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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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No March Weddings

For those who didn't see the earlier email regarding **Deb Johnson**, we received the following:

I am writing to share an update on Deb's health. On January 29th, she underwent spinal fusion surgery at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix. What was planned as a four-hour procedure with one incision and two fusions unfortunately turned into a major 10.5-hour surgery involving two incisions and eight fusions

Her recovery has been incredibly difficult and extremely painful. After ten days at Mayo, she was transferred to Advanced Health Care of Glendale for rehabilitation. She is currently undergoing daily

physical and occupational therapy. Her next step will be transferring to an Acute Care Rehabilitation facility in Phoenix for more intensive therapy.

Deb is hopeful that she will still be able to attend the Tillo Ranch Rally, but we will have to see how her recovery progresses. In the meantime, Jerry and the kitties are staying nearby at the Desert Shadows RV Resort.

Deb Johnston and Jerry DeRoche

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING



Join us on March 3, 2026, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ for our monthly gathering. Our activities meeting starts at

4:30 followed by a short board meeting at 5 pm prior to the 6:00 pm Dinner Meeting. Suggested topic for discussion is Lithium RV Batteries.

The menu selection is:

- Chicken Alfredo, Side Salad, Bread Loaf
- OR
- Grilled Chicken Salad with Soup

Tucson Drifter's will provide a light dessert.

Please send your selection by February 27th 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 March 1st. 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.



President's Corner:



We welcome Spring March 20th at the 2nd annual outing to the Tillo Ranch. Once again Alan Linaker/Jen Yanez have graciously offered their Tillo Ranch property to host the Drifters for a fun weekend rally March 20-22. Lots of special activities are planned and of course good company, music and food are included. They have spent a lot of time and effort preparing the facility for the event. THANK YOU, ALAN and JEN!

On February 12-15, several Drifters participated in the Valentine celebration at the Butterfield RV Resort in Benson, AZ. Included was a tour of the Kartchner Caves, THE THING, Tombstone, Star Gazing and an elaborate Valentine dinner celebration. Thank you to the Rally Hosts: Dee Dee and Mark Guizlo, Barbara and Jim Schultz and Suzi and Marv Bass. Their efforts made this a memorable event!

The 2027 Drifters Nominating Committee Volunteers are Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Jim Schultz, they will be elected at the April business meeting.

If you have not paid your 2026 Drifters dues, not too late!

The March Dinner meeting will be at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill March 3rd @ 5:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

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

Bernie and Kendra

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VALENTINE RALLY WRAP UP!!! BENSON, ARIZONA

I LOVED YOU, YESTERYEAR, I LOVE YOU TODAY AND I WILL LOVE YOU EVEN MORE TOMORROW! “MY LOVE”

15 coaches traveled to the town of Benson, Arizona to enjoy a few days together and celebrate Valentine's weekend. What fun we had as our rally host outdid themselves on making sure every detail was addressed on this trip.

It started on a Thursday evening with a very nice catered dinner. We were all told the next morning after breakfast that we would journey 20 miles on I 10 to see the Thing. How many times traveling on I 10 have you passed the location of the “thing” and did not stop to check it out. Well, it is about time you did. We all enjoyed the great museum that they had and we finally saw the thing. You might ask, what is it? Well, I will not tell you as you need to see for yourselves. Stop one day about 20 miles outside of Benson and have a good laugh and good time.

Following the museum, we all shopped a little bit in a wonderful store and then went to the restaurant on location called Dairy Queen. Needless to say, what a treat. The treat that stood out was Jim Schultz's banana split (to die for). Numerous drifters had Blizzards, milk shakes and just about anything you can think of.

That evening we all went out to dinner at a local eatery and had wonderful meals. WHAT A DAY! On Saturday, we all got up and had a wonderful breakfast and later half of the group went to Kartchner Caverns with some going to the Throne room and others going to the Big room. It is a living cave, and everyone should see these caves.

Suzi Bass gave a suggested game of seeing the Murals of Benson. It is amazing how many they have but I believe Tom and Ruth Roubal & Bill Nickerson, Helen Baldrige were the only ones that played the game. Truly interesting as you had to find

them and then find a hidden or small clue to the mural. The four found all 10 murals and the selected clues. The four know Benson, Arizona after that trek.

