State Park	Place:		Place:	Prescott	Place:	Phoenix Raceway
Host:	Dernison & Fearnow	Host:		Host:	Miller, Salfen, & Roubal	Host:	Rolland/Brooks
February 2017		March 2017		April 2017		May 2017	
Title:	San Diego by the Sea	Title:	FMCA National Rally	Title:	South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way	Title:	Zig and a Little Zag Thru New Mexico
Date:	Feb 13-17	Date:	Mar 31 - Apr 3	Date:	Apr 23-26	Date:	May 14-26
Place:	San Diego, CA	Place:	Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix (100 miles)	Place:	The Reef RV Park	Place:	New Mexico
Host:	Coplin	Host:	Rolland/Brooks	Host:	Castriotta/Baumann/Nester/Rolland	Host:	Miller/Coplin/Salfen

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

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South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way ¡Olé!



The Reef RV Park
Sandy Beach, Puerto Peñasco, MX
April 23-26, 2017

This fun-filled adventure rally includes 4 nights in ocean-front sites at The Reef RV Park, 3 dinners (including 2 beach fiestas), 2 breakfasts, a fabulous guided tour to "hidden Rocky Point", tequila tasting, ATV riding, shopping on Rodeo Drive, beachcombing and sunsets - oh!, the sunsets! Get your Olé on and join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point way!

Names	<hr/>		
Phone	<hr/>	Phone	<hr/>
E-Mail	<hr/>		
RV Length	<hr/>		
Emergency Contact	<hr/>	# Pets	<hr/>
Phone	<hr/>		

Rally Costs	2 people	\$295.00
	Deposit - Due Jan 6, 2017	\$100.00
	Balance - Due Feb 7, 2017	\$195.00

Hosts: Larry & Martha Castriotta, Nancy Nester & Bill Baumann, Rick & Judy Rolland
Questions: call Larry (520) 262-7072 or Nancy (520) 343-9259

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters

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

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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, a 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 _____

Rally Fee: (2-Persons)

\$ 900

\$150 DEPOSIT (non-refundable) to be paid by 12/15/16

\$ 150

SECOND PAYMENT - DUE 2/7/17

\$ 375

BALANCE - DUE 4/4/17

\$ 375

Amount Paid _____

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Interstate Highways

0 50 KM 50 Miles