



March 2022

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING

by Kendra Kuehn



Hohmann, Bill	03/03
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**TUCSON DRIFTERS' ANGELS** 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



## DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

Tuesday March 1, 2022

**Barnfire Mesquite Grill**

8310 N. Thornydale Rd., Tucson, Arizona.

**Activities meeting:** 4:30 prior to dinner meeting

**Dinner Meeting: Social** 5:30 Dinner 6:15

**Dinner Choices:**

- ✓ Chicken Fried Steak, with gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, bread, chips and salsa and dessert
- or
- ✓ Chicken Salad served with soup, dessert

\$19 per person, please pay by check at dinner.

Response, due no later than February 25, 2022, are preferred to be by email to:  
[paulaarnold2949@comcast.net](mailto:paulaarnold2949@comcast.net)

**Cost:** **\$19.00 (inclusive) each, CHECKS PLEASE.** It is difficult to make change.

Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone in cancellation to Paula Arnold, 303-807-8044 by Sunday before the meeting) you will be responsible for reimbursement to Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.



## President's Corner:



We had a great rally to Rocky Point (Puerto Penasco), Mexico February 12-16. Fourteen coaches made an eventful trip south of the border without any hassles or problems. Good restaurants, dinner cruise, fun games and spectacular sunsets were enjoyed by all. Thank You to Ruth Roubal and Assistants for their hard work to make this a successful and memorable event.

Big event to look forward is the FMCA 104<sup>th</sup> International Convention & RV EXPO to be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, March 23-26. Some of the Drifters will go to the event as a group March 21, and we will have a chance to show off our Tucson Drifters Club at the Chapter Fair Table March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have never attended an FMCA International Rally you are in for a treat, good entertainment, informative classes, and lots of goodies from all the vendors there. See you there!

We have many fun events planned for the remaining year, but they can only happen with your help. Please volunteer!

Please contact me at [president@tucsondrifters.org](mailto:president@tucsondrifters.org) if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Stay Safe!

*Bernie*

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### SPECIAL BULLETIN FOR FMCA'S SUNSETS AND SAGUAROS INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

We will be doing a block party at Camp Central (Roubal/Kuehn coaches) on Thursday night March 24th. Time is 5:00 PM. Come early and join the fellowship with your Drifters members. Open campsite all the time for visiting, resting and bottled water.

We will have small snacks of popcorn and drinks for the BLOCK PARTY. Tucson Drifters will be invited to a PRIVATE party at camp central for Pizza and Desert. Should you have friends or special invited

guest that would like to join us, you need to inform Ruth Roubal prior to the event.

Do not forget the potluck on Wednesday evening. Please mark your calendars for this new get together for Thursday 24th, evening on Block party. You will need chairs, drinks for the block party and plates, forks, and a dish to share for the potluck.

Please remember Chapter Fair Tuesday March 22, at 3:45 PM.

LET'S HAVE A GOOD TIME AND MAKE HISTORY WITH MEETING AND GETTING NEW MEMBERS.



## FRED'S TECH TIPS



### TOW BARS

I thought that we should have this conversation because it is a subject that is rarely discussed from a "safety & maintenance" point of view. For those of us who pull their TOAD behind them, the only time we look at the tow bar and related components is when we "hook up" for departure or disconnect at our destination.

The two main manufacturers of tow systems are Blue Ox and Roadmaster. Both companies do not make replacement parts for all models older than 10 years. If your Tow system is older than that, they recommend replacing it with a newer model. It is hard to comprehend how much abuse we impose on these products. The 2 maneuvers that cause the most damage is 1 - backing up while connected and 2 - cranking the steering wheel from one direction all the way to the other at low speeds such as in a gas station or campground. Backing up will bend the extended arms and the mounting brackets where

they attach to the toad. It also puts tremendous binding action on all the bushings and pivot points. This abuse is caused by "tail swing" when the back of the coach goes in the opposite direction from which you are turning. If your motorhome has a 12-foot distance from the drive axle to the rear bumper, your tail swing is 8" to 10" in either direction. When you do this, it drags the tow vehicle front tires sideways before they start to turn in the direction of being towed.