A small group in the afternoon drove to Tombstone to have lunch at the Big Nose Kate Saloon. Roubals, Kuehn's, Nickerson/Baldrige and the Kuznicki's had a great lunch, and all had to travel back to the RV Resort for the big night.

Jim Schultz had all the men meet with him in the late afternoon to make plans for the evening. WHAT AN EVENING IT WAS FOR VALENTINES!!! I would like to read you the welcome speech that Jim Schultz gave to the group.

“Welcome Tucson Drifters to our Valentine celebration and look around this room – 15 couples who have proven that love isn't just about candlelight dinners... It's about sharing small spaces, questionable GPS directions, and deciding who really left the slide-out open.

You've logged thousands of miles together, survived campground Wi-Fi, and learned that “I'll just be a minute” never means the same thing to both people. And yet – here you are still holding hands, still laughing and still choosing each other, mile after mile.

Tonight is about celebrating love that's been tested by potholes, weather delays, and backing into tight campsites – sometimes on the first try but more times...not. So, relax, enjoy the food, the company and remember love doesn't need a mansion –just a good partner and maybe a level parking spot. Rolling together beats rolling alone. Happy Valentine's Day to all of you, and cheers to love that's still rolling strong!” Jim

The men wrote Valentine cards to their sweethearts, and I would like to share a few with you.

Mike Frizzel gave a beautiful speech about his love of his life Carol. I do not think a dry eye was in the crowd.



Bernie Kuehn to his love Kendra, Happy Valentine's Day, "All these years, and you are still my favorite part of everyday". Life is Better and Kinder because I share it with You!

Jeff Salfen to his bride Linda, "As we grow older together my love has only expanded with the joy of you as my forever partner".

Fred Brooks for all his love to Cindy. Her love is always patient with me. Her love is always kind to me. Her love does not envy anything or anyone. Her love does not boast. Her love is not proud. Her love does not dishonor others. Her love is not self-seeking. Her love is not easily angered towards me. Her love keeps no record of wrongs that I have done to her. Her love does not delight in evil but always rejoices in the Truth of my Love. Her love always protects me. Her love always trusts me. Her love always hopes the best for me. Her love always perseveres for me. Her love never fails me. I am so thankful and blessed that she loves me and in return I love her the same way. Blessings and Joy!

Paul Spaeth to Jan his sunshine Love forever said - "There might be a little dust on the bottle, but it just gets sweeter with time." It came from a country western song, "Dust on the bottle". Paul also told the group that Jan never wakes up without a smile on her face.

Jim Schultz to his Special Valentine and love of his life. Barbara, Happy Valentines Day to the Love of my life. We have been married for 52 years, and every day is like getting a new Prevost RV. Through all these years YOU are still the favorite part of my day even more than a cup of coffee. You are not perfect but perfect for me. I am grateful for every yesterday, every today, and every tomorrow with you. Love and kisses, your husband.

Tom Roubal to his everlasting love: Ruth, you changed my life from the moment we first met. We got engaged on this very day (Valentines) and will celebrate 61 years of marriage this coming June 26th. I only hope I have brought you as much happiness as you have brought me. Love you now and forever.

These are the few from that evening that were willing to share their thoughts in their cards with our Tucson Drifters family and my thanks to them all. I believe I can safely say that evening was so special and bonding to our members.

We also want to thank Vera Schlicher for coming and bringing her best friend Nancy from out of town to join us at this rally.

Thank you, Rally Host, for lasting memories to Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo, Jim and Barbara Schultz and Marv and Suzi Bass. YOU ARE THE BEST!

I would like to share with you some special emails we received on this rally:

Many thanks for the great "Hearts & Stars" rally. It was obvious that you all gave a great deal of thought to even the most minute details.

Valentines and hearts were everywhere ...in the "goody bags" on the tables and even in the air.

Dee Dee's flower arrangements on the tables set the elegant mood on the first night.

Jim & Barbara's RV oriented Valentine's sayings on tent cards on each table, games, roses, and red hearts added a special touch.

Marv & Suzi kept us on track despite the numerous "adjustments".

