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TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

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Patrick & Michelle Steen,	09/15
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Gerry & Penny Bayles,	09/28

DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

No dinner meeting in May - but hope you enjoyed the April picnic.

Next dinner meeting will be October 4, 2022, following our summer break.



President's Corner:



There will not be a dinner meeting in May, next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill".

We had our April Dinner meeting which was also our FMCA required Business Meeting. Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Diana Plantz volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee to peruse the membership for a slate of Officers/Directors for calendar year 2023. Thank you for your help!

The Drifters Picnic at the Catalina State Park on Saturday, April 23rd was a great success. Around 70 members attended, enjoying good food, fellowship, and perfect weather. Thank you to Suzi and Marv Bass, and Barb and Jim Schultz for your efforts to make this a memorable event.

The final rally for the 2021/2022 season, "LET'S GET OUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66" is planned May 15th to 19th in Williams, AZ. 17 coaches are signed up and all arrangements have been made. Kudos to Ruth & Tom Roubal and the assistant Rally Hosts for all their efforts/planning.

Planning for the 2022/2023 Rally season is well underway. Our first rally will be Lake Powell, October 5-10, most plans have been made. There are still 2 spaces open, don't miss this scenic rally! Many other fun events/rallies are planned for the 2022-2023 season, but they can only happen with your help. Please volunteer!

As this will be the last newsletter for this season, I wish you safe and happy travels, keep me posted on your adventures, which I hope will all be wonderful. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Bernie

RALLY ETIQUETTE FOR PETS (UPDATED REPRINT)

We have many new members since this article was printed in the Drifters May 2019 monthly newsletter. "In past rallies we have had numerous dogs attending rally functions, i.e., potlucks, catered dinner, happy hour. As a reminder, and a courtesy to the rally participants, pets must be on a leash and under control when attending a rally function. Also, please remember to pick up after your pet".

TUCSON DRIFTERS APRIL PICNIC





DRIFTERS APRIL PICNIC-APRIL 23, 2023 AT CATALINA STATE PARK.

What a pleasant afternoon the Tucson Drifters had at the April Picnic. Most of you do not know that this location was the site of the very first RV rally for the Tucson Drifters in 1999. President and founder Bill Hohmann made the site selection 23 years ago for our newly established club and it has been the perfect location ever since to visit.

We had a wonderful afternoon picnic with pork and chicken BBQ, and all the trimmings, home-made Brownies from many of our members for dessert. They provided many games for our members and fantastic weather for the day. Best of all, it gave us an opportunity for our membership to get together in a relaxed environment for some good fellowship.

Bill and Joann Hohmann donated a Tucson Drifters jacket and two club shirts for an auction at the picnic. We made appx. \$87.00 dollars for the club treasury which is always welcomed. Our many thanks to our Club Founder Bill, for his generosity.

We want to thank with much gratitude Marv and Suzi Bass and Jim and Barbara Schultz for all the planning and work they did on behalf of this outing.

TUCSON DRIFTERS ARE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE.

For those attending the last rally of the season in May, drive safe to Williams, Arizona and those that are not, happy trails to you for the summer.

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning
Vera Schlichter, Assistant VP of Planning
Tucson Drifters RV Club



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A man went to the liquor store yesterday afternoon on his bicycle, bought a bottle of Scotch and put it in the bicycle basket.

As he was about to leave, he thought to himself that if he fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break. So, he drank all the Scotch before he cycled home.

He said it turned out to be a very good decision, because he fell off his bicycle seven times on the way home.

FRED'S TECH TIP



SPRINGTIME MAINTENANCE

The following is just a friendly reminder of some of the maintenance we may want to consider as we start our springtime RV adventures.

I would like to encourage everyone to get out their recreational vehicle's owner's manual. There should be a section for recommended maintenance inside. Kindly read thru their guidance to see what the manufacturer recommends that needs attention. The following are some suggestions.

- ✓ Please check your fire extinguishers in the front and bedroom locations.
- ✓ Make sure that all your emergency exits are operational by trying them.
- ✓ Check the date codes on your tires for expiration and inspect for abnormal wear and correct tire pressure.
- ✓ Perform an inspection of all exterior lighting. If you have more than 40,000 miles on your RV, have your brakes inspected.

