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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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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

Join us on October 14th as we begin our dinners for the 2025/26 season of the Tucson Drifters RV Club! Hope all of you had a great summer and looking forward to seeing you!

Our activities meeting starts at 4:30 followed by chips & salsa and dinner at 6pm.

The menu selection is:

Prime Dip served on Texas Toast, Mashed Potatoes & Brown Gravy, Side Salad
 or
 Grilled Chicken Salad with Soup

Tucson Drifter's will provide a light dessert.

Please send your selection by October 8th to email4cbrooks@gmail.com

Payment is \$24 per person, payable by check or Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to tucson.drifters@gmail.com by October 12th. Checks will be accepted at the door made out to Tucson Drifters. No cash as we do not have change.

Please check in by 5:45pm.

Cindy Brooks



President's Corner:



October 2025 Welcome to the first Dinner meeting for the 2025-2026 Drifters Season. Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill". There will be an activity meeting at 4:30 PM, all are welcome!

We will have a special movie showing the places/events the Drifters visited on the exciting/educational "Drifting Through the Land of Enchantment" Rally Sep 10-29, 2025.

The Nominating Committee for the 2026 Tucson Drifters Board has completed their search for a slate of candidates and will announce the names and introductions following the dinner.

Many fun events/rallies are planned for this season, as always, the events will only happen with your participation and assistance. Please volunteer!

Many of you traveled to many interesting, historic and scenic places in your RV throughout the USA this summer. Please share your memories at the designated time during our dinner meeting. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Bernie

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TUCSON DRIFTERS' NEWS BOX

10/7/2025

Greetings to all y'all.

We are still in Flagstaff and the temps thru the day have been in the comfortable 60's. Heading back to Cave Creek on Monday.

We want to thank all the rally hosts for the really great rally. All of us witnessed the tremendous effort from all the hosts that it took to pull it off. From organizing and provisioning the daily continental breakfasts to the happy hours and dinners plus herding all the cats to the excursions, it must have seemed like a marathon to Jan, Paul, Bill, Betsy, Randi, Joe and Allen.

I am sure that we all agree that special recognition goes to Jan for all her planning ...starting with the Fantasy Tours quality rally book, negotiations with all the venues and adjusting to all the variations and surprises (e.g. Chicken wraps) along the way. Her daily emails and reminders kept all us cats informed and moving in the same direction. We are truly lucky to have such a vivacious and positive person in the Drifters.

We are most grateful for the friends we have made in the Drifters and the camaraderie that such great experiences like this rally create.

Many thanks again to the rally hosts and to the Drifters for wonderful memories.

Ron & Catherine/Irene

Hi everyone,

Mark and I want to express to everyone how very much we felt surrounded by a loving family when our truck broke down in Albuquerque. At the time, we were figuring that there was a simple issue and we'd have our truck back before heading off to Santa

Fe. As you all know, that was not to be. But all of you, every one of you, went out of their way to make sure we didn't miss a thing on this trip. And we have to tell you, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for that.

This truly was a trip to remember! So many new places to see, history to learn, stories to hear. Breathtaking landscapes and delicious food (red or green? hard to choose, both are awesome). And because of the character of the people in Tucson Drifters, we didn't miss out. Thank you, all of you!

So, about our truck. It turns out that there is a serious issue, and parts are on order now, and hopefully the truck will indeed be fixed shortly. It still is in the shop in Albuquerque. Meanwhile, we did end up renting a truck to pull our trailer home. We rented it from Las Cruces because the trucks in Albuquerque are all spoken for during Balloon Fiesta. Not surprising. As it turns out, however, that was in our favor, since we had to return the rental truck to the renting location. That means that we only had to drive back to Las Cruces to return the truck, not to Albuquerque. We got home on Thursday and returned the truck on Saturday. Throughout this part of our trip, traffic conditions were excellent and we experienced no issues. Oh, and we can recommend an excellent restaurant in Las Cruces, if anyone is going through there!

An extra big shout-out to Paul and Jan for the loan of their truck, to Tom and Cheryl for brainstorming any and every possible way to keep us traveling (plus several trips to the Garage), to Bill and Betsy for carting us around Santa Fe (and Trader Joe's) and to Jerry and Paula who appointed themselves our personal Uber several times. Yes, "couples shopping" really was a hoot! And to everyone who gave moral support and prayers, thank you so very much.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo



Deb went to the Tucson Medical Center ER late Thursday afternoon after coughing up two large blood clots and 4-6 ounces of blood. She was admitted for bi-lateral pneumonia and PE. Still waiting for the

Docs to come up with a treatment plan. She was started on an IV heparin drip. They will watch her closely for the next three or four days. She is scheduled for spinal fusion surgery at the MAYO clinic on Oct. 14th with Dr. Ken Porsche. Surgery is too risky at this time and will need to be rescheduled.

Two weeks ago, Jerry had a specialized CT to measure his heart for a WATCHMAN Device. He's still waiting to hear what date and time the cardiovascular surgeon will insert the device in his heart. He called the surgeon's office this morning and was told, we never received the message to put you on the schedule . . . blah, blah, blah . . ."