The Valentines dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu with hollandaise sauce was a real treat. Who even knew you could find that in Benson?

I knew Drew was a good cook from his participation in other rallies, but I had no idea that he was also a great pie maker.

As we all know, RVing presents multiple challenges with changes in weather and venues, but the rally hosts "rolled with it" and kept us entertained and



busy. The visit to the "Thing" museum was a hoot and now I can finally check that off my "bucket list"...and, after all these years, we finally got to see the observatory open and view the stars

My guess is that Jim saved more than a few of us from embarrassment because we forgot to bring Valentine's cards on the rally. Providing cards for us to personalize along with a "cheat sheet" of sayings as inspirations really saved the day. He even provided a script for us to follow (which most guys had to refer to during the ceremony). for the presentation of the cards and roses

I think the most brilliant stroke of genius provides the opportunity for each of us to share the history of our meeting and courting of our valentine partner. There were many laughs and some tears as we related these personal stories.

Hopefully, the Drifters will continue to "bail me out" on future Valentine's Day as they have in the past.

Thanks

Ron Kuznicki

Ditto-Ditto

Sent from my iPhone

Mike Frizzell

I second the emotion.

The Rally Hosts outdid themselves!!! 😊❤️👉

Paula Arnold

Well said, Ruth. I don't think any of us women will disagree with any of it!

Jan Spaeth

Come see the movie at the March Dinner Meeting,

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning, Tucson Drifters

HEY, WHAT'S UP NEWS!

Bill and Betsy Hansen along with their daughter and husband are getting ready to take a journey to Thailand to celebrate Betsy and their daughters Birthdays.

Bruce & Adair Kelly are traveling to Australia and New Zealand for an extended cruise for two months.

Jerry & Paula Arnold just bought a new Tiffen Bus and what a beauty. They held an open house this past weekend at the rally for viewing for our members that attended.

Mike and Carol Frizzle just bought a new Tiffen Phaeton RV. The open house was held in Hope, Arizona for those that attended. Check it out as it is a beautiful coach.

Dave and Jacqueline DiPalermo just got a new 5th wheel and truck. Open house was in Hope, Arizona. Very lovely, beautiful cabinetry, and comfortable for them. Enjoy!

Fred Brooks is on the mend with his legs that have baffled Doctors for several months but did indeed find the problem.

Deb Johnston had surgery a few weeks ago and it was rough for her. In a rehab facility at this time, but hoping to be released soon and plan to attend the Tillo Ranch Rally. Hang in their Deb.

Paul & Jan Spaeth are spending a week in the Chiricahua Mountains for Paul to do some picture shooting of birds. Hope we can see his work soon.

Jacqueline DiPalermo gave several facials this past weekend at the Valentine Rally. She is working for Mary Kay and if this is your product, give her a call. She would love to help you out.



Drew Kucy the Pie Man is making delicious pies for sale to the public. If interested, give him a call. YUM, YUM.

If you have an interest in having something, put in the HEY, WHAT' UP NEWS, let Ruth Roubal know @tucsonc21@aol.com.

TUCSON DRIFTERS 2026-2027 SCHEDULE

March will again be at Alan and Jen Linaker's Tillo Ranch. Rally is sold out.

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

May No rally.

Jerry and Paula Arnold are planning the next long rally for the Tucson Drifters to Colorado in 2027. Stay tune.

October we will be going to San Diego for a October Fest Rally. Nice RV Park, events and good food will be on tap for this event. This park also has casitas for those not wanting to take their RV or those without currently. The base price will be around \$499.00. 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 to the Naval base North Beach for a view of the navy fleet and a trip to the movie theater on base. We will also be adding several a la carte items to this trip if you are interested, such as Ghost Tour and Seals Tour with the Ducks. We will be going to Old Town San Diego for a Mexican dinner and margaritas to die for. It should be a lot of fun.

November we will be going to a casino for some fun and dry camping.

December will again be a special party for our meeting at Skyline or Tucson Country Club.

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January,2027, we go dry.

February,2027, Lake Havasu, Arizona for the Winter Blast Pyrotechnics show and the Rockabilly Reunion in downtown Lake Havasu. We will be staying at the State Park which is located near the London Bridge. We will also be taking a Boat trip to see the Canyon and light houses.



