



April 2020

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING

by Jean Fearnow



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## NO DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETINGS FOR APRIL DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### TUCSON DRIFTERS ANGELS

Coronavirus Pandemic is getting so bad that I felt that the Tucson Drifters should try to help where we can to our member families of the Tucson Drifters.

Several years ago, Tom and I with, Founder Bill Hohmann, were members of a group of RVers that formed an FMCA chapter that was established to help our FMCA members who needed transportation for cancer treatment and etc.

Although never called on, we were available if needed.

I will be spear heading a Tucson Drifters Angel service to help our local members in at least a small way. Should a member be sick with the flu or other serious ailment and need food or prescription pick-up, that we will be available to help with that small need.

I am calling on members in our club to help with this project. I will need members from different parts of Pima County where most of our membership resides to volunteer to be available to help other members who may need some extra help in these difficult times.

We are a family in RV travel so let's be members for our family in need as well during this very rough time in American history!!!

Ruth Roubal

Tucson Drifters VP of Planning

### HOMEMADE HAND SANITIZER

With all the scare around the Coronavirus Pandemic, I have provided to our members a homemade hand sanitizer recipe.

Ingredients:

- . 1 cup of isopropyl alcohol (no lower than 70%)
- . 1/2 cup of aloe vera gel
- . 15 drops of tea tree oil

Put all ingredients in a bowl and mix until combined.

Hope this helps our Tucson Drifters Family members



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## President's Corner:



*Drifters – What a shame we are caught up in the Wuhan Virus whirlwind. I will miss us being together for dinner in April but agree it's best we don't tempt fate. As I announced at our last meeting there'll be no dinner meeting in May either (that's standard practice for the chapter; not a virus driven thing). Sooooo to all of you traveling to Mississippi – have a wonderful trip; to those of you traveling to your usual summer getaways – be safe and enjoy your time out of the Tucson heat; and to all of you who will be coming together for the October dinner – I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your summer adventures. Be safe, be careful and be healthy -*

*Suzi*

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### TUCSON DRIFTERS RALLY UPDATES

We are going thru trying times in our state and country with the Coronavirus Pandemic and all of us are trying to weather thru it all. So many questions and not enough answers.

March - FMCA rally in Tucson cancelled. No chapter fair!

May - Mississippi Rally - We are watching this very carefully and a decision about its future will be done around April 10, 2020. Please rally members start thinking the different scenarios.

1. Do we proceed with May departure
2. Do we cancel the trip
3. Do we delay it until June
4. Do we delay until July
5. Do we delay until September.

6. Do we delay the trip for an additional two weeks.

Basically, these are a number of the options that I will be discussing with each of you very soon. I am hoping beyond hope that this virus will dissipate soon, and life will get back to normal, but nobody knows. Therefore, I will be making a decision appx 20 days before departure. Needless to say, I am really perplexed at this time. HELP if you have any suggestions. 50 venues and 8 rally locations will have to be dealt with.

October - Rolling Rally to Phoenix and Lake Powell. Phoenix Part A is full with 16 coaches and a waiting list has been established for additional members that will be going to Lake Powell. Lake Powell now has 15 coaches signed up and a real treat is in store for them. If for some reason you decide to not go to Phoenix part A, please let us know as soon as possible. The waiting list members will greatly appreciate it.



November- 3:10 To Yuma Express - Work is progressing but due to virus going a little slow for the time being.

December/January - Casa Grande New Year's Gala is in progress and we have 15 signed up at this time, No rally sheet available at this time but if interested, please let us know if you want to go. Palm Creek Resort and I have secured several more sites for our members.

## **2021**

January - Dillinger Days in Tucson is still being planned but plans cannot go forward for several months.

February - Valentine Renaissance Festival in planning stages

March - Catalina State Park - Homecoming

April - Deming, New Mexico - Plans are still a little way off from sharing.

May - Silver City, New Mexico - Rally host visited the location this past weekend and have several items already planned. The Cat Walk, Fort Bayard and a Tile factory tour are just a few of the items that will be on the plate for this trip.

Our schedule for 2020/2021 is looking very exciting and is shaping up to be a real fun season for our Tucson Drifters family

Take Care and be safe.

