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TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



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MAY DINNER MEETING

The dinner meeting will be **Tuesday May 6, 2025**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Menu Choices are:

6oz. Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, and Dinner Salad

OR

Grilled Chicken Salad with Soup

Please send your selection as soon as possible to email4cbrooks@gmail.com. Cindy will respond with 'Got It'. If you do not receive her response, she didn't get yours. Payment is \$23 per person, payable by check or Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to tucson.drifters@gmail.com by May 4, 2025.

Checks will be accepted at the door made out to Tucson Drifters. No cash as we do not have change.

Please check in by 5:45.





President's Corner:



May 2025

We had our semi-annual Business Meeting at our April 1st Dinner meeting. The 2024 audit committee comprised of members De De Guizlo, Alan Linaker and Jim Schultz presented their audit report on the club's 2023 financial data, the club is in good financial health. Thank you, De De, Alan and Jim for your help.

Jim Schultz, Paula Arnold and Mark Guizlo volunteered to canvas the membership for a slate of Officers and Directors for the calendar 2026 Tucson Drifters Board. Thank you for your help. Their report is due at the November business meeting.

*Planning for the 2025/2026 Rallies is well underway, starting with the **Drifting Through the Land of Enchantment Rally** in September/October*

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.

*Please note the change to our fall dinner meeting which will be **Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 PM at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill**. This is due to the Rocky Mountain Region Ramble in Farmington, NM which will not end until Oct 5th.*

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

Bernie

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL PARK WRAP-UP

We all came together on March 28th, for a full weekend of fun, great food and good fellowship.

We had a potluck on Friday afternoon before attending the great Broadway Musical at the Hale theater "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter. What a great performance by those actors and singers. It couldn't have been any better than it was. A good time was had by all at the theater. I think most were

surprised by the quality of the production and execution of the performance.

After breakfast on Saturday some of the rally members went to Goldfield Ghost Town and had an enjoyable afternoon. Others went to the Super swap meet in Mesa and others just did some hiking, and their own thing.



That evening we all attended Barleen's Dinner theater and had a wonderful dinner and then sat back and watched the extremely talented cast members entertain us. Always the best show in town and yes, most of us ate our dessert chocolate cake first.



Sunday breakfast was followed by a train ride to Chase field to watch the game between the Arizona Diamond Backs and the Chicago Cubs playing baseball. The winner was the Diamondbacks, but I think our group had more fun throwing peanuts at each other (what kids- cannot take them anywhere). We ate hotdogs until we could not eat another one, but it was an experience being at Chase Field that you all need to do. This was Irene Kuznicki's first time at a live baseball stadium, and she was not quite sure what to make of it.



A fun part of this day was taking the light rail to the stadium and back. Jan Spaeth had us in stitches with her stories of people traveling on the train that she had interactions with. I'll save the stories for you to ask her yourselves.

That evening we had a pizza party with more pizza than we could eat. Unfortunately, our group member Paul Spaeth came down with the flu and missed the party. It took him several days to feel like himself again, but we can say he weathered through it.

After breakfast Monday, all members but the Spaeth's ventured home. Mike and Julie Katz bought a new RV at RV World and were taking possession of their vehicle that day. Congratulations are in order for those two.

I wish everyone in the club could have attended but we did manage to take 14 coaches with us.

I would like to thank the rally host who put in a lot of hard work. Ron and Irene Kuznicki, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn & Tom and Ruth Roubal. They were super rally leaders.

Until the next rally!
Ruth Roubal

TUCSON DRIFTERS END OF THE YEAR FUN RALLY

4/25/2025 TO 04/27/2025

April 25, 2025

3:30 pm - happy hour - you bring your drink, and we will supply your snack

5:00 pm - potluck and some good old fashion fun

7:00 pm - attend the Scotty McCreery concert at the casino



April 26, 2025

8:30 am - nice warm breakfast in the casino's grill.

11:00 am - caravan to Madera Canyon - bring a brown bag sandwich and drink. Chocolate cookies and water will be provided. We will try to be in a picnic area in Whitehouse loop.

5:00 pm - optional dinner at the famous Wisdom cafe (pay on your own)

April 27, 2025

8:30 am to 9:00am - continental breakfast.

Remember to bring your own plate service and flatware.

