

April 2014

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

Lois Wiley

Happy Birthday:



Ron Kuznicki	4/3
Geoff Newton	4/7
Peter Bymes	4/9
Anselma Theoret	4/11
Tom Roubal	4/12
Tom Coleman	4/22
David Powell	4/28

Happy Anniversary:

Steven & Lori Miller	4/2
Philip & Anselma Theoret	4/5
Frank & Barbara Cope	4/24



Congratulations All !!

Anyone with just the smallest piece of news please phone me at 749-4386 or e-mail me at flwiley@cox.net and I will put it in the sharing and caring column and you will make everyone happy!

APRIL DINNER MEETING

Please make your reservations and advise which dinner you prefer, no later than noon, Thursday, March 27th by replying to this email:

driftersdinner@earthlink.net .

Cancellations must be made by Sunday (3/30/14) phone call only 520-241-3343.

Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2014. 5:30 Social Hour. 6:15 Dinner

Where: KOA (formerly LazyDays, formerly Beaudry) Florizona Restaurant building.

ENTRANCE to KOA now off of Country Club and not through the LazyDays facility.

What: Cobb Salad, with choice of dressing, soup when entree-folks get salad, and dessert

OR

Chicken fajitas with salad and dessert

Cost: \$15.00 (inclusive) each.

Check is preferred as we are unable to make change

Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone in cancellation to 520-241-3343) you will still be responsible for reimbursing the Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.

2014 dues of \$20/coach are past due. You may include this in your dinner-check as well as rally fees. Please make a note on your check what you are paying for.

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We look forward to seeing you there

Beverly Johnson

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2014

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President's Corner:



Our first half of the 2014 rally season is drawing to a close with the Kartchner Rally and the Moab Rally. Participants in the Picacho Rally tell me that everyone had a good time and that most were looking forward to the upcoming rallies. My thanks to the Rally Masters and Rally Hosts for their attention to detail, happy attitude and making the rallies fun & interesting. We will share the pictures with all of you at the next dinner meeting. I encourage all of you to step forward and lend your expertise at a future rally.

Lori Miller, Suzi Bass and Howard Dye are assisting me with plans for retaining current membership, increasing new membership, increasing rally participation, expanding the use of our website to include promotional material to encourage new member signups, recent rally & scrapbook pictures, adding exciting details on upcoming rally's and links to additional RV info and RV Education. The goal is to experience new destinations, and most important...Enjoy the RV life!

The Activity team has 2 remaining rally's on the agenda before the summer break. We have 17 coaches for the April Kartchner Kavern Krawl Rally. Reservation deadline for the Moab Canyonlands and Arches National Parks Rally in May is this Monday, March 24th. I hope to see more of you sign up for it. I hope to see most of you at the next dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 1.

Don't let that coach sit in the driveway...

LETS GO PLACES !

Rick

DRIFTER GALS TIPS OF THE MONTH

It's amazing the things you learn sitting around at someone's coach for an unofficial happy hour!!!!

Thing 1 - Laraine Coplan keeps the previous issues of Family Motor Coaching in their coach and gives them to folks who are not FMCA members. They are a great introduction to FMCA and there's a membership form in each issue. And . . . there's the added perk that if you write your membership number on the application as a referring member you get a \$10.00 reward from FMCA. What an easy way to introduce RV'ers to the organization and to our chapter. Let's face it this is a way better use for your previous issues than just chucking them in the trash!!

Thing 2 - Both the Coplan's and the Kuznicki's use a Wireless Weather Forecaster to monitor the temperatures in the freezer and the crisper drawer of their refrigerators. It works great for monitoring the temperatures without constantly opening the doors.

Ron Kuznicki recommends the "Ambient Weather WS-1280-X3 Wireless Weather Forecaster with Indoor Temperature, Humidity and Three Outdoor Temperature Remotes". He wrote the following about his particular set up:

"This particular configuration comes with a 3" x 6" base unit which displays time, date, indoor temp, humidity. It syncs to the atomic clock which provides accuracy, but as you change time zones you have to adjust an entry to establish the number of hours you are different from Greenwich Mean time (We are currently -8 hours). It does



have a separate entry for DST which can be turned on or off.