- ✓ If the roof is over 5 years old, it should be resealed at all openings and attachments.
- ✓ Convenience items may need some attention. Replace your freshwater filter if so equipped. Clean the charcoal filter in your microwave oven.
- ✓ The roof vent screens need to be cleaned especially the vent near the stove.
- ✓ The sliding windows need to have the channels vacuumed out and spray with "silicone spray" for ease of operation.

I hope that I have not distracted you too much as I certainly hope you have a memorable season without any issues.

Fred Brooks, retired RVIA technician.





TUCSON DRIFTERS' RALLIES

WHAT DOES NEXT YEARS SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?



October - 2022 - Lake Powell with all its wonders and scenic beauty. October 5th to 10th, 2022. 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. Only two spots remain, so you had better sign up as soon as you can.

November - 2022 - BISBEE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. Date TBD - Rally Host: Drew and Candance Kucy and Mike and Julie Katz. **Need one more rally host, PLEASE!!!**

December 2022-2023 - New Year's Celebration Rally at the Palm Creek Resort in Casa Grande. Highlight's will be live entertainment and dance Party with heavy hors d'oeuvre on New Year's Eve. Rally host are Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Bill Nickerson and Helen Baldrige, and Rick and Judy Rolland. December 30th to January 2th. Information will be coming this summer.

February - 2023 will be a journey to Phoenix to see the Renaissance Festival at the Gold Canyon area and an afternoon in Avatar - Apache Junction-

February (4 nights). First 16 members to sign up will be able to go as an invited guest of 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 is 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 many venues for you planned such as Barleens famous dinner show on this rally.

Lisa Roubal Brown, Assistant Director of liaison to the Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Science from ASU and ASU Development Director, will be our host for maybe one of the most memorable experiences you will ever have.

Trying for reservations at the Superstition Mountain State Park but not having any luck but we are still trying. Rally host are Ruth and Tom Roubal, Jan and Paul Spaeth, Tom and Cheryl Dimmick, Dale and Sandy Williamson are trying as well to secure lodging.

March - 2023 - Need rally host and destination.

April - 2023 - 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. Rally hosts are: Vera Schlichter, Mark and Dee Guizlo and Tom and Cheryl Dimmick.

May - 2023 - Ruidoso New Mexico - They will have 20 sites. Further information will be available later this year. Rally Host: Bass, Salfen, Kucy and Katz.

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



Lake Powell Rally

October 5-10, 2022 (5 nights)



*Summarized Agenda
(Detailed information and
directions will be provided.)*

Wednesday, Oct. 5th

Our rally begins with an easy 213-mile drive to Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde.

5:00 - Enjoy Happy Hour and at 5:30, a Potluck dinner.

After Dinner: Cliff Castle Casino for those who want to gamble some, see entertainment, or just explore!

Thursday, Oct. 6th

The next morning, we have a 255-mile drive to the Glenn Canyon National Recreation Area to stay at the Lake Powell Resort's Wahweap Campground for 4 nights (Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun). Wahweap, AZ. Be sure to bring your National Parks senior pass card to waive the \$30 Park entrance fee.

5:30 – Red Heritage Dinner Show. Native American entrees and live performance.

Friday, Oct. 7th

9:00 – Coffee Chat & Daily Update at “Camp Central” (Designated Host camp site)

Option 1

10:45- Lower Antelope Canyon Tour is at (meet there at 10:15). \$63 per person. This tour may not be for everyone so is optional. See attached sheets for information. The mysterious and haunting beauty of Antelope Canyon take you to this awe-inspiring sculpture set in stone and is a must for photographers. Tours last 60-90 minutes. Lunch after on your own. (Suggestions will be provided.) *Must pay for this with deposit fee as reservations are on hold only temporarily and this tour will sell out fast. It is fully refundable with a 3 day notice.*

Option 2

Hanging Garden Walking Tour. This is a relatively flat, 1.5 mile easy hike. Hidden by Jurassic Navajo sandstone, this seeping spring creates a lovely, lush plant and animal habitat. Time: TBD (and/or Behives Rock Formations)

Option 3

Relax, or select another option that looks good to you!

6:00 – La Fiesta Mexican Dinner. Reservations made, but everyone will be responsible for their own dinner and payment (to keep rally costs down and allow folks to get what they want).

