



May 2023

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING



Smith, Clint 05/07
 Baldrige, Helen 05/08
 Bass, Marv 05/10
 Shackelford, Scott 05/13
 Taylor, Brad 05/13
 Nickerson, Bill 05/15
 Schultz, Jim 05/20
 Johnson, Judy 05/21
 Hansen, Betsy 05/25
 Rolland, Judy 05/30



Bill & Judy Johnson, 05/03
 Scott & Holly Shackelford, 05/04
 Mike & Carol Frizzell, 05/18
 Bill & Rita Henrich, 05/19
 Fred & Cindy Brooks, 05/24
 Paul & Jan Spaeth, 05/26
 Michael & Julie Katz, 05/30
 Jack & Connie Mayberry, 05/31

Clint and Carol Smith have had a great tragedy in their family with the death of their son. He was a graduate of the Air Force Academy and lived with his wife and family in Knoxville, Tennessee as a Chemical Engineer. Clint and Carol Smith are charter members of the Tucson Drifters RV Club. Please say prayers for this family as they go through this process with broken hearts. Carol said they

remembered all the wonderful times they had with their son and what a joy he was.

Please notify me at kkuehn65@msn.com if you are aware of any illness, hospitalization, or special needs that any of our members may have.

Thank you,

Kendra Kuehn

MAY DINNER MEETING

The May dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

4:30 Activities Meeting
 5:30 Social
 6:15 Dinner

Dinner choices are:

6 oz Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Salad
 or
 Cup of Soup, Salad with or without Chicken
 and
 Cheesecake for dessert

Please respond no later than April 29.
Dinner is \$21 per person. Please bring a check.

Paula Arnold
cell 303-807-8044



President's Corner:



We had our FMCA required Business Meeting at our April 4th Dinner meeting. The Audit committee comprised of Jim Schultz, Bill Hansen and Mike Katz presented their audit report on the club's 2022 financial data, the club is in good financial health. Thank you, Jim, Bill and Mike, for your help.

Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Sandy Williamson volunteered to peruse the membership for a slate of Officers and Directors for the calendar 2024 Drifters Board. Thank you for your help.

The final rally for the 2022/2023 season is May15-23 traveling to Wickenburg and Kingman, AZ. Planning for the 2023/2024 Rallies is well underway. So far 9 couples have signed up for the "Drifters Rendezvous on the High Seas" cruise on the luxurious "Navigator of the Seas" sailing the Mexican Riviera Dec 29, 2023. Plenty of space, join us in celebrating the New Year!

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.

Our next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30 PM at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill.

Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Bernie



Final Notes on the April Rally Roughing It In Catalina

A large merry band of Tucson Drifters came together for a good old fashion rally at Catalina State Park this last weekend.

1st night was a Mexican Fiesta with catered food that was very delicious and followed by an evening at the fire pit.



Next morning at camp central we had donuts for breakfast, enjoyed the fellowship of our members, and caught up on our RV traveling and family lives. That afternoon we were introduced to a new game that will most likely be used in many future rallies.

Team # 1 leader Marv Bass and Team #2 leader Vera Schlichter lead their fearless teams on a journey of Senior Baseball. I believe we had at least 11 on each team and we played it up real big. Many members had great arms for throwing and everyone got in the spirit of the game. We even had our "7th Inning Stretch" with a bag of popcorn for each and a few little stretches here and there.

The big winner was the fearless leader Marv Bass's team #1. I believe the score was 19 to 18. The 2nd team was close but "no banana". Everyone had a great time. Definitely a repeat event at the next rally.

Saturday morning after breakfast we ventured as a group to the Steam Pump Ranch for a tour of the historical museum. Great fun finding out about the history of the 1800 and 1900 hundreds in the OLD PUEBLO and ORO VALLY Township.

Saturday evening, we had the big Chili Cook-off. We had at least 9 different chilies, numerous corn breads and many desserts.



Cheryl Dimmick, the rally host sent me these few words to put in the newsletter who were the winners of the contest. "Here are the folks that won the chili cook-off categories.

Best Dessert: Rita Henrich and her carrot cake

Best Cornbread: Adair Kelly, and drum roll...

Best Chili: our favorite "I don't cook" Ruth Roubal."