This configuration has 3 wireless remotes roughly 3"x 3". I hang one outside the coach, place one in the lowest shelf in the fridge, and one in the freezer. You can cycle through the remotes on the base unit to monitor the coach interior and exterior temps. The remotes in the fridge tell that the freezer is at the correct temperature and when to adjust the temp in the other section to avoid frozen lettuce, frozen eggs, or other frozen "treats".

One lesson learned - To preserve the batteries, I removed them from the remote units the last time I put the coach in storage. This "de-registers" them from the base unit and when you power them up, you have to go through the entire initialization set up. That means taking the base unit batteries out and re-installing them and re-entering the calendar, time, Greenwich data, etc. So I decided to pay the price of new batteries every so often and leave all the remotes active."

Ron bought his forecaster from Amazon so if you're interested in trying this in your coach that might be the place to start your search.

So the moral of this month's column? - the next time you're on a rally grab a chair and join the unofficial happy hours - it's amazing what you'll learn!!!!

Suzie Bass

ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES -

March 4, 2014

Attendees: Howard & Cheryl Dye, Steve & Lori Miller, David & JoAnn Powell, Bernie Kuehn, Donna Rogers, Rick Rolland, and Tom & Ruth Roubal

The Activities Meeting was held at the KOA/Lazy Days RV Resort and was called to order on March 4th at 4:30 p.m. by Ruth Roubal.

OLD BUSINESS

The Arts and Entertainment rally in Mesa, Arizona was a big success. Rally hosts were thanked for a job well done. A short video of rally events will be shown at tonight's dinner meeting.

March 13-16 - Picacho Peak, Arizona (**40 miles**) - Picacho Peak RV Resort - The Blue & The Gray Rally is centered around the re-enactment of the Arizona Civil War Skirmish. There are currently 13 coaches signed up for this rally. Most of the meals are included in the rally fee. There are still spots left for anyone interested in signing up for this rally. The cost of the rally is \$190.00 for two people. Smith/Miller/Martin/Fearnow

April 3-6 - Benson, Arizona (**48 miles**) - Kartchner Caverns - Kartchner Kavern Krawl - Twenty sites have been reserved at the RV Park and there are currently 17 coaches signed up for this rally. The cost of this rally is \$225.00 for two people. Salfen/Hohmann/Snow/Castriotta/Powell

May 12-16 - Moab, Utah (**580 miles**) - Canyonlands and Arches National Parks - Ten sites have been reserved at the Canyonlands RV Resort. The rally will include three dinners, one of which is a Dutch Oven Dinner (BBQ Beef, Pork, or Chicken, Roast Beef or Pork, Cow Poke Potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn, Homemade Rolls, Salad Bar, and Dessert) prior to a Canyonlands by Night Boat Trip down the Colorado River. Visits to Canyonlands and Arches National Parks are planned. There will be one day set aside for the many activities of the area (4 x 4 Adventures where you can experience twisting, turning trails with very steep climbs and descents while enjoying the amazing views, Dead Horse Point State Park, scenic drives). Cost of this rally is \$335.00 for two people with a \$95.00 deposit due March 24th and the final payment due April 5th. Dye/Roubal/Kuehn

NEW BUSINESS

October 1-5 - Ruidoso, New Mexico (**400 miles**) - Legends of Lincoln County - Activities for this rally include Spencer Theater Tour, Smokey the Bear Museum, visit to Fort Stanton, and lunch at Dolan House. A Geo Hunt will also be included. Cost of this rally is \$274.00 for two people with a \$50.00 deposit paid by May 6th and the balance due by August 15th. Johnson/Fisher

November - No destination as of this time

December - Tucson, Arizona - KOA/Lazy Days - Non-organized get together in conjunction with dinner meeting.

