



April 2024

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING



Ron Kuznicki, 04/03  
Jerry Arnold, 04/08  
Tom Roubal, 04/12  
Ted Williams, 04/15  
Julie Katz, 04/16  
Randi Malisewski, 04/23  
Andrew Kucy, 04/24  
Sandy Williamson, 04/24



Ted and Elizabeth Williams, 04/12  
Bill and Betsy Hansen, 04/27

## APRIL DINNER MEETING

The April dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Lite Smothered Chicken Breast  
Baked Potato  
House Salad or Soup  
OR  
Grilled Chicken Salad  
Soup

Please email me your selection by April 1st. I will respond with 'Got It'. If you do not receive my response, I didn't get yours.  
Payment is by check only at the dinner, \$23 per person.

Cindy Brooks  
email4cbrooks@gmail.com

Thank you!

4:30 Short Board Meeting, followed by Activities Meeting

5:30 Social and 6:15 Dinner



## President's Corner:



Many of our members attended the FMCA's 108th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO, MARCH 20-23, 2024, held at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson. Good selection of vendors and informative classes. Ruth Roubal planned two social meal events which were well attended, Thank You Ruth!

At the Thursday event, March 21, the Tucson Drifters were presented a **25 Year Club Membership Certificate** from Gary Milner, FMCA President/ Tucson Drifters Member. Plenty of sunshine, Coffee and Donuts and good entertainment made it a fun rally.

Unfortunately, several members chose not to renew their membership with the Tucson Drifters for 2024 for various reasons. Good news, we signed up several new members at the rally, Thank You to all who helped recruiting them.

Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Randi Malisewski have volunteered to be on the 2025 slate of Officers and Directors Nominating Committee. Thank you for your help.

Our next dinner meeting will be April 2nd at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill at 5:30 PM. There will also be a Board meeting at 4:30 PM, followed by an activity meeting, you are welcome to attend.

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

*Bernie*

### Officers:

President	Bernie Kuehn
Vice- President	Mary Raymond
Vice- President Planning	Ruth Roubal
Assistant VP Planning	Kendra Kuehn
Treasurer	Cheryl Dimmick
Assistant Treasurer	Cindy Brooks
Secretary	Marvin Bass
National Director	Suzi Bass
Alt National Director	Drew Kucy

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Tom Roubal	Newsletter & Videos
Julie Katz	Caring & Sharing
Rick Rolland	Webmaster
JoHelen Strawn	Membership
Michael Katz	Member At Large
Fred Brooks	Technical Advisor



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## TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB

### Celebrating 25 Years of Adventure and Friendship

We are thrilled to announce that our beloved Tucson Drifters RV Club is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year (1999 - 2024)! It's an incredible milestone that speaks volumes about the enduring spirit, camaraderie, and passion for adventure that define our community.

For a quarter of a century, we have come together as a family of RV enthusiasts, exploring the stunning landscapes, sharing countless laughs, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Each journey has been unique, filled with the beauty of the open road, the joy of discovering new destinations, and the warmth of friendship that binds us together.

To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned an array of exciting events and activities that reflect the spirit of our club. Here's a sneak peek of what's in store for our 25th anniversary celebration:

1. Anniversary Rally: Join us for a grand rally as we gather in Tucson to commemorate this milestone. From October 3rd to October 6, 2024, at Catalina State Park in Tucson, Arizona as we will enjoy a weekend filled with food, fun, games, entertainment, and opportunities to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. It will be a celebration to remember! This was the original site of the very 1st rally of the Tucson Drifters and is so dear to our hearts.
2. Scenic Excursions: Throughout the year, we will organize group trips to breathtaking destinations near Tucson and beyond. We'll delve into the beauty of Saguaro National Park, explore the wonders of the Sonoran Desert, and marvel at the majestic Santa Catalina Mountains. These excursions will

allow us to experience the true essence of RVing together.

3. Sharing Our Stories: We invite all members to contribute their favorite memories, photographs, and videos from the past 25 years. Let's celebrate the adventures, laughter, and camaraderie that have shaped our club's history. Send your submissions to [tom1st@comcast.net](mailto:tom1st@comcast.net) and be part of a special digital and physical scrapbook that showcases our journey.

Our 25th anniversary is not just a celebration of the past, it's an opportunity to look forward to the exciting adventures that lie ahead. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every member who has made the Tucson Drifters RV Club what it is today.

We would also like to thank our founding members for their vision and dedication, as well as our current leadership team for their tireless efforts in organizing events and fostering a sense of community. Without you, this journey would not have been possible. Our biggest gratitude goes to our Chapter organizer and Founding Father, **Bill Hohmann**. What an amazing man with great foresight for the future of an RV club in beautiful Tucson, Arizona. We still have 4 original members: Bill and Joann Hohmann, Clint and Carol Smith, Jim and Barbara Schultz and Tom and Ruth Roubal.

We encourage you to mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready to join us for an unforgettable celebration of 25 years of adventure, friendship, and the joy of RVing. Together, let's continue creating cherished memories, forging lifelong bonds, and exploring the open road.

