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TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

by Kendra Kuehn



Bill Hohmann	March 3
Gale Gallagher	March 9
Art Perrone	March 15
Barbara Sherman	March 16
Patricia Chandler	March 17
John Fearnow	March 20
Debbie Barber	March 22
Peggy Knowles	March 23
Marvin Fling	March 30



Bill and JoAnn Hohmann	March 19
Gary and Lee Wood	March 25
Ted and Phyllis Zappe	March 28

If anyone knows of a sympathy or hospitalization card that needs to be sent out to a member

PLEASE let me know.

Kendra Kuehn kkuehn65@msn.com

NANCY WILLINGHAM



We are sorry to have to say that former Tucson Drifters member Nancy Willingham has passed away on February 4, 2021. She was married to former member Dr. Harold Willingham (Willybones). They traveled with us on many rallies. Special members to remember!!! We will miss her very much.

TUCSON DRIFTERS ANGEL'S are ready to help those members in our club that need a helping hand. Should you need some help with prescription or grocery pickup's and/or rides to a Doctor's appointment, call Ruth Roubal 520-886-1955.

Your Tucson Drifters Angels are:

- Paul and Jan Spaeth
- Ray and Nora Toscano
- Brad and Michelin Taylor
- Jeff and Linda Salfen
- Tom and Ruth Roubal

NO MARCH DINNER MEETING

The Executive Board has decided to cancel the March dinner meeting. We want to give ourselves one more month of a hopefully continuing downtrend in positive tests. We also want to give our members whose vaccine shots have been delayed the opportunity to get those shots. **There WILL be an annual business meeting and dinner in April.** Please watch for e-mails and the newsletter for more information



President's Corner:



Something You Probably Don't Know . . . A Tale from The New Year's Rally

One of the fun activities planned for the New Year's Rally was an auction of items that the attendees did not want, no longer used in their coaches, had more than one of, etc., you get the idea. Once the bidding was over and every item sold, the auction raised \$600.00!!! What a generous bunch of rally attendees!!!! In the name of the Tucson Drifters RV Chapter, the hosts donated \$300.00 to St Jude's Children's Hospital and \$300.00 to the Tucson Food Bank. We always look forward to the joyful

times we have at our rallies but this time, through the generosity of the rally attendees, that joy was passed on to others.

"and thus, endeth a tale from the New Year's Rally"

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FRED'S TECH-TIPS



TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR SYSTEM (TPMS)

Now that we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel, let us consider another item on our coaches that really needs our attention. The tires need to be examined and checked before we set out for any long-awaited adventures.

Many of us have a tire pressure monitor system already installed on our 5th wheel or motorhome. Most manufactures recommend that we change the batteries and O-rings on these devices once a year. Here is the opportunity to not only check your tire pressure while it is cool outside but to inspect your

tires for any damage, road rash, tread damage or expired date codes.

If you do not have a tire monitoring system, here are some of the advantages you are missing:

- 1- Detection of a slow leak on your steering axle tires.
- 2- Excessive tire temperature from your brake system.
- 3- Information about your Toad or Truck tires
- 4- Fuel economy
- 5- Maximum braking distance
- 6- Tire treadwear

If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail to: brookdoc1@gmail.com and I will be happy to assist you.



ST JUDE CONTRIBUTION

We received the following letter in response to our gift resulting from the auction held at the December rally. Clearly it was a wonderful decision!



Welcome to the family!

January 29, 2021



Cassidy
leukemia

Tucson Drifters Rv Club
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Dear Friend,

I've just received the marvelous news -- you're the newest member of our St. Jude Children's Research Hospital family! I'm thrilled to have a friend like you standing beside us to support St. Jude, and I want to be the first to thank you for your gift of \$300 in January 2021.

Let me just say -- your generosity and compassion are truly inspiring and uplifting. Friends like you are like answered prayers for St. Jude as we help kids battling childhood cancer and other deadly diseases . . . kids like Cassidy.

Cassidy loves the color pink and her two cats, but there's nothing she loves more than her two sisters. The three girls are inseparable.