Rally host: Tom & Ruth Roubal, Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, And Mike & Carol Frizzell

RALLIES FOR TUCSON DRIFTERS WINTER, SPRING, FALL & WINTER 2025

SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 3, 2025. Our long trip for 2025, DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, is taking off with full steam. Only have room for one more coach. Reservation sheet attached. Waiting list is encouraged. Paul and Jan Spaeth with their team are working very hard.

TUCSON DRIFTERS 2025 - 2026 SCHEDULE

RMMA Region 3 (AZ) NEW YEARS 2026 Rally. Ramblin Roads RV Resort, Hope, Arizona. A destination rally. Need to make reservations ASAP 928-859-3187. No deposit is required at this time. Please indicate when making the reservation that it is with the Tucson Drifters group. We will be parked together at the resort.

NOVEMBER - 2025 - Sahuarita - Desert Diamond Casino - Roubal, Kuehn, will need one more rally host.

DECEMBER/JANUARY - 2025- 2026 - Hope, Arizona - David and Shirley Ridley

FEBRUARY - 2026 - Benson, Arizona - Rally Host Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo, Michael & Julie Katz - Need one or two more rally hosts.

MARCH - 2026 - Tillo Ranch - Lanaker/Yanez - Will need more rally host

APRIL - 2026 - Patagonia, Arizona - Brooks, Wenzel & Kucy's

JULY/AUGUST - 2026- America the Beautiful. Long Range Montana, South Dakota, Idaho & Wyoming, with a side trip to Calgary, Canada. Lanaker/Yanez, Roubal, Hansen & Kuehn.

We need to support our rally host who works so hard putting these rallies together. No profit is made from these rallies, and no one is paid to do the work. We are very fortunate to have club members that volunteer their time and energy to do the planning. If we do not participate or help, this will not be a successful club. GIVE SUPPORT AND MORE SUPPORT TO THESE WONDERFUL RALLY HOST. This is your club.

Just a word to our social members, that you are welcome at any time to our dinner meeting and our rally events. ONCE A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY, ALWAYS A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY.

We make things happen if you just dare to believe!!!

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



BIG NEWS IS COMING SO STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ALL SUMMER LONG

It is here and just a preview of what is in store for the Tucson Drifters long range rally in 2026.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL RALLY- AND INSPIRING SWING TO CANADA

06/29/2026 TO 08/01/2025

- + Scenic float trip down the Snake River
- + Bar TS Wagon cookout - Dinner and Show
- + Day of leisure traveling through Grand Teton National Park
- + White water rafting in St. Mary's
- + Day of leisure traveling through the beautiful Glacier Park
- + Calgary stampede rodeo - Calgary, Canada
- + Day trip to beautiful Banff and Lake Louise with crystal blue water - Canada
- + Nikka Yard Japanese Botanical Gardens in Lethbridge, Canada
- + State Capital in Helena, Mt
- + Day of leisure traveling through Yellowstone Nation Park
- + The Cody Cattle company dinner and show
- + World renown Buffalo Bill Center of the West (5 museums)
- + Custer Battlefield - Little Bighorn National Monument
- + Deadwood Historical City Tour
- + 1880 Train ride through the Black Hills

- + Crazy Horse visit
- + Ft Hayes Chuck wagon Dinner & Show in Rapid City
- + Mt. Rushmore Lighting Ceremony
- + Chapel in the hills in Dakota's
- + Famous Wall Drug
- + Gold factory tour
- + Cheyenne Wyoming State Capital and State Museum
- + Numerous meals

The trip is 34 days and will include all lodging with hook ups for 34 days and 34 events and food at this time.

Through Fantasy Tours this rally would be around \$16,000 but your rally hosts will be providing this once in a lifetime opportunity for around the low to mid \$3,000. Just the Canada portion of this trip thru Fantasy Tours is \$3,900.00.

More to come as we have just provided the footprint at this time. We do have an itinerary and all rally destinations have been selected as well as lodging (subject to change).

Rally starts in Jackson Hole, Wy, then Dillon, MT, Missoula, Mt, St. Mary, Mt, Calgary, Canada, Lethbridge, Canada, Great Falls, Mt, Helena, Mt, Cody, Wy, Garryowns, Mt, Hermosa/Rapid City South Dakota and ending in Cheyenne, Wy.

Tucson Drifters plans these long-distance rallies for just the cost and what an opportunity for us as a club to benefit from this to see our beautiful America for a fraction of the cost charged by Professional companies. Many of the lodging places that we will

be staying at are the same ones that Fantasy Tours use.