The maintenance of these devices is straightforward. They are not recommended to be driven on dirt roads, but if you do, wipe all the dust and dirt off the extended arms. Use a silicone spray on all moving surfaces and wipe off the excess. Do Not use any petroleum lubricating products as they attract dirt. If you have any questions, we will answer them at the March Drifters dinner meeting.

Blessings & Joy, Fred Brooks





## Rocky Point for Valentines:

Hello Tucson Drifters,

We just finished our rally trip to Rocky Point this season and had a grand time. The weather held out for us and staying on the beach was such a thrill and so relaxing.

We even had a member brave the cold water and went swimming. Of course, you would guess that it was Carol Frizzell, as she is such a join in person. We loved it!!!

We had numerous games put on by Fred Brooks and the winner for the kite contest was the one and only Ron Kuznicki. The octopus kite from Ron was a real hit. All the kites that were flown were very colorful as they flew in the beautiful blue skies. We had many eagles and some great butterflies as well as many other shapes. Fred Brooks got his kite so high you could barely make it out in the sky.

We also had a grand winner of games and that was Cheryl and Tom Dimmick. Kudos to you both!

Did I say shopping on this trip? Well, we had numerous couples buying and buying. Mel and Amy Jones bought a lovely all tile backdrop for their kitchen wall behind the stove, Plantz bought out the Silver store for jewelry, Helen Baldridge bought the cutest small outdoor tables, Frizzell bought out the tequila at the tequila factory, Charlie and Pat Chandler had a field day with ornamental glasses and etc at one of the stores. The Jones and Chandlers made it to the fish market and bought many pounds of fish to bring back. Many others shopping went on but that is a story for another day.

Kendra Kuehn and Diane Plantz found time to get some massages and some members even had time to get some much-needed rest.

The pirate boat trip and dinner were a real hit and we all became buccaneers for the evening. Drink as much as you could handle, and I wondered how we were going to be able to walk off the boat. Tucson Drifters are real troopers and did it with no problems. They all got back to their RV's safe and sound. I am sure that all got a good night sleep.

Went to a German Breakfast on Valentine's Day and everyone commented that this restaurant was a repeat event. Evening took us to El Capitan for a scrumptious dinner and with a beautiful sunset to be seen from the patio.

We ate out every evening and had breakfast each morning with a high tea thrown in. This was a whirlwind rally but needed relaxing time was taken as well.

We missed all who could not attend and hope to see you down Mexico way by the Sea of Cortez in the near future!!!

Many members wrote a thank you on the trip and I would like to share them with our RV Family in this newsletter.

Thank you for the wonderful trip to Rocky Point. It was very relaxing and full of fun. We enjoyed all the outings and just sitting around with new friends. Fun and fellowship was had by all. Even the shopping trips were enjoying, one guest found out were not to buy cigars. The only thing missing, it was not shrimp season.

Jack and Connie



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Many thanks to the Roubals, Kuehns and Brooks for all their hard work that put together such a great rally. Admittedly, we have always been somewhat leery about border crossing with Mexico after hearing the urban legends. Our good experience with the rally mitigated our concerns. We were not subjected to invasive searches nor long delays.

Traveling and making memories with the Drifters is always fun and an adventure. The Rocky Point rally added to our storybook of great memories.

Thanks again to the rally hosts.

Ron & Irene

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Ditto to Ron and Irene's review. Feel blessed having found the Drifters.

