



May 2024

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



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MAY DINNER MEETING

The April dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Menu Choices are:

Grilled Chicken Pasta Alfredo

OR

Grilled Chicken Salad and Soup

Payment is by check only at the dinner, \$23 per person. Payment is \$23 per person, payable by check or Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to tucson.drifters@gmail.com by Sunday May 5th.

Checks will be accepted at the door.

Cindy Brooks
email4cbrooks@gmail.com

Thank you!

5:00 Activities Meeting

5:30 Social and 6:15 Dinner

NOTE: This is the final Newsletter of the season.
Happy Trails – back in October



President's Corner:



We had our semi-annual Business Meeting at our April 2nd Dinner meeting. The Audit committee comprised of Chris Strawn, Bill Hansen, and Mike Katz, presented their audit report on the club's 2023 financial data. The club is in good financial health. Thankyou, Chris, Bill, and Mike, for your help.

Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Randi Malisewski volunteered to canvas the membership for a slate of Officers and Directors for the calendar 2024/2025 Drifters Board. Thank you for your help. Their report is due at the November business meeting.

*In a few weeks, many of our Drifters will depart for the 45-day ambitious **Trail of Lincoln Rally**, many exciting venues and activities are planned. The rally will end July 6th in Des Moines, Iowa. **THANK YOU, Ruth Roubal**, for your many hours planning and calling for reservations and preparing all the documents.*

Planning for the 2024/2025 Rallies is well underway, starting with the Drifters 25th Anniversary October 3-5, 2024, at the Catalina State Park. This location is also where the Drifters had their first rally 25 years ago.

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 1st at 5:30 PM at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill.

Bernie

NOTICE: Don't miss the Chapter Spotlight in the May edition of the family RVing FMC Magazine. It commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Tucson Drifters and tells a great story about Tucson Drifter founding, events, and activities.

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 your help.

1. A BLAST FROM THE PAST

TUCSON DRIFTERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY AND CELEBRATION

October 3-6, 2024

Catalina State Park
11570 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, Az. 85737

The year was 1999 and the month was October, when the first organized rally was held by the Tucson Drifters. The location was Catalina State Park.

Our then President and founder Bill Hohmann, selected Catalina State Park and 18 enthusiastic starter members with their coaches arrived on a cool Friday afternoon. Excitement was in the air, and we could hardly wait to meet all our starter members and share our RV experiences with each other.

This year's anniversary, we will be celebrating 25 years as a premier RV club in the Tucson

area. To honor this, we will be doing very similar activities and meals as we did then. To end the weekend, we will have a grand picnic for all members and guests to attend on Saturday October 5th, 2024, sponsored by the Tucson Drifters Club. All you will need to come is pay the park entrance Fee of \$7.00 for the day and bring your own chairs and drinks. Water is always available at camp central.

If you are staying with us for the weekend, it will be dry camping in the group area with clean restrooms adjacent to the group area. There is a Ramada for eating and playing games and crafts in our very own group area. Evenings we will have bonfires, Ranger lecture, movies plus good old fashion companionship and hopefully, Paul Spaeth on the guitar.

The schedule currently is still subject to change:

October 3, 2024 - Thursday - Arrive at your leisure in the afternoon and park in our group area that is called the Ringtail Group Campground. Upon arriving join us for cookies and a cold bottle of water.

3:30 PM - Let's get together for drinks. Bring your own beverage and we will supply the appetizers.

5:15 PM - Potluck in Ramada - What you bring is what we eat.

After dinner we will make a large bonfire and Paul Spaeth will play the guitar and sing some campfire songs with all that want to join in. Later in the evening, we will show a movie "We're the Millers" with Jennifer Aniston at Roubal's outdoor theater (weather permitting).



October 4th - Friday - 8:30 AM - Ranger will lead hike to "THE ROMERO RUIN" Interpretive Trail which passes through the prehistoric Hohokam Village ruins. Round trip is appx. 1 mile with appx. 50 stairs to climb. We will be limited to 20 members on this ranger led trip. So, if interested, please make your reservation with Ruth Roubal @520-907-4980. Very popular destination and the 1st hike the Drifters did in 1999.

9:30 AM - Light breakfast of pastries - bring your own drinks.

1:00 PM - Senior baseball with prizes

2:30PM - A glass of wine with a craft. We had the craft in 1999, but not the wine.

3:30PM - Let's get together with drinks. You bring your own beverage, and we supply a snack.

5:30 PM - Dinner provide by El Molinito's

Dusk - Bonfire with Ranger Lecture this evening for our group. Maybe a sing-along with the one and only Paul Spaeth.