Happy 25th anniversary, Tucson Drifters RV Club!

Warm regards,

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning



## FMCA RAP UP FOR THE TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB



What a week for the Tucson Drifters rally that was held at the fairgrounds. We partied, ate, had good

fellowship, received our 25-year certificate from the President of FMCA Gary Milner and RMNA President Connie Jones.

Our merry band of 10 coaches came in on Monday morning, to be in a very favorable location for the rally. It truly made our day. We had three other coaches that followed later in the day and Tuesday to join the Tucson Drifters.

Randi Malisewski took the driving classes and is now an expert with driving of their coach. Watch out Joe, Randi may just take over the driving from now on.

Had a lovely wine and cheese party Monday afternoon and it was good to see all our good friends. Tuesday afternoon our club had a table at the Chapter Fair, and we did very good at getting new members and sharing our stories with them.

Those that did join us for fellowship that week, saw the wonderful hospitality of the members of our club. What a promoter we had in Tom Dimmick, bless his heart for his expertise in sharing our club's message to all that would listen. The three sisters made sure our candy bowl continued to flow (love those girls).

The Dimmicks had their mother, son and son-in-law join them for the week. How lucky were they! Philip and Lisa Brown also came down from Phoenix to spend some time with their parents Tom and Ruth Roubal. We are a family organization as well.

Tuesday evening, we went to Denny's for a nice dinner that we did not have to cook and I must say, I enjoyed the dinner very much.

Thursday evening, we had a Pizza party, and many Tucson Drifters joined us for the evening that also was the presentation of our 25th year with the FMCA organization.

Saturday, we had a hotdog and Hamburger cookout. Thanks to Bernie Kuehn and Tom Roubal for their culinary expertise in cooking. Could not have done this rally without the help of Kendra Kuehn, who was always there with a helping hand.

Clint and Carol Smith again lead the worship service for FMCA and Drew Kucy gave a beautiful testimonial at the service. We are so proud of Drew for sharing.

Chris and JoHelen Strawn won a major prize from one of the vendors. Several chairs, mats, an ice chest to name a few of the items. They will have to do show and tell.

Thanks to Jackie and Dave DiPalermo for taking over the tedious and necessary job, getting us all in a timely manner as a group and the organization of the convoy into the Fairgrounds. WELL DONE!

The Tucson Drifters also had an impact on the FMCA rally. Ruth Roubal and Kendra Kuehn took 1st place in the beautiful hat category at the hat contest. They had their Kentucky Derby hats and were joined by the hips for this presentation. Tom Roubal came in 1st place in the Ladder competition and won a beautiful thermos.

All in all, it was an exciting week and I believe we had a good time. I just wish that all our members could have been with us.

Love you all,

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning  
Kendra Kuehn, Assistant VP of Planning



## TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



**April** is Cancelled at this time and will be RE-SCHEDULED for the following April.

**May** is our long-range trip to the Trail of Lincoln. 45 days of travel, sightseeing, events, activities, and food. \$2600. We have three other options to choose from as well. A reservation sheet is attached as well for this rally. Price alone should be worth the trip going. This is appx. a \$12,000 trip or plus if you were going on a Fantasy Tour. Only the best for our members and truly a work of love to the club from your rally host. The rally hosts are Roubal, Kuehn, and Brooks.

Ruth Roubal, Vice-President of Planning  
Kendra Kuehn, Asst Vice-President of Planning

## RALLIES FOR 2024-2025 SEASON



We will need a lot of help with next year's scheduled rallies. Please step up to the plate to help out. It's your club and our rallies can only happen with all our help.

**1. October 3rd to the 6th. Catalina State Park - ANNIVERSARY 25TH RALLY PLUS PICNIC** for Sunday for all members and social

members (old and new) who would love to attend:

Ruth and Tom Roubal  
Drew and Candice Kucy -In charge of menu and foods  
Cindy and Fred Brooks  
Suzi and Marv Bass  
Helen and Bill Baldrige/Nickerson  
Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

### 2. November - Green Valley- TBD

Ruth and Tom Roubal  
Kendra and Bernie Kuehn  
Dee Dee and Mark Guizio  
Diane and John Plantz

### 3. Dec/Jan - New Years Rally In Las Vegas, Nevada

Join your fellow Drifters in Las Vegas to ring in 2025. We will spend 4 days/5nights (December 28<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the beautiful Oasis RV Resort. Located near the heart of Las Vegas, Oasis Resort offers a “Casablanca” theme with outstanding amenities including an adult only pool and an 18-hole natural grass putting course.

Highlighting our trip will be the “Sphere Experience” which will be a visit to the atrium where you can interact with an AI robot named Aura, view holographic sculptures and more. After touring the atrium, we will enjoy a film – “Postcard from Earth” which was commissioned specifically for the Sphere. It is described as part sci-fi part documentary utilizing the Sphere’s advanced technologies. It is an experience best described as IMAX on steroids.

We will bring in the New Year with a party hosted by the RV resort which will include Food, a DJ, Cash Bar and Fun celebrating with your fellow Drifters (More details as they become available from the resort).