Ruth Roubal, Vice President of Planning

Vera Schlichter, Assistant Vice President of Planning

## **LOVE WAS IN THE AIR POT ROAST**

**Pat Chandler** was so gracious to provide the members with her Pot Roast recipe that was served at our dinner during the Valentine rally. I do not think I have ever had a better TASTING roast, so ENJOYED.

3.5 TO 4 Pound Chuck Roast

1 packet Au Jus gravy mix

1 packet - ranch dressing mix

1 stick butter

1/2 jar 12 oz jar mild sliced pepperoni

SLOW COOK - 8 HRS

I give this recipe a 5-star rating!!!

Next newsletter we will feature Pat's Tiramisu recipe that was served at the Valentine rally.

## **RV STORAGE TIPS & TRICKS**

Courtesy of Suzi Bass

1. Shoe organizers to hang in the closet. Can store shoes, folded garments, socks, etc.
2. Tension curtain rods: Use small ones upright inside kitchen cabinets to hold baking sheets, trays, etc. Use longer one inside closet to hold vacuum, mop, broom upright against end wall. Use inside residential refrigerators to keep items from falling out. Use underneath sinks in bath or galley to hold spray bottles.
3. Use non-slip mats on refrigerator shelves as well as inside cabinets.
4. Use square or rectangle plastic tubs to subdivide cabinet or under bed space. Use small plastic baskets on large
5. bathroom shelves to keep items from sliding around, cardboard shoe boxes to sub-divide



large storage drawers.

6. CD rack - store plastic lids of storage bowls
7. Magnetic strip mounted to galley wall to hold knives, or scissors, tweezers, bobby pins nail files in the bath.
8. Place pill organizer, egg cartons or ice cube trays in drawers to hold small jewelry items, pins, craft items, etc. If you use the same style, they can be stacked to maximize storage potential.
9. Office binder clips to hold charging cords in place. Clip to edge of table, counter, window shade, curtain, etc.
10. Towel racks mounted inside cabinet doors to hold pot lids.
11. PVC pipes mounted inside cabinet doors for curling iron, hair dryer, etc. Use Command strips for easy installation/removal,
12. Square containers always provide more storage in less space than round containers. Baking dishes, food storage bowls, laundry baskets, etc. - always shop for square or rectangle ones.
13. Lysol disinfectant wipes container remove paper label and it is a great dispenser for shopping bags or doggie poop bags.
14. Mount shower rings on a heavy-duty clothes hanger. Then add scarves, ball caps, tank tops on the rings. Tank tops can also be hung on tie rack.
15. Clothes pins glued together to hold ear buds and keep them untangled. Also, can use eyeglass case.
16. Tension mop & broom holders - mount on cabinet door to hold flashlight, spices or small bottles. Mount in storage bays to hold spray cleaner bottles, flashlight, etc.
17. Coat rack mounted on side of bed frame or on back wall of closet makes great shoe rack. Wine or liquor box. Also holds shoes.
18. Cut a thin wire clothes hanger to make flip flop hangers.
19. Fishing tackle boxes make great storage boxes for crafts, sewing, medical supplies, etc.
20. Place wall mounted magazine rack inside closet door.
21. Plastic standing file racks hold plastic wrap, foil, tall bottles, etc.
22. Screw cup holders to bottom of overhead cabinets for mugs, etc. Also use cup hooks to hold mesh bag hammock style for storing veggies and fruit. Helps prevent bruising. Shower caddy mounted inside cabinet door is good to hold fruit/veggies.
23. Fabric/vinyl organizer attached to back of driver/passenger seats to hold maps, etc. close at hand.
24. Toilet paper or paper towel tubes keep cords, cables, extension cords from tangling.
25. Staple strip of elastic to cabinet wall to organize small items.
26. Store folded bed linens inside the matching pillowcase.
27. Command hooks mounted on inside of cabinet doors to hold large serving utensils, etc.
28. Stack folded t-shirts vertically to maximize storage. Keep design folded to the outer edge to help you find the one you're trying to locate.
29. Use grey foam pipe insulation to cushion sharp edges of slide-out instead of pool noodles.