But when she began to look very pale and developed dark circles under her eyes, her parents -- and sisters -- became worried. Her parents took her to their local doctor, who performed bloodwork to get to the bottom of her symptoms. And the tests revealed the unthinkable: Cassidy had leukemia.

She and her family were referred to St. Jude, where her treatment plan consists of two-and-a-half years of chemotherapy.

Your gift is helping St. Jude treat patients like Cassidy. Gifts
(over, please)

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like yours help pay for the chemotherapy, radiation therapy and other vital treatments our patients need in their fight against childhood cancer. And friends like you are also helping to advance our research, so that one day, we can stop this killer once and for all.

Through support like yours, St. Jude is able to offer world-class cancer treatment. And families never receive a bill from St. Jude for anything -- not for treatment, travel, housing or food -- because we believe all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Cassidy's mom said, "A lot of people don't realize the extent of 'you don't get a bill.' It's so much more than you don't get a bill. All the way around they're helping, making sure we're okay and providing us with support."

Generosity like yours makes it all possible. Thank you for helping make St. Jude a place where hope lives for kids like Cassidy. God bless your good heart.

For the children,

Marlo Thomas
Marlo Thomas

P.S. I know there are many worthy charities that ask for your help. Please know how honored we are that you've chosen to support the lifesaving mission of St. Jude.

P.P.S. I've enclosed a sweet card for you to sign and return to a St. Jude child like Cassidy. Your encouragement and thoughtfulness help our children to keep fighting.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for the donation.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Really, it has been pretty bleak this year when it came to Dinner meetings and Rallies. Hopefully, this will change real soon, and we can get back together with meetings and hitting the road again with our fellow Drifters.

March meeting and rally cancelled.

April, stay tune.

April-May - Grand Mighty Mississippi Rally April 30, 2021 to May 24th, 2021- Still available for members to sign up. Article on changes and update schedule in newsletter. Please read and for more information, please contact Ruth Roubal 886-1955 or 907-4980. We would love to have you with us on this Rally.

Should we not have a meeting next month, the travelers to the Mississippi will meet at the Roubal's home for Mardi Gras dessert and coffee for updated information to add to their existing Mississippi books. Who gets the Mardi Gras baby in the dessert will win a prize for the trip? Please bring your books and if any members who had books that are not making the trip with us this year, please make sure we get them back. They were costly to make. Date and time will be sent out to you later in the month for the get together. Thanks!!!

THAT'S IT FOLKS FOR THIS SEASON!!!

Stay tune to the next newsletter for any future rallies planned and if you have any ideas, please let our team know. We have not been able to have an activities meeting this season.

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning

Vera Schlichter, Assistant VP of Planning

WELCOME TO THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RALLY

April 30th to May 24, 2021

UPDATES

Still looking for a few good Tucson Drifters to join us on this magnificent trip to the glorious Mississippi River. We are fortunate to be able to do this trip and have a wonderful itinerary for you with some changes that we hope will please you and make this a more exciting trip.

Arriving on April 30th (Friday) and departing on May 4th - 2021, Branson Missouri for a 4 night stay in the beautiful Treasure Lake RV Resort. We are very fortunate to be able to stay at this resort as it is privately owned by their members.

No changes to the Branson schedule as we are doing the same two show itinerary as scheduled previously. The Haygoods and Dolly Pardon Stampede for a show and dinner, Lamberts restaurant (Monday) is still on the agenda that is famous for roll throwing and a potluck in club house on first night (Friday).

Arriving on May 4th (Tuesday) and departing on May 6th for a 2 night stay at the Mark Twain Campgrounds in Hannibal, Missouri. Dinner on the first night at the Mark Twin Dinette. Day 2 (Wednesday) we will be doing the Mark Twain Tours and later in the afternoon we will be treated to The Mark Twain Live Show at Cave Hollow Theater.

Arriving on May 6th (Thursday) and departing on May 9th for a 3 night stay at a different RV Park in a beautiful, wooded area which is outside of Saint Louis, Missouri and a 10-minute drive in. This park is located in Illinois. On the first day (Thursday), we will be treated to a St. Louis Fun Tour with all the bells and whistles on a great Trolley bus. We are still hoping the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour will be happening. At

this time, they are closed for COVID-19 19 but is expected to be up and running by then.