Saturday, Oct. 8th

9:00 – Coffee Chat & Daily Update at “Camp Central” (Designated Host camp site)

1:00 - Navajo Canyon Boat Cruise, 3 hours. This is an absolutely beautiful water canyon on Lake Powell. The walls are 600 to 1,000 above the water in some spots, and there is a lot of variety on this cruise, including a water perspective of the Glenn Canyon Dam. Large, very nice cruise boat. Bathrooms onboard. (Be there at 12:30).

5:30-6:00 - Dinner at the beautiful Rainbow Room, Lake Powell Resorts & Marina (near the

campground). Reservations made, but everyone will be responsible for their own dinner and payment (to keep rally costs down and allow folks to get what they want).

Sunday, Oct. 9th

9:30 – Breakfast provided by hosts. (Bring your own coffee!)

1:00 – Beehives Rock Formations, Fascinating, easy walk around and through very unusual large rock mounds.

3:30 - Horseshoe Bend Overlook Walk. Lovely 1.5 mile (round trip) walk to see this spectacular, well-known natural wonder. (See photo below.) Path is paved and easy.



6:30 - Big John's Texas BBQ dinner and live country music.

Monday, Oct. 10th

Monday morning, we will depart for home. Happy travels and good memories!

(Info on other activities will be provided, which you are welcome to do in place of options listed here.)

Lower antelope canyon **(Option for Friday morning, \$63 per person in addition to rally fee)**

The total hike to, from, and through the Lower Antelope Canyon is just over a mile. Lower Antelope Canyon has a set of stairs that lead into the canyon. There are 5 sets of stairs with about 70 steps total, going down. They are all made of metal and there are sturdy handrails on both sides to help you down.

To get through and out of the canyon, there are about 4 more medium flights of stairs and a few small flights of 4-5 stairs going up, not down! There are about 60 steps, total, going up in different sections. The longer sections have handrails.

Steps Going Down into the Lower Antelope Canyon





- **One set of several Ladder Steps Going Through Lower Antelope Canyon, climbing up.**

(About 60 steps total from all the Ladders.)

- **Beautiful photos Inside Lower Antelope Canyon**





Tucson Drifters Event Calendar



2022-2023 - *A Work in Progress*

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

October 2022		November 2022		December 2022		January 2022	
Title:	Lake Powell Rally	Bisbee & Surrounding Area		New Year's Celebration			
Date:	5-10	TBD		Dec 31-Jan 2			
Place:	Camp Verde/Wahweap, AZ	TBD		Palm Creek Resort			
Host:	Spaeth/Rolland/Chandler	Kucy/Katz		Roubal/Kuehn/Baldrige/Nickerson			
February 2023		March 2023		April 2023		May 2023	
Title	Renaissance Festival/ASU	Need Rally Host		Catalina State Park		Ruidoso Rally	
Date	TBD			TBD		TBD	
Place	Phoenix, AZ	TBD		Tucson, AZ		New Mexico	
Host	Roubal/Spaeth/Dimmick/ Williamson			Schlichter/Guiadlo/Dimmick		Bass/Salfen/Kucy/Katz	

Visit our website with our own club's 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.



LAKE POWELL RALLY

October 5 - 10, 2022 (5 nights)

REGISTRATION FORM

This is a beautiful and wonderful place in Arizona for our 1st 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 (\$88/night), venues as listed and good fellowship as well.

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

RALLY FEE: (2 PERSONS)	Total Cost: \$725.00	<u>Amt Paid</u>
\$150.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUESTED BY March 21, 2022		_____
Lower Antelope Canyon tour at \$63 a person		_____
(to be paid with the deposit of \$150) \$63 fee fully refundable within 3 days of the tour date.		
1 st Payment of \$275 Due by	May 26, 2022/asap	_____
Final Payment of \$300 Due by	August 19, 2022	_____
Additional RV site nights (\$88/night)		_____

Rally Masters: Spaeth/Rolland/Chandler

Make Check Payable to **Tucson Drifters**
 Mail to: **Cindy Brooks 11695 Oilseed Dr, Marana, AZ 85653**

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An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, volunteers, members, exhibitors, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.