January 2015 - Las Vegas, Nevada (**406 miles**) - Information currently being gathered for this rally. Roubal/Coplin



February 2015 - Arizona Wine Country - Bass/Nester

March 2015 - Rocky Point - Rally plans are still being discussed. Roubal/Dye/Rolland

April/May 2015 - West Coast Tour (486 miles) - Rally will start in Los Angeles, CA and end in Pasadena, CA. with stops along the way including the Nixon Library, the Reagan Library, Getty Museum, the Hurst Castle, and the Magic Castle. This rally will last about 2 weeks. Miller/Salfen/Roubal/Dye

September 2015 - Tennessee Rally (1400 miles to Memphis, TN) - Tennessee Waltz / Gone With the Wind - Possible destinations: Graceland, Antebellum Mansion Tour, Tennessee Power Tour, Andrew Jackson Estate, Carter Library, Gone With The Wind Museum, . Roubal/Dye/Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 1st** prior to the dinner meeting.

KARCHNER KAVERN KRAWL & GAMMONS GULCH

April 3-6, 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2 April - Rally Masters arrive Butterfield RV Park (First Four on Attendees list previously sent)
- 3 April - Remaining Attendees arrive on or after 1:00 PM
 - 4:30 PM - Happy Hour
 - 5:30 PM - Pot Luck Dinner, Rally Masters supply Hot Dishes. Attendees bring Appetizers, Salads,
- 4 April - 7:30 AM - Breakfast - Bagels, Cream Cheese, Yogurt, Juice
 - 8:00 AM - Depart for Karchner Caverns
 - 4:30 PM - Happy Hour
 - 5:30 PM - Dinner - Burgers, Brats, Potato Salad
 - 7:00 PM - TBD (Star Show, Movie) Weather dependent

5 April - 8:00 AM - Breakfast by Butterfield RV Resort, (Paid by Tucson Drifters) Time determined b Butterfield RV Resort.

- 10:00 AM - Depart for Gammons Gulch
- 4:30 PM - Happy Hour
- 5:30 PM- Dinner - Steaks, Baked Potato, Salad,

Dessert

7:00 PM - TBD (Star Show, Movie,) Weather dependent

6 April - 8:30 AM - Breakfast - Bagged Omelets, Fruit Kabobs

11:00 AM - Departure (Rally Masters to remain until clean up is completed)

ALL MEALS - BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES, PLATES & UTENSILS

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN BANQUET HALL OR PATIO

Rally Hosts: Salfens, Castriottas, Powells, Hohmann/Snow

THE LIGHT TURNED YELLOW

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."



THE MOAB ADVENTURE RALLY

May 12-16, 2014

580 miles



God's country and so named from the biblical name Moab refers to an area of land located on the eastern side of the Jordan River. Most historians believe the city in Utah came to use this name because of William Pierce, the first postmaster, believing that the biblical Moab were both "the far country".

Journey with us down this road for an experience of a lifetime. We will be seeing Canyonlands National Park for its adventures and beauty.



We will also be going to Arches National Park. The Park contains one of the largest concentrations of natural sandstone arches in the world. The arches provide

extraordinary geologic features such as spires, pinnacles, pedestals and balanced rocks. The contrasting colors, landforms and textures are absolutely breathtaking. This is a must on anyone's Bucket list and should not be missed as well as we are celebrating our 15 year Anniversary as the Tucson Drifters RV Club. Truly an accomplishment!!!

You will be arriving on May 12th and leaving on May 16th, 2014.

Schedule of events.

May 12th - Arrive at your leisure to a full service RV Park in Moab called The Canyonlands RV Resort.

4:00 PM - Enjoy a hosted cocktail hour with Shrimp Cocktails and Margaritas.

5:00PM - You will be served a welcome dinner prepared by your Rally Hosts.

6:00PM - Anniversary cake and ice cream served.

May 13th - Group Drive to the Arches National Park - Gods Land.

5:00PM - Pizza Dinner at local restaurant.

May 14th - Group drive to Canyonlands Nation Park. Dinner on your own this evening. Host will make some suggestions or we could go out as a group.

May 15th - This will be the big adventure day.

We have set aside this day for the many activities of the area (4 X 4 Adventures where you can experience twisting turning trails with very steep climbs and descents while enjoying the amazing views, Dead Horse Point State Park, scenic drives to name a few.