Deb and Jer never made it up to Show Low for some vacation time. Instead, they spent time burning gas, running up and down Interstate-10 going to a variety of doctor appointments. Somehow, Jerry found time to play golf three times a week!

Deb Johnston

TUCSON DRIFTERS,

Submit Your Best Adventure Photo for a Chance to Win

Did you have an unforgettable summer adventure? The Tucson Drifters invite all members to share a memorable photo from your travels, hikes, or special moments experienced this summer. We'll showcase these photos at our upcoming dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire your fellow Drifters, relive your adventures, and connect with friends. Whether it's a stunning landscape, a joyful gathering, or a quirky roadside stop, we want to see the moments that made your summer special.

Prizes may be awarded to the most interesting submissions, so don't miss your chance to be recognized for your creativity and spirit of adventure!

How to Participate:

1. Choose one photo that best represents your summer adventure.
2. Email your photo to Tom Roubal, tom1st@comcast.net, by Sunday, October 12, 2025.
3. Include your name and a short caption describing your photo.

We look forward to seeing your amazing memories and celebrating together at the dinner meeting. Start sorting through your photos and send in your favorite.

DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, September 2025 Rally

Our most recent rally through New Mexico was another special adventure spanning the State and even taking a train ride extending into southern Colorado.

SCENES FROM THE RALLY



National Museum of Nuclear Science and History, Albuquerque, NM



Acoma Pueblo



Sandia Peak, Albuquerque



Balloon Museum, Albuquerque



Chimayo, NM



Antonito, Colorado



Another great birthday celebration !



Chama, NM



TUCSON DRIFTERS 2025 - 2026 SCHEDULE



HELLO TUCSON DRIFTERS and welcome back home. Most of us have been very busy this summer but now it's ShowTime for the Drifters.

1st meeting will be at Barnfire Restaurant on 10/14/2025. We will have an activities meeting at 4:30 PM and please attend as we need to make some big decisions on this year's activities as I will be out for a couple of months due to knee surgery. Your club and your activities are very important to our organization and members.

No new rallies at this time until December. We are working on a nice Christmas party at either Skyline Country Club or Tucson Country Club. Both are beautiful facilities, and it will depend on who gives us the best price for this event.

New Years is planned by David and Shirley for Hope, Arizona. Will be sending out new information soon. This will be a destination rally with the FMCA clubs in Arizona. Get to know your fellow RV'ers in our state.

January, we go dry.

February will be in Benson and called Hearts and Stars on the 12 to the 15th, 2026. It is always a wonderful place to go for a rally and promises to be great for our Valentine celebration. Rally cost is \$170.00, and rally hosts are Mark and Dee Dee

Guizlo and Jim and Barbara Schultz. Look for rally sign-up sheet in this newsletter.

March will again be at Alan and Jen Linaker's Tillo Ranch. Further updates to be in the next newsletter. Need Host!

April rally will be in Patagonia and is already sold out. A very special rally with good times and good foods. Waiting list available.

May will be at the Desert Diamond Casino for one of our less expensive rallies of the season. We always have a good time. Park free, see a show, some sightseeing, great breakfasts in the Casino as well. Usually under \$100.00. Need Host to help Tom and Ruth Roubal!

July "American the Beautiful" rally cancelled due to lack of participation.

Jerry and Paula Arnold are planning the next long rally for the Tucson Drifters to Colorado. Stay tune.

Next October we will be trying to go to San Diego for a October Fest Rally. Nice Park, events and good food will be on tap. Looking for my retired military members to help Ruth and Tom Roubal with this rally. This park also has casitas for those not wanting to take their RV or those without at this time. The base price will be around \$445.00. This will include Lodging for 3 nights, 2 hr boat trip around the bay, Brats and trimmings dinner, Italian dinner @ Little Italy, beautiful weather and maybe a special surprise treat. We will also be adding a la carte items to this trip if you are interested, such as: Ghost Tour, Seals Tour with the Ducks, Play at Lamb's Theater in downtown Coronado, train trip to Old Town San Diego for a Mexican dinner and margaritas to die for, and/or golfing by the sea. It should be a lot of fun.



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



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2025- *A Work in Progress*

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November 2025		December 2025		January 2026		February 2026	
Title:	NA	RMMA Region 3 New Years		See December		Hearts & Stars	
Date:		Dec 30-Jan 1				Feb 12-15	
Place:		Hope, AZ				Benson, AZ	
Host:		Ridley				Guizlo & Schultz	
March 2026		April 2026		May 2026		October 2026	
Title	Tillo Ranch	Patagonia		Desert Dimond Casino		Beautiful San Diego	
Date	TBD	8-12		TBD		TBD	
Place	Tucson, AZ	Patagonia, AZ		Tucson, AZ		San Diego, CA	
Host	Linaker	Brooks, Wenzen & Kucy		Roubal		Roubal	

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



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

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