**It's Time to say –
"Have a great summer Tucson Drifters!"**

As most of our members prepare for their journeys this summer we say have fun, stay safe and we will see you all in the fall.

Look for news blasts this summer as they will be sent out to you by email about important updates on rallies and any other news we need to bring to you.

Keep in touch, so that we can also let our members share your activities this summer as well.

For those staying in Tucson, let me know and maybe we can plan an outing together.

**WE WILL MISS YOU ALL, OUR TUCSON
DRIFTERS' FAMILY!!!**

**Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning Tucson Drifters
Kendra Kuehn, Assistant VP of Planning Tucson
Drifters**

DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

New Mexico Rally, September 10-29, 2025

This is going to be a diverse and delightful rally! We will be spending 4 nights in the Truth or Consequences/Elephant Butte area, 6 nights in Albuquerque, 6 nights in Sante Fe, and 3 nights in Chama Bloomfield/Farmington area. While many tours and meals will be provided by the rally, there will also be numerous options and free time for participants. Below are some of the fun planned & optional activities for each area.

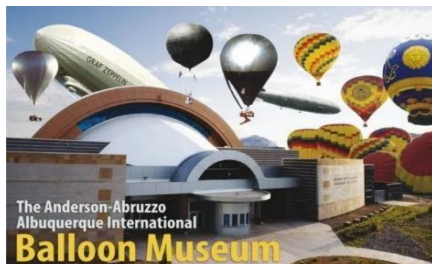
ELEPHANT BUTTE, SEPTEMBER 10-14 (4 NIGHTS WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY)

- ✚ Elephant Butte Lake Pontoon Tour
- ✚ Spaceport America Tour (Sir Richard Branson's Galactica Launch)
- ✚ Beautiful Resort Hot Springs in magical evening lighting
- ✚ Geronimo Springs Museum
- ✚ Sierra del Rio Golf Course
- ✚ Historic Villages & Ghost Towns
- ✚ Hiking, fishing, shopping
- ✚ Fun, unique dining options Historic El Cortez Theater



ALBUQUERQUE, SEPTEMBER 14-20 (6 NIGHTS, SUNDAY TO SATURDAY)

- ✚ Acoma in the Sky Pueblo & Haaku Museum
- ✚ Sandia Peakway Tram & Restaurant on Mountain Top
- ✚ National Museum of Nuclear Science & History Tour
- ✚ Sandia Casino & Resort: Entertainment, Dining, Gambling
- ✚ Albuquerque Old Town
- ✚ International Balloon Museum
- ✚ Petroglyph National Monument
- ✚ Sandia Golf Club
- ✚ Turquoise Museum



SANTA FE, SEPTEMBER 20-26 (6 NIGHTS, SATURDAY TO FRIDAY)

- ✚ Historic Chimayo, lunch, shopping, exploration
- ✚ Sante Fe Old Town
- ✚ El Rancho de las Golondrinas
- ✚ Village of Cerillos
- ✚ Farmers' Market & Art Fair
- ✚ Tumbleroot Brewery Tour
- ✚ Sante Fe Food Tour
- ✚ International Folk Art Museum Meow Wolf Art Gallery



CHAMA, SEPTEMBER 26-29 (3 NIGHTS, FRIDAY TO MONDAY)

- ✚ Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad trip through fall colors Fun RV Park, former RR yard with RR artifacts on river Ghost Ranch Tour & Lunch. At the Ranch:



- Bus tour of Georgia O'Keeffe's painted landscapes
- Viewing of Georgia O'Keeffe's summer residence
- Archeology Museum Tour on Site
- Paleontology Museum Tour on Site
- Active Excavation of Dinosaur Fossil Bed on Site
- Fossils of New Dinosaur breed found only on this Site



ATTENTION NM Rally Drifters! We have an exciting new development to share with you regarding the last segment of our Sept/Oct rally, Drifting Through New Mexico. We are currently scheduled to spend the rally's last 4 nights from Sept. 29th to Oct 3rd in Bloomfield, where the rally ends (about 15 miles east of Farmington). We have a great change to this segment.