Additional activities are being planned, including a New Year's Day brunch. As these events are worked out, updated information will be announced. There will be ample time for touring, gambling, and relaxation.

Stay tuned.

Your Hosts.

Mike and Julie Katz, Jim and Mary Ann Raymond and Ron and Irene Kuznicki

#### **4. February - Wilcox, Arizona**

The Amazing sisters -

Chris and JoHelen Strawn

Dave and Jackie DiPalermo

Ted and Elizabeth Williams

#### **5. A Tucson Experience**

Tom and Ruth Roubal

Paul and Jan Spaeth

Bill Nickerson and Helen Baldrige

Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

#### **6. April - Take me out to the BALL GAME!!! RESCHEDULED FROM LAST APRIL,**

Ruth & Tom Roubal

Ron and Catherine (Irene) Kuznicki

Sandy & Dale Williamson

Bernie & Kendra Kuehn

#### **7. May - Prescott - ALAN AND JEN'S FIRST- NEED HELP!!!**

Alan and Jen Linaker/Yanez

Bill and Betsy Hansen

We need couples.

#### **8. September/October 2025 CHAMA, NEW MEXICO**

Paul and Jan Spaeth

Marv & Suzi Bass

MEED MORE!

Remember our Motto:

**" IT'S NOT WHERE YOU GO - IT'S WHO YOU GO WITH".**



*"I went out to buy a pair of sun glasses, and I thought a new RV would go good with them."*



## Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

**2023-2024 - *A Work in Progress***

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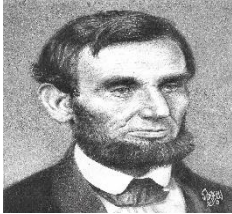


October 2023		November 2023		December 2023		January 2023	
Title:	Welcome Back Rally	Cave Creek Rally		New Years Navigator of the Seas			
Date:	13-15	1-6		12/29-01/05			
Place:	Desert Diamond <i>Casino</i>	Cave Creek, AZ		On the High Seas			
Host:	Kuehn/Roubal	Fizzell/Spaeth/Hansen/ Linaker		Kuehn/Salfen/Roubal			
February 2024		March 2024		April 2024		May 2024	
Title	Valentine Week in Laughlin	International FMCA (TD 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)		Meet Me at the Ballpark		On the Trail to Lincoln & Beyond	
Date	13-17	20-23		<b>Cancelled</b>		05/22 – 07/06	
Place	Laughlin, NV	Pima County Fairgrounds		Phoenix, AZ		<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
Host	Katz/Kucy/Raymond/and Toscano	Tucson Drifters Officers/Board Memembers		Roubal/Kuehn/Williamson		Roubal/Kuehn/Brooks	

Visit our website with our own club's 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.



Registration Form



LINCOLN TRAIL RALLY AND BEYOND - 45 DAYS
4 OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

This will be the grandest and biggest trip planned for our Tucson Drifters by our own members and just perfect for our 25th year celebration year. This rally will start May 22, 2024, and end July 6th, 2024. 4 different tours to accommodate all our members.

Tour #1 - TUCSON DRIFTERS GRAND (25YRS) SILVER JUBILLE: Starts May 22, 2024, 45 DAYS \$2500.00. All lodging, 44 plus events and meals. TRY THIS ONE ON YOUR OWN AT THIS PRICE! Deduct \$257.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Dallas to Des Moines, Iowa

Tour #2 - TENNESSEE A ROCKIN AND A ROLLIN JUBILEE: Starts on May 27, 2024, 40 DAYS \$2355.00. All lodging and 39 plus events and meals. For those that need to start a little later. Deduct \$207.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Tunica/Memphis to Des Moines, Iowa

Tour #3 - THE LAND OF LINCOLN & CORVETTE JUBILEE: -Starts June 8, 2024 - 28 DAYS \$1700.00. All lodging and 29 events and food. This will include the Lincoln trail in Kentucky, Illinois and we will be going to the only Corvette Museum in the world. Optional tour to the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green. Deduct \$95.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Barren Lake River Corp of Engineer Park which is closest to Bowling Green Kentucky and Mammoth Caves.

Tour #4- MY WAY - ON THE HIGHWAY JUBILEE - Join us at any time, Call for quote on amount for the destinations that you can join us with.

We will be staying at appx. 5 Corp of Engineer Parks that all attendees will make their reservation themselves and the price you will be paying has been deducted from the rally price. Two options on this trip: 1. Corvette Plant tour \$35.00 per person. 2. My old Kentucky Home in Bardstown \$12.00 each person. Rally prices are based on two people per coach. Call for a single rate.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 5 columns: Tour, Deposit Due 10/1/23, 1st Pymt Due 1/15/24, Final Due 3/24, Total. Rows for Tour 1, Tour 2, Tour 3, and a summary row for prices reflecting deductions.

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.

Mail to: Cindy Brooks, 11695 Oilseed Dr., Marana, AZ 85653

Hosts: Roubals, Kuehns, Brooks, Smiths -Call Ruth 520-907-4980/Bernie 520-977-7996 (INF)

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