MIKE FRIZZELL

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Wow, what a wonderful Rally! No issues at the border, Great Kite flying, the best food I have eaten in Mexico in 14 years, and everyone enjoyed waking up to great sunrises on the beach. Thanks to everyone who came! Fred & Cindy

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Our club motto, "**It's not where you go, but who we go with**" Well, this rally scored 100% in both categories. Traveling to Rocky Point was flawless, border crossings were smooth and no hassles both directions. The activities, food, shopping was

enjoyed by all. The weather was sunny, and the ocean views were wonderful. If any Tucson Drifters were afraid to go because of Mexico travel, you missed a great rally, there is nothing to be afraid of. My thanks to all who came to make this a fun and memorable trip. Many, many THANKS to Ruth and her rally hosts for their planning and efforts to make this rally a success. Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

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My wife and I had our first real RV rally with the Drifters this past week in Rocky Point. Mexico was never on our list as we were hesitant about the border crossing (both ways) and are pleased to report our crossings were a breeze! We were very thankful to Bernie & Kendra for introducing us to the Drifters and being our mentors for this adventure. Neither of us had been in Mexico for decades (!) but now have plans to return.

The planning and meals and activities and treats were above our expectations. We had heard that Ruth and Tom put together good rallies, but this was amazing. We were so happy with the beach-front camping and the meals and all of it! and we are happy to be part of such a friendly and welcoming group.

Special thanks to Ruth & Tom and the Kuehns and Brooks . . . and big thanks to all the Drifters!  
John and Diane Plantz

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## RALLY ADVENTURES IN ROCKY POINT





## ONE MOMENT OF MEMORY IS WHERE TIME MEETS ETERNITY

### TUCSON DRIFTERS' RALLIES

**March 21, 2022, INTERNATIONAL RALLY-** We will be going in on the morning of March 21, 2022, in a caravan to park if you have signed up for 30 AMP service. If this is your reservation request, then we are your caravan choice for this rally. Please let Bernie Kuehn (President) know if you will be going in with us. This FMCA International rally is being held at the Pima County Fairgrounds. You must make your reservation to FMCA direct. Your president Bernie and Kendra Kuehn and Tom and Ruth Roubal have signed up for 30-amp service only. Those that are going in the Caravan for these sites currently are Kuehn, Roubal, Spaeth and Rolland. Stay tune for times of entry. All full hookups at 50 and 30 amps are sold out. Marv and Suzi Bass will bring in Caravan 2 for 50 amp only service as well on March 21, 2022. Contact Marv Bass for further information and instructions.

We will be doing the chapter fair at this rally on March 22, 2022 @ 3:45 PM. Decorating for this chapter fair will start @ 2:30 PM, They are having a big contest for the chapter fair for best designed club table. The winner will be treated to a cookout dinner and entertainment. Let's try to do our best and have the best fair table representing the Tucson Drifters Chapter.

We will be having a club potluck on March 23rd at Camp Central @ 5:30 PM or time TBD. All members are invited and their guest. Just need to bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

**April - 2022- Catalina State Park** - The date for this picnic will be April 23, 2022. IT'S BBQ IN THE PARK.

Please see separate article about this picnic in the newsletter for further instructions from Rally Host.

**May 15th to 19th, 2022. "LET'S GET OUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66" WILLIAMS, ARIZONA.** (16 coaches are signed up for this rally). Just about at capacity. Call Ruth Roubal for further availability.

We will be in Williams for a 5-day, 4-night trip that will thrill you with breathtaking beauty. 1st night (Sunday), we will have our 50's & 60's pizza night dinner at the RV Resort with 50's music, decorations, 50's costumes for prizes and topped off with Root Beer Floats from our very own Soda Shop. We will also be treated to our very own signature drink called Tucson Drifters Route 66. We would like you to come up with an original recipe. Your rally host will select the winning recipe and that couple will win a prize. Have fun with it and send it in. Make it so it can be served non-alcoholic or alcoholic. We will have both. The pink ladies with their greaser guys will be your host that evening.

Day 2 - (Monday) You will travel on a 1st Class scenic train excursion to the Seventh Natural Wonders of the World "The Grand Canyon" followed by lunch at the famous El Tovar Hotel and Restaurant. Grand Canyon Village to the rim of the Canyon and hike as far as you like to see breath taking views.