On the 2nd day which is (Friday) May7th, we will be spending the day at the St. Louis Gateway Arch Tours. This will be done in 3 segments with the movie, tram ride and riverboat cruise. You will have time to see the County Court house which is a museum that had especially important landmark cases heard. Before leaving to go back to the RV Park and if interested, you could take the opportunity to see the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis nearby with free parking and no cost to view. Very historical!

May 8th, (Saturday) will be a special day viewing the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic site and home with guided ranger tour. Lunch will be on your own and for those who would like to go to the Missouri History Museum in the afternoon, we have procured the needed tickets for this event for all, but this is still an optional event.

Arriving on May 9th (Sunday) and departing on May 11th for a two night stay in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This was a change from 1 night to 2 nights. Your rally hosts felt we had too much to see in just one day and decided you just might enjoy two leisurely days for the events planned. Arrive at your leisure and we will have a group dinner around 3:00 PM at a local restaurant. This is also Mother's Day.

Day 2 May 10th (Monday), we will go to the Trail of Tears Museum in the morning, have Lunch at Port Cape Girardeau Restaurant (the daily special) and then have time to take in the sights. All the afternoon events are optional, we will try to see the Crisp Museum and Downtown Cape Girardeau murals that are on display at the River wall. We will then go to the Bollinger Mill State Historic Site. One of few remaining covered bridges in the state of Missouri. Evening is free and anyone wanting to go to the famous Light House

restaurant for local fare, we could go as a group, but this is optional and not covered by the rally.

Arriving on May 11th, (Tuesday) and departing on May 12th to Tunica/Memphis. You can arrive at your leisure or come in early if you want to go into Memphis for the day. It is appx. a 45-minute drive. For those that just want a leisurely day we will be staying at the Sam's Casino RV Park and the rally will have a Hamburger cookout at around 5:30, Let us get together with your own drinks around 5:00 PM. We have eliminated a day in this stop so that we could have an extra day in Cape Girardeau.

Arriving on May 12 (Wednesday) and departing on May 15th for a 3 night stay in the historical town of Vicksburg Mississippi. So much and so little time to do and see all the wonderful historical places in this area, but we have tried. We will be staying at the Grand Gulf Military Park Campground with their own museum on the grounds and some historical buildings as well.

Arrive at your leisure and later in the afternoon we will have a Hot Dog Cookout with an Ice Cream Social around 4:00 PM. Time for reflection in this park about life around the Old Mississippi River in times long gone. We will most likely have a campfire in the evening.

On May 13th, day 2 (Thursday), we will visit the Old Warren County Court house for a self-guided tour that is sure to delight us all with the items they have on display. After that we will venture over to the historical Walnut Hills Restaurant for lunch (daily special). Afternoon we will travel to the Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum that tells the story of the Corp of Engineers and the Mississippi River. You will find this interesting, but it is an optional activity. We also have another optional trip to the Mississippi State Capital, which is appx. 40 miles from Vicksburg. Very grand and incredibly beautiful. The South knew how to design beautiful and ornate structures.

On May 14th, day 3, (Friday), we will make a trip to the Vicksburg National Military Park for a tour of the grounds and artifacts of this area. This was the turning point of the Civil War in this location. We will do this tour in the comfort of our own cars with the instructions on what you are seeing on your phone app. You may be making several stops but if it is raining you will be glad to be where you are. This event can take up to several hours and maybe you will have a little time to return to your coach for your animals before we drive a short distance to the best acclaimed fried chicken in the United States. The Old Country Store Restaurant buffet with peach pie and ice cream for dessert. All you can eat folks!!! On your return from the Restaurant to the RV Park, we have an Optional Windsor Ruins visit. This is a historical burnt Mansion that all the columns are still standing and the footprint of the estate. Many people say this is a must see if you are the area.

We say Farewell to Vicksburg and on to Natchez Mississippi, the oldest town on the Mississippi River and what a delight you will have with this area.

We will be arriving on May 15th (Saturday) and departing on May 18th for a three day stay in this magical town that is so full of history. We will be staying at the River View RV Park and Resort which is right on the Mississippi River.