30. Good stain remover: Dawn dish detergent mixed with hydrogen peroxide. Place in spray bottle - always test area first! (Hydrogen peroxide only lasts a few weeks after being opened.)
31. THE #1 EASIEST, CHEAPEST, MOST FABULOUS TIP IS: use pull tabs off canned drinks to. double, triple or even quadruple your closet hanging space! A length of chain also can be used.

### **"3:10 TO YUMA" RALLY.**

You **do not** want to miss the "3:10 to Yuma" Arizona on November 12-15, 2020 or you'll miss experiencing historic Yuma, Arizona. We will explore the unique town many folks either breeze through or use as a one-night casino dry-camp on their way west or east. Of any **populated** place in the contiguous United States, Yuma is the sunniest and has the lowest frequency of precipitation (that translates to driest) . . . but it is also the winter garden for the US. The Colorado river crossing was the initial draw to the area and there were, would you believe, steamboats bringing supplies to the town and the quartermaster headquarters. Early Yuma history includes its stint as the AZ Territorial Prison with inmates such as Pearl Hart, a female stage-coach robber . . . there's more to that story!! There will be movies, photo challenges, ghost towns, trolley tours, gardens, swap meets, four-wheeling and dancing of a new and different kind. Since this adventure is in the very early planning stage, we do not yet have all the cost details, but rest assured it will be a typical Drifter's bargain. Mark your calendars and get your name on Ted's rally list (tedsfam@ gmail.com) and we will follow up with more details in the near future.

Your hosts, Basses, Hansens, & Kuznickis.

March 5, 2020

TO: Tucson Drifters Executive Board  
CC: Tucson Drifters President - Suzi Bass  
Tucson Drifters 2019 Treasurer - Ted Schaefer  
Tucson Drifters 2019 Assistant Treasurer - Mike Katz

RE: 2019 Tucson Drifters Annual Audit

The 2019 audit committee consisted of members Jim Schultz, John Fearnow and Bernie Kuehn . The audit took place at the home of chapter Treasurer Ted Schaefer on March 5, 2020. In attendance were Ted Schaefer, Mike Katz, John Fearnow, and Jim Schultz. Unfortunately, Bernie Kuehn was at the hospital for tests and was unable to attend.

The audit included a review of the treasurer's report, the treasurer's duties, record keeping, cash inflows, cash outflows, rally fees, rally expenses and reconciliation of the Wells Fargo bank statements (checking and savings) to the Quicken books for the year ended December 31, 2019.

In our opinion, the audit found all chapter financial documents to be in order, well maintained, balanced, and representative of the financial condition of the chapter for the year 2019.

The audit committee is recommending that the Assistant Treasurer send out e-mail invoices to members who signed up for dinners, did not attend and did not cancel within the stated deadline. This will help the Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer reconcile dinner funds received to those spent.

The chapter owes a big "THANK YOU" to Treasurer Ted Schaefer and Assistant Treasurer Mike Katz for the countless hours spent in 2019 maintaining the chapter's financial records. Mike took over for Jackie Fife early in the year after the Fife's moved to Phoenix.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John Fearnow  
John Fearnow

/s/ Jim Schultz  
Jim Schultz

**"AND" SO IT BEGINS IN PHOENIX  
& LAKE POWELL  
ROLLING RALLY  
OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 16, 2020**

RALLY HOSTS: Jan and Paul Spaeth, Ruth and Tom Roubal, and Jim and Barb Schultz.

Oct 9th Friday - Arrive at Motor Coach Resort (MCR) in Phoenix for a complimentary 2 nights of lodging, a BBQ Dinner and Breakfast. Hosted BBQ at MCR's "Gathering Area" with complimentary wine and beer. 1576 S. Nelsen Dr. Chandler, Arizona - 480-639-1507.

Oct 10th - Saturday - Free day to enjoy the park or numerous venues in the area.

Close by amenities include the Wild Horse Pass Casino, Whirlwind Golf Club and Aji Spa at the Sheraton and the Fashion Mall. How about a Tucson Drifters Golf Day? If interested, please let us know on the reservation sheet.

Oct. 11th - Sunday - Enjoy a complimentary Burritos breakfast at the "Gathering Area".