Sunday morning, the rally hosts outdid themselves with a lovely continental breakfast of many coffee cakes, pastries, fruits, and yogurts.

Soon it was time to leave and much too quickly, as we all had a wonderful time in our own backyard at a place called "Catalina State Park".

We thank our Rally Host: Vera Schlichter, Tom and Cheryl Dimmick and Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo.

Tucson Drifters Ron and Irene Kuznicki sent a lovely letter on the "Roughing It In The Catalina" Rally.

Thanks for another great Drifters' rally. You arranged beautiful weather and great scenery.

The "baseball" game reaffirmed the validity of my decision to drop out of Little League oh so many years ago.

We really enjoyed the band. A very talented group who, as advertised, was able to cover many different artists. You could tell that they love their gig.

We were also impressed by the great contributions to the chili cook off. It demonstrated that the Drifters really get involved ...and are competitive.

Thanks again for a great time.

Ron & Irene/Catherine



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



SEPTEMBER 2023 TO MAY 2024

SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR

"BIG AND BETTER- BILL HOHMANN"

We are approaching the **25th anniversary of the Tucson Drifters club** in Tucson, Arizona, this coming year. We still have several charter members: Bill Hohmann (founder), Clint and Carol Smith, Jim and Barbara Schultz and Tom and Ruth Roubal.

I cannot say enough about Bill Hohmann, the founder of the Tucson Drifters RV Club. He has given so many RV'ers, the ability of having entertainment, rallies, socializing, good fellowship, and monthly dinner meetings for almost 25 years, that we would not have had, if not for this unbelievable man who saw the potential future of the organization. I am glad Bill; I was there for the ride.

Thank you, Bill, for all the good times this club has had. This year is for you!!!

October - Date to be determined- A trip down to Green Valley with a 2-night stay at the casino for dinner, show and Canoa ranch experience the next day. This will be truly a cost saving rally but hopefully, we will have a ball.

Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal and Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

November - Place and date still to be decided on but rally hosts are: Mike and Carol Frizzell, Paul and Jan Spaeth, Bill and Betsey Hansen and Alan Linaker and Jan Yanez.

December/January- New Year's Celebration aboard the Navigator of the Seas. Starting for 7 days on 12/29/2023.

Drifter Navigator Hosts: Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Jeff and Linda Salfen and Tom and Ruth Roubal - Call Bernie for details @520-977-7996.

February - Valentine weekend in Laughlin - Rally Hosts are Mike and Julie Katz, Drew and Candace Kucy, Jim and Maryann Raymond, Ray and Nora Toscano

March - International FMCA Rally at Pima County Fairgrounds 20th 23rd. This will be our 25th Anniversary celebration. More to come this summer. Rally Hosts are the officers and board of the Tucson Drifters.

April - Meet me at the Ballpark. This location will be Phoenix and stay tune to itinerary and dates. Rally Hosts will be Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn and Dale and Sandy Williamson. Would like one more.

May - Long Range - TBD - The Trail of Lincoln and beyond. Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, and Clint and Carol Smith. Looking for one more that is willing to help. This will be appx. 25 days.

Let's make wonderful memories and a fitting year for our clubs 25th year anniversary.

Ruth Roubal/VP of Planning

Vera Schlichter/Assoc. VP of Planning



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB (24 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG)

None of this "Been there, done that"..

Tucson Drifters RV Club Motto "IT'S NOT WHERE YOU GO - IT'S WHO YOU GO WITH"

The last rally of this season is just around the corner.



This is

Monday, 15 May – Tuesday, 23 May 2023

Time-travel in Arizona - - - A leisurely amble through our amazing state starting on May 15, 2023, when you arrive at Desert Cypress RV Park in 'Way Out West' Wickenburg.

- Spend decent assisted time at the famous Desert Caballeros Western Museum where we'll have the added enjoyment of viewing the "Cowgirl Up" juried art show.

-Amble through Hassayampa River Preserve and enjoy a 'picnic in the park'.

-Investigate the town's Legends and Ghosts of the 'ole west.'

-Enjoy the always-wonderful Drifters food.

- Plus, plus, plus!!!

On 19 May 2023, travel to Kingman, a new rally town for the chapter, where you'll be staying at the Zuni Village RV Park.