OKTOBERFEST RALLY IN BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 9 TO 12TH, 2026

October 9th – Friday - arrive at your leisure to the beautiful Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort at 825 E. Street, Chula vista, California 91910 - 619-489-3950

Escape to the epitome of upscale coastal living in southern California's newest oasis of relaxation and recreation. The resort offers an array of accommodation options including vacation rentals and RV sites. Enjoy Olympic size pool, spa and water features, restaurant, fitness center, events center, game room, dog park, and the promenade. This is a 5 plus star resort!!!

For those wishing to play golf (optional) the Coronado north beach military base. (Appx. Cost for 18 holes and cart (\$68.00) per person. Must come in a day earlier to participate in this event.

Oktoberfest rally for golfers starts on October 8, Thursday or anyone wanting to come early. Come in at your leisure. We will select a restaurant that evening for dinner. Members will pay directly for their meals.

October 9, Friday - official start of rally. - arrive at your leisure!

8:00 am - golfers leave for north beach naval base golf course. You will be driven by a member of our rally team that is retired military or DoD member to golf course. We are limiting this venue to the 1st 10 rally members that sign up. 5 members to a team. Beautiful course with 3 holes overlooking the ocean (same views as pebble beach golf course that is a short drive down the coast). Lovely club house for lunch if you desire. Best scoring man and best scoring woman prizes.

4:00 pm - Oktoberfest dinner of brats and trimmings. Weather permitting Top Gun will be shown on outside tv at camp central or club room. Bring your own drinks and plate setting.

OR

5:30 pm -after dinner possible trip to north beach naval base for an outside viewing of the big naval fleet ships in port and evening movie in their grand theater.

October 10th - Saturday -

11:00 am- delicious clam chowder soup, scrumptious Caesar salad and piping hot rolls served at camp central for lunch. Bring bowls, drinks and flatware.

12:15 pm - leave for boat trip at the pier.

1:00 am - 2 hour boat trip around the beautiful San Diego Bay (included).

3:30 pm - drive to old town San Diego for dinner @ Casa De Reyes mexican restaurant located at 2754 Calhoun St. (big meal portions for sharing. Stipend \$35.00 per couple (included). This is not just a restaurant. It's a dining experience that combines delicious food, great drinks and a lively atmosphere.

4:00 pm - be at restaurant for dinner.

6:45 pm - optional ghost tour in old town San Diego. For those not participating in this venue, feel free to explore the area.

October 11th - Sunday

9:30 am - continental breakfast at camp central or club house.

11:00 am- leave for point loma, the farthest end point of the United States. See location where the military cemetery was the site of the filming of Top Gun. We will travel to this venue in our cars and please carpool. Need America the beautiful park pass.

Free afternoon to explore Balboa Park and take in the free organ concert in Spreckels amphitheater 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. 2005 pan American plaza e. Rd (Spreckels organ pavilion), a relaxed and fun way to enjoy one of San Diego's most iconic venues.

Or

2:00 pm - optional duck tour out of seaport village.

4:30 pm - little Italy for an Italian experience @ Philippi's pizza grotto. 1747 India St., downtown San Diego. You will think you are in Italy for this venue. We will be having family-style spaghetti and meat sauce, meatballs



and salad for our tables. Drinks & wine are on your own.
Free parking at restaurant.

October 12th - Monday - leave for home by 11:00 am.

Full cost - \$499. 00 for rally fee without options. This includes 3 night lodging in a 5 star resort, 2 outside dinners at restaurants and the Oktoberfest meal at RV resort- camp central, little Italy (Phillips) and Casa De Reyes in old town are the selected restaurants, 1 continental breakfast, 1 clam chowder lunch, 2 hour boat trip of San Diego bay, a visit to point loma, a visit to balboa park and possible trip to north beach naval base for a movie.

Optional items: a la carte

1. Golfing per person \$69.00 (18 holes and cart). Coronado, north beach navy base. Limited to 10 people (subject to change).

2. Haunted Ghost Tour by Bus of old town after dinner included. You will see the following stops, which is a 2-hour tour. Cost \$48.00 per person (need 10 people).