We will be having lunch together and returning to the train at the same time. On the train, you will be treated to a light continental breakfast in the morning and the afternoon journey will have cold drinks and snacks.

3rd day (Tuesday) will be carpooling thru the beautiful Oak Creek Canyon to Sedona, where we board a trolley bus for a 1 1/2-hour sightseeing tour.

4th day (Wednesday) morning will be a trip to Bearizona and following that trip a picnic at Lake Kaibab. That afternoon we will have a treasure hunt



on the route 66 portion in Williams portion of The Mother Road. Dinner that evening at a highway 66 diner, complete with the 50's and 60's motif. We will finish off our journey down memory lane with a chocolate milk shake or Banana Split at the Route 66 Dairy Queen. We will view all the neon signage that lights-up the Williams highway 66. We will wear our poodle skirts, pink jackets, or rolled up white tee-shirt if you choose.

These are the highlights of the trip, so start thinking about joining your fellow Tucson Drifters on this journey. Deposit is \$66.00 and cost of trip is \$766.00. All-inclusive trip with all amenities included. Rally host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Brad and Michelin Taylor and Bernie and Kendra Kuehn. Rally Events are always subject to change if necessary.

#### **WHAT DOES NEXT YEARS SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?**

**October - 2022 - Lake Powell** with all its wonders and scenic beauty. October 5th to the 10th, 2022 (4 nights). Rally host are Paul and Jan Spaeth, Charlie and Pat Chandler and Rick and Judy Rolland. This will be a great start to our fall season of the Tucson Drifters.

**October - 2022 RMMA** - Rally in Tucson 2022 -Near the end of the month.

**November - 2022 -Kartchner Cavern** - Needs host!!! We could change venue if someone wanted to do this month.

**December 2022-2023 - New Year's Celebration Rally** at the Palm Creek Resort in Casa Grande. Highlight's will be first class live entertainment and dance Party with heavy hors d'oeuvre on New Year's Eve in large ballroom. Rally host are Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn and Bill Nickerson and Helen Baldridge and Rick and Judy Rolland.

**February 2023 will be a journey to Phoenix to see the Renaissance Festival at the Gold Canyon area.** This rally may have to be dry camping at the Superstition Mountain State Park in the group area. We are still trying for hook-ups but not looking so good. First 16 members (8 coach) to sign up will be able to go as an invited guest of Dreamworks Production by Steven Spielberg and ASU for a thrilling experience with a walk with the dinosaurs and the second part- scuba diving in the ocean (all virtual of course, but you will feel as much a part of it as if it's real). The remaining members will be treated to a very special 3-D movie on the campus of ASU. We will partially drive into Mesa and then take the train to the ASU Campus where we will dine for lunch as well. We will have additional venues for you planned such as Barleen's famous dinner show.

**March - Open** and looking for suggestions- Maybe Rocky Point - Would need Rally Host. BEING REQUESTED FOR A REPEAT TRIP!!!

**April - 2023 - Looking at an annual trip to Catalina State Park.** This is a paradise close to home but will seem like a hundred miles from home. Very tranquil and semi wooded area. Should be very cost affected. Marv and Suzi Bass and more are needed.

**May - 2023 - Ruidoso, New Mexico** - Beautiful country and so much history!!! Rally Host are Brooks, Bass, Kucy and Katz.

**Long Haul - 2023-2024 (date still not decided) - SPECTACULAR COAST OF OREGON** - Still a thought but need to get this trip planned IF WE DO IT. Rally host will be Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Mike and Carol Frizzell, and Mike and Julie Katz and Jack and Connie Mayberry. This trip will most likely be around 3 weeks and we will see all the beautiful sites up the coast of Oregon and back down the beautiful interior. We will travel the coast of the Pacific Ocean, view lighthouses, Tillamook Cheese and Ice Cream Factory, waterfalls,



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and sights to last you for years. CAN YOU SMELL THE CLAM CHOWDER YET?