6:30 Pm - We will be picked up at our RV Resort and transferred to Canyonlands by night Tour - We will be enjoying a dinner of three different choices. One of which is a Dutch Oven Dinner (BBQ Beef, Pork or Chicken, Roast beef or Pork, Cow Poke Potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn, Homemade Rolls, Salad Bar and dessert) prior to a Canyonlands by Night Boat Trip up the COLORADO RIVER.

When the sunset and shadows begin to cast a sense of serenity and quiet beauty on the mighty Colorado River the Moab Queen begins its ascent upstream, An informative narration given by your Tour Host to help put the scenes of the Colorado River canyon in proper perspective, emphasizing that the canyon itself is virtually unchanged since the living drama took place . Once in a lifetime journey.

May 16th- 8:00 AM - Light breakfast is served - bring your own drink.

Time to depart for your journey for the summer or return home to Tucson. Safe journey!

HAPPY TRAILS TO US ALL

COST OF RALLY IS \$335.00, DEPOSIT IS \$95.00 PER COUPLE.

DEPOSIT DUE BY MARCH 24 AND FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE APRIL 5TH, 2014.

TEN COACHES ARE NECESSARY AT THIS PRICE.



**THE LEGENDS OF LINCOLN
COUNTY
RUIDOSO, NM
October 1-5, 2014
400 miles**

Cost:\$274 for 2 people
\$203 for 1
\$357 for 3.

Your rally hosts: Roger and Beverly Johnson; Dick and Gayle Fisher



HOT HOT HOT is what Tucson will be October 1 - 5, 2014, but it will be COOL COOL COOL in the mountains near Ruidoso, NM where the Tucson Drifters will be enjoying their *Legends of Lincoln County* rally. Please join us. We'll meet Wednesday, October 1st @ the

beautiful *Little Creek RV Park* in Alto, NM for Happy Hour and Potluck. *Geohunt will begin NOW.*

Thursday morning will find us at the incredible *Spencer Theater* for a tour of this phenomenon in the mountains and their beautiful Dale Chihuly glass exhibits. Lunch back at the park, prepared by your hosts, then off to *Smokey Bear Historical Park/Museum*. Dinner on your own or optional group dinner-out in Ruidoso.

Friday we visit historic Lincoln, NM where much of the *Lincoln County War* took place, and where Billy the Kid escaped jail and killed a deputy. A guided tour will give us the history of the town before we enjoy a wonderful lunch @ *Dolan House*. After lunch we'll visit *Ft. Stanton* on our way back to the park. Dinner provided by your hosts.

Saturday morning we'll visit the *Hubbard Museum of the American West*, then you'll be free to enjoy Ruidoso's *Aspenfest*, *Chili Cookoff*, and *Car Show* all at Ruidoso Downs adjoining the museum. Or take in shopping in Ruidoso or try your luck at the *Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino*. An *Octoberfest* dinner will await you ~ host prepared ~ when you return to the park for the evening.

Sunday your hosts will prepare biscuits and gravy for your farewell breakfast.

Get your reservations in now. Deposit of \$50 by May 6, with final payment due August 15.

Includes 4 nights RV park, all admissions, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners plus potluck and pay-for-your-own group dinner.

MARCH RALLY PHOTOS

Our March rally at Picacho featured Civil War battle reenactments,



and visit to the neighboring Ostrich farm



There was also a visit to the Capitol Building in Phoenix - not pictured..