- a. Drive by the Whalen house.
- b. Entrance to the Villa Monte Zuma house.
- c. Entrance to the Hortan Grand Hotel
- d. Entrance to the Davis/Horton house
- e. Old Town graveyard.

3. Seal tour on the ducks. Leaves out of seaport village close to dinner restaurant. \$45.00 and Free parking with tour.

\$52.00 per person (need 10 people).

4. Extra day for staying at resort is \$124.03 in rv. - 2- or 1-bedroom cottages \$239.85

PRICING AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2026 *A Work in Progress*

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January		February		March		April	
Title:	RMMA/ Reg 3 Rally	Hearts & Stars Rally		Tillo Ranch Rally		Patagonia Rally	
Date:	12-30/1-1	Feb 12-15		20-22		8-12	
Place:	Hope, AZ	Benson, AZ		Tucson, AZ		Patagonia, AZ	
Host:	Ridley	Guizlo & Schultz		Linaker "Posse"		Brooks, Wenzen, & Kucy	
May		June		July		August	
Title	NA	NA		NA		NA	
Date							
Place							
Host							
September		October		November		December	
Title	NA	Beautiful San Diego		Casino		Silver Bells	
Date		9-12		TBD		1	
Place		San Diego, CA		Green Valley		Skyline CC	
Host		Roubal, Kuehn, Kuznicki		Need Rally Host		Hansen, Roubal	

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

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RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

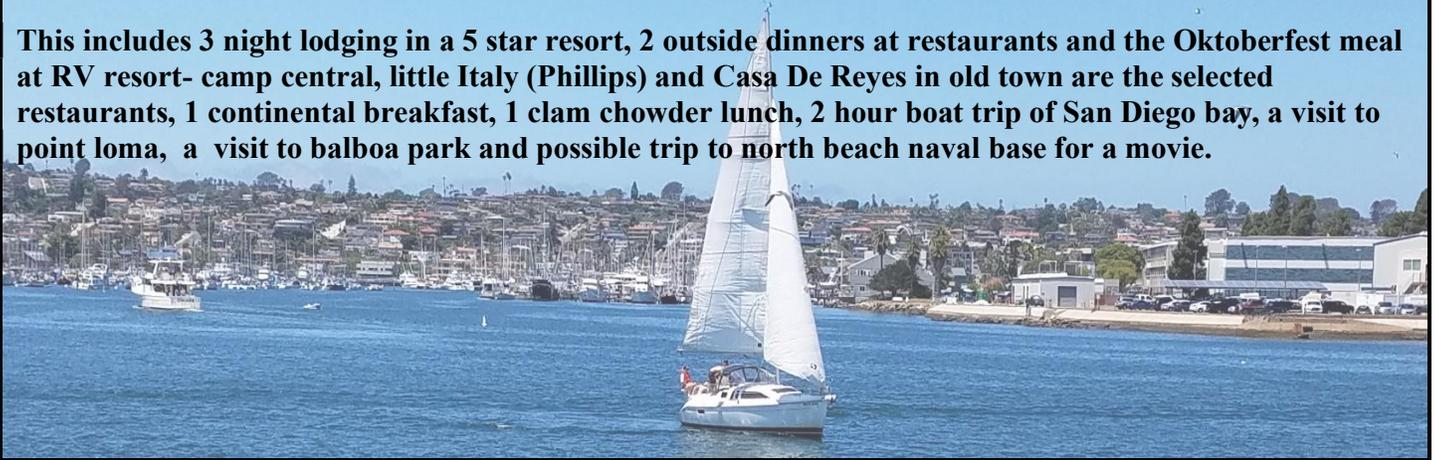


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Name:					
Phone:					
Motorhome:		Cell:		Email:	
Pets:		Length:		No. Slides:	
Basic Rally Cost: \$499.00		Deposit of \$135.00 Due Feb 20, 2026		Balance Due: May 15, 2026	
Optional/Additional Per Person Costs:		Golf \$69.00*	Ghost Tour \$48.00	Seal Tour \$52.00	
*Golf Option will require arrival at the RV Park a day early at a cost of \$124.03.					
Note: The RV Park also rents cottages for those without an RV. The cost for a cottage is \$239.85 per night.					
Contact your Rally Host if you are considering this option.					
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