Oct. 11th - Sunday - For those on the rolling rally to Lake Powell - Travel day to Flagstaff Black Bart's RV Park (included).

Dinner at Black Bart's Restaurant & Saloon with Live Musical Revue (Individual checks, no meals included in this portion of the rolling rally, but suggested restaurants are provided with reservations made).

Oct. 12th - Monday - Travel day to Lake Powell Wahweap Marina RV Park and Campground (Included).

Arrive at RV Park. Will be assigned sites in Loop A.

Suggested dinner that evening at La Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant in Page, Arizona at 6:00 PM (Individual checks, not included in rally).

October 13th - Tuesday - Glen Canyon Dam & Visitor's Center. 10:15 AM tour, a 45-minute tour plus time to watch videos and explore Visitors Center (included in rally).

PM Optional: Lake Powell Museum tour or Horseshoe Bend Overlook.

Oct.14th - Wednesday - 1:00 PM Canyon Adventure Boat Tour. 2-hour canyon tour on Lake Powell (included). Enjoy a very scenic trip of the canyon from the water.

We suggest dinner at the Rainbow Room, overlooking the lake at 5:30 - 6:00 (not included in rally pricing).

Oct. 15th - Thursday - Lower Antelope Slot Canyon Walking Tour @ 11:00 AM. Discover the lesser - traveled depths of Antelope Canyon on a walking tour through the lower portions of this colorful sandstone slot canyon. One of the most popular natural attractions in the region (included in rally fee). You will see carved sandstone in a way that most have never seem.

Suggested dinner at Big John's Texas BBQ, 6:00 PM (not included).

Oct. 16th - Friday - Departure Day unless you would like to stay for an extra couple of days. Reservations for extra days are on your own. Rally host Jan & Paul Spaeth will be staying several extra days as well.

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This is a beautiful and wonderful place in Arizona for our 1st rolling rally of the season. Lake Powell is the 2nd largest man- made lake in the United States and is truly God's country in scenery. This rally includes all 5 nights lodging, all venues listed and good fellowship as well as location.

This rolling rally is limited to 16 coaches and either part is available separately.

Total Cost:	\$529.00
Reservation deposit due by March 2, 2020	\$100.00
1st Payment is due July 1, 2020	\$200.00
Final Payment due August 30, 2020	\$229.00





## Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

**2019-2020 - *A Work in Progress***

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October 2019		November 2019	December 2019	January 2020
Title:	<b>RMMA</b>	<b>Rocky Point Rendezvous/Rally</b>	<b>New Year's 2020 Celebration</b>	<b>Dark</b>
Date:	Oct 17-20	Nov 19-22	Dec 28 – Jan 2	
Place:	Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Puerto Penasco, MX	Las Vegas	
Host:	Tucson Drifters	Kuehn, Baumann/Nester	Roubal, Schultz, & Kuehn	
February 2020		March 2020	April- May 2020	
Title	<b>Valentine Celebration Rally</b>	<b>FMCA International</b>	<b>Mighty Mississippi River Spring Foliage Rally</b>	
Date	Feb 12-16	Mar 26-29	Apr 30 – May 25	
Place	Benson, AZ	Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana	
Host	Brooks, Chandler	Tucson Drifters	Roubal, Kuehn & Schaefer	

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

**TUCSON DRIFTERS RALLY DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

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.



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Names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ # Pets \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Rally Limited to first 16 Coaches \*\*

Part 1. October 9-10: Weekend in Phoenix hosted by The Motor Coach Resort with complimentary 2 nights stay.

Part 2. October 11-16: Lake Powell Wahweap Marina RV Park & Campground

Check as Appropriate: Attend Part 1  Attend Part 2  Attend Both Part 1& 2

RALLY FEE: (2 PERSONS)      Total Cost: \$529.00      Amt Paid

\$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE BY March 2, 2020      \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Payment of \$200 Due by      July 1, 2020      \_\_\_\_\_

Final Payment of \$229 Due by      August 30, 2020      \_\_\_\_\_

Those interested in a golf day please check the following box:

Make Check Payable to **Tucson Drifters**

Mail to: Ted Schaefer, 9855 E. Irvington Rd., Unit 275 Tucson, AZ 85730

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