It turns out that the Rocky Mountain Motorcoach Association (RMMA, an FMCA subgroup) has a rendezvous in Farmington from Oct. 1st to the 5th at the McGee RV Park. Some of our club members, including those at this NM rally, went last year and said they have a great time and want to go again. In fact, several of our rally members have already expressed a desire to attend, including your rally hosts! The RMMA will have fun entertainment, food, socializing, activities, etc.

SO, your hosts have decided to officially end our rally in Chama on Sept. 29th, and those who wish to attend the fun RMMA rally can join us at the McGee

RV Park on Oct. 29th, when we leave Chama. If you do not wish to attend the RMMA rally, you can still meet up with us at the RV park in Farmington if you wish for activities.

The RMMA rally cost is \$285 per couple. Our costs in Bloomfield so far totaled \$300 per couple, so this is the amount that will be deducted from your balance, so your final balance due March 15th will be reduced from \$1,022 to \$722.

This is a win-win situation for our group, as we can still do the daily activities we planned (which were at no cost) and also attend whatever parts of the RMMA rendezvous you wish. In addition, this adds 2 more nights to the rally.

David Ridley, one of our Drifters members, is working on the RMMA rally, and fortunately is in charge of parking! I have spoken to him, and he can arrange to have those of us attending the RMMA rally park together as of Oct. 29th, when we leave Chama.



We can park at the McGee RV Park for \$30 a night before the rally starts on Oct. 1st, so we can arrive on the 29th when we leave Chama. Folks can pay \$30 a night each for Sept. 29th and Sept. 30th if they wish, and then the RMMA Rendezvous pays for 4 nights from Oct. 1st to the 5th.

The RMMA Rendezvous application is provided as a separate attachment. You can fill this out and send it to RMMA if you wish to attend.

The other good thing is that since the activities we planned to do in the area have no charge, we can still do these even if you don't attend the RMMA rally. You will have to pay \$30 per night to the RV Park. You can call McGee RV Park directly at (505) 325-5415 and make your site reservations. This also applies to Drifter members who are not on our NM rally but wish to join up with us in Farmington.

The rally does not start until Oct. 1st, so if we want to go to the Aztec Ruins National Monument on Sept. 30th (as we had planned), we can still do so! This is a great spot to see, with an impressive Visitor's Center, film, exhibits, and extensive ruins. In addition, during the rally, we can still see other planned activities, such as the B-Square Ranch (tour planned for Oct 1st), and the Salmon Ruins Historical Archeological Site (very cool!).

Your hosts are excited about this great new development and will be glad to answer questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact us with this! Updates on the NM rally will be forthcoming as we get closer to the dates.

Your Rally Hosts: Betsy & Bill Hansen Alan Linaker & Jen Yanez Randi and Joe Malisewski Jan & Paul Spaeth



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2025- *A Work in Progress*

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



February 2025		March 2025	March 2025	April 2025
Title:	Whooping It Up in Wilcox	Alan/Jen's Starlight Starbright Rally	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	Happy Trails to You Until We Meet Again
Date:	Feb 19-23	Mar 7-9	Mar 28-31	Apr 25-27
Place:	Willcox, AZ	Alan/Jen's Tucson Mountain Retreat, Tucson, AZ	Phoenix, AZ	Desert Diamond Casino
Host:	Strawn, DiPalermo, Williams	Linaker/Yanez, Hansen, Spaeth, Malisewski	Roubal, Kuznicki, Williamson, Kuehn	Roubal, Kuehn, & Frizzell
September 2025		Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025/Jan 2026
Title	Drifting Through the Land of Enchantment	Rendezvous RMMA	Desert Diamond Casino	RMMA REGION 3 NEW YEARS
Date	Sep 10-29	Oct 1-5	TBD	Dec 30 – Jan 1
Place	New Mexico	Farmington, NM	Sahuarita, AZ	Hope, AZ
Host	Spaeth, Hansen, Linaker/Yanez, Malisewski		Roubal, Kuehn, ??	Ridley

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.



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

New Mexico Rally, September 10-29, 2025 (20 Nights)

This is going to be a GREAT rally! Your hosts are having a blast with this one. We will be spending 4 nights in the Truth or Consequences/Elephant Butte area, 6 nights in Albuquerque, 6 nights in Sante Fe, 3 nights in Chama, and 4 nights in the Farmington area. While many tours and meals will be provided by the rally, there will also be numerous options and free time for participants. A sampling of tours includes a historic Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway ride through Chama's striking fall colors, a tour of Spaceport (Sir Richard Branson's launch), a tour of the City in the Sky in Albuquerque, historic villages in Sante Fe, and an exploration of the Aztec Ruins National Monument in Farmington. A detailed itinerary will be provided separately!