An added event that evening (Saturday) is the thrill we will have in going to the 1818 Restaurant in an Antebellum Mansion. We will be treated to an upscale dinner and served in the formal Dining room of this Mansion. You will feel what a rich southern felt in owning a mansion with dinner served by servants in their home with chandeliers, special glassware, and china. Dress for this event is Business Casual. Come 1/2 hour early and join us for cocktails or a drink in the formal library (all with period furniture). The drinks are

on your own, but the wonderful dinner and atmosphere is included in the Rally Fee.

Breakfast is served in the RV Resort club house from 9:30 to 10:00 AM (Sunday). We will have sausage gravy with biscuits and fruit. Make sure to bring your own drink of choice for breakfast. We will have just orange juice and serve Mimosa's for our drinks.

We will then have the privilege of a Southern Carriage Tour around the town of Natchez. This is a 90-minute tour in a white carriage fit for a king. After the tour we will go to the William Johnson Museum and see the life of a local black leader and see the home that he built. Very historical and a National Park today.

Day free to explore (Monday) on your own but remember we will be going to the Under the hill saloon around 3:00 PM. As I had previously mention to you that Natchez is one of the oldest towns on the Mississippi river and it would not be complete, if we did not go the oldest establishment on the Mississippi river. Of course, that will be the famous Under the Hill Saloon. We will treat you with your first beer or soda drink. Make sure you walk the high river walk which is 200 ft about the Mississippi River. The saloon is at the river level which will be very interesting.

That evening, we will treat you to dinner in the club room that your Rally Host will prepare. We will have Baby Back Ribs, Baked Beans, Salad and Desert.

Arrival on May 18th (Tuesday) and departing May 24th from the grand city of New Orleans. We will be staying at the Ponchartrain Landing RV Resort in New Orleans, Louisiana. This is the premiere RV resort in all New Orleans for RV'ERS. We will also be having several members drive and fly in and staying at the villa hotel in the resort next to the RV Park.

Leisurely drive in and in the evening, we will have shrimp cocktails and margaritas to drink (non-alcoholic

margaritas will also be available). We ask each couple to bring a sack (sandwiches, etc.) dinner for yourselves as well so that we will not have to leave the RV park this evening and we can still stay together for the evening and get further details on New Orleans journey.

1st morning in New Orleans May 19th (Wednesday) is free until noon and then we will carpool to the restaurant "Court of Two Sisters". After lunch we will walk appx. 200 ft to the Historical Tour 1850 row townhome. This property is in period furniture and is part of the New Orleans Historical Museum. I am told it is beautiful but only drawback to see it all you will have three flights of stairs to view the entire structure. For those who feel this is too much can look at only the bottom floor or sit back and relax in Jackson Park which is across the street and take in all the sights. The is only a 20-minute tour and after the tour we will walk to catch the bus for sightseeing of New Orleans. I understand the distance is appx. 300 ft. We will have a bus tour of the city which will last appx. 90 minutes. Evening is free.

This will be an incredibly special day (Thursday) as we will be going outside the city to see the antebellum Oak Alley and have a special Cajun lunch prior to viewing the mansion. This antebellum mansion has been featured in many movies and the long oak driveway to the mansion is priceless.

This evening we will be going in to see the famous Bourbon Street and have Beignets and coffee at the famous Cafe Du Monde. I am trying to arrange an optional walking haunted tour of Bourbon Street as well. Cost unknown at this time, but we will let you know, if interested (this will be optional).

For the master cooks on our rally, we will have a delightful morning (Friday) at the New Orleans School of Cooking. They will teach and prepare our lunch for us and it should be a real experience. We will park our

cars in the parking lot across street from the school, but we need to be in at 9:00 AM to get the early bird parking at \$12.00 for the entire day. After lunch we will take the trolley car to the Mardi Gras World Museum and back. The museum is host to the Mardi Gras parades floats and costumes. Going to this museum will give us a taste at being at a Mardi Gras parade.

On May 22nd, (Saturday) we will carpool to the World War Two Museum (parking at the museum for a fee). If you ever served in the military, please let me know. We have paid extra to see the movie (Beyond All Boundaries) narrative by Tom Hanks.