-Learn the history of Kingman by visiting the Kingman Railroad Museum, and the Powerhouse and Route 66 Museums.

-Spend a day traveling on the original "Route 66" with stops at some of the wonderful old places that made it so famous.

-Spend a day in the old mining ghost town of Oatman.

- Enjoy more wonderful Drifters food.

-Plus, plus, plus

On 23 May 2023 - say good-bye and depart for summer destinations, wherever they are. "Happy Trails"



DRIFTERS RENDEZVOUS on the High SEAS



Join us for a Seven Day New Year's Cruise to the Mexica Riviera aboard the luxurious Royal Caribbean "NAVIGATOR of the SEAS" cruise ship. December 29, 2023, it departs from San Pedro, CA round trip with Ports of Call: Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and returns Jan 5, 2024.

San Pedro is located next to Long Beach, CA and can be reached via air to LAX or Long Beach Airport and private shuttle to the ship or by car from Tucson (approx. 500 mi) with pay parking at the pier.

You will make your own cruise and travel reservations:

Cruise reservations, (NAVIGATOR of the SEAS, sailing date 12-29-2023) can be made through Royal Caribbean International or any Travel Agency. There are various cabin categories and pricing available.

I have used CruCon Cruises Outlet for 20 + years, which has always had the best price and service for me. The agent's name is Laura Griffin, (800) 493-6609, ext.679212. If you use Laura, please mention that you are with the Tucson Drifters. We currently have ten couples signed up. If you do sign up with Laura, please advise me so I know what size activity room on the ship to request. Please contact me at my email bkuehn@msn.com if you have any questions. Kendra and I took this same cruise (different cruise line) March 2022 and enjoyed all the activities and ports.

We plan to have get togethers throughout the cruise for drinks, games, and fun. There will be regular updates on the cruise planning via email and the

monthly newsletter as it gets closer to the sail date. Ten couples have signed up, and still counting.

DISCLAIMER- Bernie Kuehn does not receive any special discounts/pricing for recommending CruCon Cruises for this sailing.

TUCSON DRIFTERS

OFFICERS

President- Bernie Kuehn
Vice-President- Mary Ann Raymond
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Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2023-2024 - A Work in Progress

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October 2023		November 2023	December 2023	January 2023
Title:	Welcome Back Rally	TBD	New Years Navigator of the Seas	
Date:	TBD	TBD	12/29-01/05	
Place:	Green Valley	TBD	On the High Seas	
Host:	Kuehn/Roubal	Fizzell/Spaeth/Hansen/ Linaker	Kuehn/Salfen/Roubal	
February 2024		March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
Title	TBD	International FMCA (TD 25th Anniv)	Meet Me at the Ballpark	On the Trail to Lincoln & Beyond
Date	TBD	20-23	TBD	TBD
Place	Laughlin	Pima County Fairgrounds	Phoenix,AZ	TBD
Host	Katz/Kucy/Raymond/and Toscano	Tucson Drifters Officers/Board Memebers	Roubal/Kuehn/Williamson	Roubal/Kuehn/Smith

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.

TUCSON DRIFTERS

NEW YEARS CELEBRATION 2023-2024



NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS-RCCL/DEPARTING 12/29/2023

YES, YOU HAVE JOINED THE CELEBRATION!!!

Please let us know the following information once you have made your own reservations for the following Tucson Drifters rendezvous cruise. Departs from San Pedro, California. This is the kick off celebration for the Tucson Drifters 25th year anniversary celebrations. **GLAD YOU ARE GOING ABOARD!!!**

NAME _____ CABIN # _____ DECK # _____

DINING ASSIGNMENT - EARLY ____ LATE ____ MY TIME ____

We are suggesting my time for the group but your choice.

Please mail or hand deliver this form to Bernie and Kendra Kuehn @ 1587 W. Mariquita, Green Valley, Az., 85622.

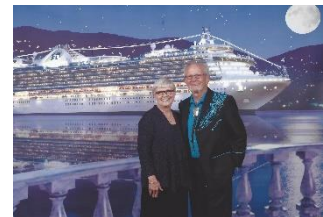
Your Drifter Navigators for this Cruise Hosts are:



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