Tucson Drifters Events Calendar

2013-2014 - *A Work in Progress*

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

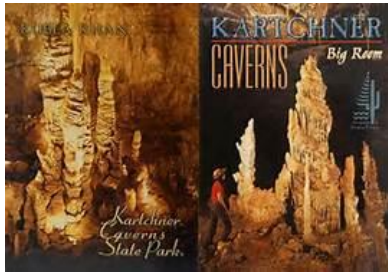


October 2013		November 2013		December 2013		January 2014	
Title:		Title:	IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME	Title:	HOLIDAY RALLY/DINNER MEETING	Title:	NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
Date:		Date:	Nov 14-17	Date:	TBD	Date:	Dec 30-Jan 2
Place:		Place:	Instructions to follow	Place:	Lazydays RV Resort, Tucson	Place:	Palm Creek RV Resort Casa Grande, AZ
Host:	No Host - No Rally	Host:	Coplin/Roubal/Dye/Baldrige/ Nickerson	Host:	Activities Volunteers	Host:	Johnson/Bass/Nester/Baumann
February 2014		March 2014		April 2014		May 2014	
Title:	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	Title:	THE BLUE & THE GRAY	Title:	KARCHNER CAVERNS	Title:	CANYONLANDS AND ARCHES NATIONAL PARKS
Date:	Feb 20-23	Date:	Mar 13-16	Date:	Apr 4-7	Date:	May 12-16
Place:	Mesa Spirit RV Resort Mesa, AZ	Place:	Picacho Peak, AZ	Place:	Benson, AZ	Place:	Moab, UT
Host:	Coplin/Miller/Rolland/Kuznicki	Host:	Smith/Miller/Martin/Fearnow	Host:	Salfen/Hohmann/Snow/ Castriotta/Powell	Host:	Roubal/Dye/Kuehn

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

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**KARTCHNER KAVERN
KRAWL
&
GAMMONS GULCH
APRIL 3 – 6, 2014**



REGISTRATION FORM

Come join the Drifters at the Kartchner Kavern Krawl. This rally will include tours of both caverns and also a tour of Gammon's Gulch. We might be entertained at Gammons Gulch by local actors. Most meals will be included along with a star party at the resort's private observatory.

So, get your reservation in to guarantee your ticket for the Kavern Krawl.

Name		Motorhome Length	
Phone -Home		Phone - Cell	
Email			
Pet(s) Description			

Rally Costs	()	1 Person	\$170
	()		\$225
	()	3 Persons	\$280
		TOTAL DUE	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 12/18/14	\$50
		BALANCE DUE by 3/1/14	

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Rally Hosts: Salfens, Castriottas, Powells, Hohmann/Snow



MOAB RALLY

MAY 12-16, 2014



REGISTRATION FORM

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Name		Motorhome Length	
Phone -Home		Phone - Cell	
Email			
Pet(s) Description			

Rally Costs	()	1 Person	\$
	()	2 Persons	\$335
	()	3 Persons	\$
		TOTAL DUE	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 3/24/14	\$95
		BALANCE DUE by 4/05/14	

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Rally Hosts: Roubal/Dye/Kuehn



LEGENDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

A RALLY IN RUIDOSO, NM

October 1 – 5, 2014



Little Creek RV Park
290 New Mexico 220, Alto, NM 88312

REGISTRATION

Deadline for reservation May 6th; final payment by August 15th

Wednesday, 10/1/14	Arrival, happy hour, potluck; hosts provide pork roast entrée; bring your own table setting, drink, and an appetizer/side/salad/dessert to share
Thursday, 10/2/14	Morning: Spencer Theater Tour; Lunch provided at RV Park; Afternoon: Smokey the Bear Museum; 3-Day GeoHunt starts today – GPS Receiver required Dinner on your own – <u>Optional</u> : group dinner at Cattle Baron Steak House in Ruidoso—hosts make the reservations, you pay for your own dinner/drinks
Friday, 10/3/14	Morning: Historical town of Lincoln, NM; Lunch included at Dolan House; Afternoon: Visit Fort Stanton; Dinner provided at RV Park: Soup, Bread and Pie; bring your own table setting & drink
Saturday, 10/4/14	Morning: Museum of the American West; Lunch on your own; Afternoon: AspenFest @ Ruidoso Downs (car show, crafts market, chili cook-off) or on your own OktoberFest Dinner provided at the RV Park – GeoHunt awards
Sunday, 10/5/14	Breakfast: sausage and biscuits; Departure

Name		Motorhome length	
Phone - Home		Phone - Cell	
Email			
<u>Optional:</u> Group Dinner	# of reservations:	See the menu at: http://www.cattlebaron.com/images/menus/ruidosomenu.pdf	

Rally Costs	()	1 Person	\$203
	()	2 Persons	\$274
	()	3 Persons	\$357
		TOTAL DUE	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 5/6/14	\$50
		BALANCE DUE by 8/15/14	

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