For those of us that have seen the World War One Museum, this will be a real treat as well. Evening free and on your own.

Our final full day in New Orleans May 23rd (Sunday) is designated to be a highlight event. This will feature taking a farewell brunch cruise which includes a Jazz group aboard a steamboat on the Mississippi river. The cruise and brunch will last appx. 90 minutes to 2 hours. We will see the Mississippi River in all its splendor from a bird's eye view of the river, which flows into the Gulf of Mexico.

On May 24th, our rally will end, and we will need to depart the resort by 11:00 AM. Should you want to stay an extra day or so, you will need to contact the Resort to make the arrangements.

Due to increases in price for food and lodging our Rally rate of \$2050.00 was raised to \$2100.00 (Only \$50 more).

We do reserve the right to make added changes as necessary to the itinerary.

Do join us for a trip of a lifetime. Check out Fantasy tours as you will see that a trip similar to this trip could cost you appx. \$10,000.00. Our price is based on our

members doing all the work in organizing and planning of our rallies.

ON BEHALF OF YOUR RALLY HOST, WE WELCOME YOU ABOARD YOUR FUN RV'S FOR AGAIN AN EXCITING AND GRAND RALLY TO THE BEAUTIFUL MISSISSIPPI RIVER EXPERIENCE.

Take your RV's out and do a little polishing and dusting and check those batteries out as well. It has been a while and we need to get ROLLING ON DOWN THE ROAD AGAIN.

FUNNY BONES COLUMN



I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so, I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors, I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, The class was over.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS:

You do not stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing!

If you would like to add jokes to this column in future newsletters, please submit them to the Editor Tom Roubal



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2020-2021 - *A Work in Progress*

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October 2020		November 2020		December 2020		January 2021	
Title:	And So It Begins POSTPONED	3: 10 To Yuma POSTPONED	New Year's Extravaganza at Palm Creek		Dillinger Days in Tucson POSTPONED		
Date:	9-16 Oct	12-15 Nov		30 Dec – 2 Jan		20-24 Jan (Appx)	
Place:	Phoenix/Lake Powell, AZ	Yuma, AZ		Casa Grande, AZ		Tucson, AZ	
Host:	Spaeth, Roubal, Schultz	Bass, Kuznicki, Hansen		Roubal, Raymond, Brooks, Baldrige & Nickerson		Roubal, Raymond, Baldrige, Nickerson	
February 2021		March 2021		April 2021		May 2021	
Title	Be My Valentine POSTPONED	Tucson Drifters Come Home POSTPONED		Silver City Delight POSTPONED		Mighty Mississippi River Rally	
Date	12-15 Feb	11-15 Mar		TBD		30 Apr – 25 May	
Place	Pima County Fairgrounds	TBD		Silver City, NM		Branson to New Orleans	
Host	Roubal, Bass, & Kucy	Bass, Salfen, Fearnow		Schaefer, Kuehn, Kucy, Zappe		Roubal, Schaefer, Kuehn, Raymond	

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

MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER SPRING FOLIAGE RALLY

APRIL 30, 2021 TO MAY 24, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

Total days 24 - anticipated cost \$2100.00 but we reserve the right to add \$100 for addition cost due to advance planning. 8 locations - all RV parks with full amenities. 50 events/20 meals or drinks. Must bring American Beautiful Pass for several events on schedule.

Extra day available to those wishing to stay an extra day in New Orleans for added cost.

Names _____
Phone _____ Phone _____
E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____
RV Length _____ # Pets _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

**** Rally Limited to first 15 Coaches ****

RALLY FEE: (2 PERSONS)	\$2100.00	Amt Paid
<u>\$200.00</u> NON-REFUNDABLE <u>DEPOSIT</u> DUE BY <u>October 15,2020</u>		_____
1 st Payment of \$650 Due by	Dec 1, 2020	_____
2 nd Payment of \$650 Due by	Feb 1, 2021	_____
Final Payment of \$600 Due by	Mar 15, 2021	_____

RALLY HOSTS: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, Mary Ann & Jim Raymond, and Ted & Diane Schaefer

Make Check Payable to **Tucson Drifters**
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