October 5th,

9:30 AM, Saturday - Light breakfast of donuts served at the Ramada. Please bring your own drink

12:00 PM -Guest start arriving for the grand picnic.

1:00 PM - Lunch will be served. Only water will be available so bring your own beverages. We are suggesting that each couple bring a dozen of their favorite cookies to share for dessert.

2:00 PM - Senior baseball, ladder tournament, corn - hole tournament for our top athletic award.

Dusk - Bonfire -Bring your favorite Tucson Drifters story to share with the group for our final evening together. A prize for the best humorous and the best nostalgic story about the Tucson Drifters. Let's encourage our one and only, Paul Spaeth to play a little of his guitar and singing (he is so good).

October 6, Sunday- Light breakfast will be available.

Departure from the park by 11:00 AM.

\$79.00 FOR FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. PAYABLE TO TUCSON, DRIFTERS

DEPOSIT IS \$25.00

You will have an additional fee of \$20.00 per night for 3 nights (total \$60.00). Pay at the entrance for overnight camping upon entrance to the state park.

Rally Hosts: All hands-on board.

MUST RSVP FOR SATURDAY'S GRAND PICNIC IF NOT ATTENDING THE WEEKEND RALLY

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 nights/5 days (December 28th to January 2nd) 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.

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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. Palm Springs & Indio Journey

Tom and Ruth Roubal

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 Linaker/Yanez

Bill and Betsy Hansen

Jan & Paul Spaeth

8. September/October 2025 CHAMA, NEW MEXICO

Paul and Jan Spaeth

Marv & Suzi Bass

Bill & Betsy Hansen

Alan & Jen Linaker/Yanez

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Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2024-2025 - A Work in Progress

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



October 2024		November 2024		December 2024		January 2025	
Title:	25 th Anniversary Rally			New Years in Las Vegas			
Date:	3-6 October	TBD		Dec 28, 2024 – Jan 2, 2025			
Place:	Catalina State Park	Green Valley		Oasis RV Resort			
Host:	All Drifters on Board!	Roubal, Kuehn, Guizlo, Plantz		Katz, Raymond, Kuznicki			
February 2025		March 2025		April 2025		May 2025	
Title				Take Me Out to the Ball Game			
Date	TBD	TBD		TBD			
Place	Wilcox, AZ	Palm Springs & Indio, CA		Phoenix, AZ			
Host	Strawn, DiPalermo, Williams	Roubal, Spaeth, Nickerson/Baldrige, Kuehn		Roubal, Kuznicki, Williamson, Kuehn			
				Linaker/Yanez, Hansen, Spaeth			

Visit our website with our own club's name as the URL: www.TucsonDrifters.org

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Phone:		Cell:		Email:			
Motorhome:				Length:		No. Slides:	
Pets:							
\$79.00 FOR FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. PAYABLE TO TUCSON, DRIFTERS							
Rally Cost:	2 Persons	\$ 79.00					
Deposit Due Date:	August 15	\$25.00					
Final Payment Due Date:	Sept 15						
<p>Number wanting to participate in Ranger led Rally Hike []. Space limited.</p> <p>You will have an additional fee of \$20.00 per night for 3 nights (total \$60.00). Pay at the entrance for overnight camping upon entrance to the state park. Pay at entrance.</p> <p>MUST RSVP FOR SATURDAY'S GRAND PICNIC IF NOT ATTENDING THE WEEKEND RALLY</p>							
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Rally Hosts:	All Drifters on Hand						
Make checks payable to:	Tucson Drifters						
Mail To:	Cheryl Dimmick, Treasurer, 16230 W. Killarney Ave, Tucson, AZ 85736						



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CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR IN LAS VEGAS December 29, 2024 + January 2, 2025



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This rally will be limited to 9 coaches plus the rally hosts. We will be taking reservations for 3 “waiting list” coaches with a \$300 deposit (refundable ONLY IF no spot becomes available).

The total cost for the 5day/4 nights will be \$790.00.

Name(s)	1	2	Coach Length
Cell Phone(s)	1	2	
Email(s)	1	2	
Emergency Contact	Name		Phone

Rally Fee Total - \$790.00

	Due Date	Amount	Amount Paid / Date
Deposit (Non-refundable) *	May1	\$300.00	
First Payment	July 1	\$200.00	
Second Payment	November 1	\$200.00	
Balance Due	December 1	\$90.00	

***Due to pre-purchase and non-refundable requirements of venues NO REFUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED**

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters
Mail Checks to: Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 w. Killarney Tucson 85736

Your Rally Hosts Mike & Julie Katz, Jim & Mary Ann Raymond & Ron and Irene Kuznicki