Total rally costs are \$2,200 per couple, \$1,650 per single.

Of this amount, \$678 will be paid directly to 2 RV Parks. The balance of \$1,522 is paid to the Drifters per couple, \$972 for a single.

Names		
Cell Phones		
Emails		
Emergency Contact	Name:	Phone:
Motorhome	Length	Slides

Paid to Tucson Drifters (Deposit is non-refundable, balance is largely refundable.)

	Due Date	Amount, 2 people	Amount/Date Paid
Deposit	November 1	\$100	
Second Payment	December 15	\$700	
Balance	March 15	\$722	

**Single Person: Deposit \$100, Second Payment is \$700, Balance is \$172

Paid by Participant Directly to RV Park

Pay to Provider:	Deposit Amount Due	Balance Due at Check-In
Cedar Grove RV Park	\$48 by Nov 15	\$144 on Sept. 10, 2025
Santa Fe Skies RV Park	\$0	\$486 on Sept. 20, 2025

*Cedar Cove RV Park. Elephant Butte. Contact Mary Cox, (575) 744-4472. Sites under Tucson Drifters for Level 1. Cost per night is \$47.42, all inclusive. Sites are large pull-through, full hook-ups. Deposits refunded with 48 hours' notice.

Rally Hosts are Bill & Betsy Hansen, Alan Linaker & Jennifer Yanez Randi & Joe Malisewski, Jan & Paul Spaeth

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters or use Zelle.

Mail checks & Registration Forms to Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 W. Killarney, Tucson, 85736

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**FAMILY RV
ASSOCIATION**

32ND Rocky Mountain Ramble



October 1st – 5th 2025

McGee Park • San Juan County Fairgrounds
Farmington, New Mexico


RAMBLE HIGHLIGHTS

ALL SPACES 30-AMP HOOKUP WITH WATER

4 Nights Camping • Coffee & Donuts with the Maestros
Ladies' Luncheon • Men's Rodeo • Picnic • Vendors
Chapter Fair & Challenges • Ice Cream Social
Entertainment • Card Bingo/Games/Pickleball
FRVA Benefits Update • Roundtable and More.

Rocky Mountain Ramble Registration Form

Last Name:		Pilot First Name:		Co-Pilot First Name:	
Address:			City:	State/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:
E-Mail:		Cell Phone:		FRVA Member Number:	
RV Type:		RV Length:	Chapter / Chapter Affiliation:		
Guest/Child's Name/Age:		Guest/Child's Name/Age:		Volunteer To Help: <input type="radio"/> Yes	If yes, please contact Shonda Evans volunteer@rmrva.com or 702.292.8334

Registration Category	Cost	Qty	Total	Disabled Parking*
RV with Two Adults – 30-Amp & Water	\$285		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes* * State-issued authorization must be visible upon arrival to qualify
RV with One Adult – 30-Amp & Water	\$250		\$	
50 Amp upgrade (Limited Availability)	\$40		\$	
Early arrival (starting on Sept 27th) \$30/night X #of nights	\$30 (p/n)		\$	Payment Information Checks Mail completed form with check made out to Rocky Mountain Motorhome Assoc. to: Kendra Gould 19106 N. 53rd Ave Glendale, AZ 85308 Zelle rmmapayment@gmail.com or scan QR Code. 
Each Additional Guest	\$25		\$	
Additional Guests 16 & under	FREE		FREE	
Ladies' Luncheon (\$20 at the door)	\$18		\$	
Men's ROMEO Lunch (\$20 at the door)	\$18		\$	
	TOTAL			

Registration cancellation requests must be received no later than September 5, 2025. No refunds after this date. Refund requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt and are subject to a non-refundable \$25 handling fee.

Need Additional Information, Contact RMRVA Events at • events@rmrva.com



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



RNMA Region 3 (AZ)

30 December 2025 - 1 January 2026

HAPPY
New Year

2026

May the New Year ahead be a canvas for you to
paint with vibrant colors of happiness and
success.

Make reservation by 1 February 2025

Ramblin' Roads RV Resort

60655 US-60 #128, Salome, AZ 85348

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