My fellow members, this is your club, and we **NEED YOU TO HELP OUT** to continue to have the quality, exciting and fun rallies that the Tucson Drifters want and expect!!! If each couple does their share on one rally a year, then all of us can enjoy all the others. I think this is a win, win situation. **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Let's make memories that will last a lifetime.

YOUR VICE PRESIDENT OF PLANNING, RUTH ROUBAL  
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF PLANNING, VERA SCHLICHTNER

## IT'S BBQ IN THE PARK

Hey Drifters - Your chapter Executive Board is treating you to an afternoon of fun, food and friendship at Catalina State Park on Saturday, the 23rd of April. We could not get an area for the RVs but have reserved the main picnic area for the whole day so you can come sit, visit, and relax



whenever you wish. We plan to serve the BBQ at 2:00 pm and we'll be featuring pulled pork and shredded barbequed chicken with rolls, cowboy beans and coleslaw. The chapter is providing the set-ups (plates, napkins, utensils, cups, ice) and bottled water.

We have plans for games – you should sharpen your physical and mental dexterity. So . . . bring your camp chairs, your appetite and your competitive spirit 'cause I can't think of a better way to spend a "Drifters' Saturday Afternoon" before folks leave for their summer travels.

Reservations are required so please e-mail Barb Schultz at schultzbarb@msn.com or phone her at 520-742-2541 and let her know you're coming. If you choose to bring guests that's fine, but there will be a charge of \$18.00 each.

There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 so car-pooling might be a good idea. The fee is for the whole day so if you wish to come early and hike or see the park, you can.

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter."



## Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2021-2022 - A Work in Progress

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



October 2021		November 2021	December 2021	January 2022
Title:	Rocky Mountain Area Rally	3:10 to Yuma	Anasizi Ramblin Roads	None
Date:	19-23 Oct	11-14 Nov	2-5 Dec	
Place:	Pima County Fairgrounds	Yuma AZ	Hope, AZ	
Host:	Roubal, Bass	Bass, Kuznicki, Hansen	Anasizi Chapter Roubal	
February 2022		March 2022	April 2022	May 2022
Title	Be My Valentine Rally	FMCA International Convention & RV Expo	Catalina State Park	Let's Get Our Kicks on Route 66
Date	12-16	23-26	23	15-19 May
Place	Puerto Penasco, MX	Tucson Fairgrounds	Catalina State Park	Williams, AZ
Host	Roubal, Kuehn, Brooks	TBD (Looking for Hosts)	Bass, Schultz	Roubal, Kuehn, Taylor

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### 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.



## LET'S GET OUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66

### WILLIAMS ARIZONA

MAY 15TH - 19th, 2022

Join us for a **4 night/5 day** trip with first class accommodations at the RV Park on the rally "LET'S GET OUR KICKS ON HIGHWAY 66", **50's Pizza party with Root Beer Floats**, Grand experience aboard the **Grand Canyon Railroad to the Mightily Grand Daddy Canyon of the World**, **Lunch at El Tovar**, **Tour of Breathtaking Sedona Arizona by Trolley Bus**, **Bearizona** that is a place like no other, **picnic lunch at Lake Kaibab**, Treasure Hunt on Route 66, **Dinner at Goldies Route 66 Diner** and to top it off Banana Splits or Milk Shakes on the famous highway **66**.



Name:					
Phone:		Cell:		Email:	
Motorhome:			Length:	No. Slides:	
Pets:					
Total Rally Cost:	[ X ]	2 Persons	\$ 766.00		
Due Date:	October 30, 2021		Deposit Pymt:	\$ 66.00	
Due Date:	February 15, 2022		2nd Pymt:	\$ 350.00	
Final Payment	April 15, 2022		3 <sup>rd</sup> Pymt	\$ 350.00	
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