

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

January 2015

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

Lois Wiley

Happy Birthday:

Lois Wiley	1/5
Ted Lane	1/7
Beverly Johnson	1/18
Howard Dye	1/25

Happy Anniversary:



Roger & Beverly Johnson	1/1
Jim & Barbare Schultz	1/5

Congratulations All !!

David Powell is improving and in much better spirits but still is not mobile. He is in the VA rehab unit now in Tucson. He is in Building 60 the west wing of Coyote Crossing. Room 148.

Frank Wiley is into his physical therapy now and that is causing him some discomfort, but is much improved.

up, all reservations and arrangements have been made. See you there!

PHOTO CONTEST



Don't forget to capture some of your favorite rally related moments. It should be fun and Prizes will be awarded. So join us and snap away, Let's share some of your favorite moments in time with the Tucson Drifters. You will be the judge!!!

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. Contest begins with May 2014 Rally through October 2015 Rally.
2. Photo must be taken at a rally, driving to a rally or on your way home from the rally.
3. Photo submitted must be 8 x 10.
4. Photo may be colored, black & white, or sepia.
5. Pictures will be judged by Tucson Drifters at the November 2015 dinner meeting.

For more information, contact Bill Baumann at docbillus@yahoo.com.

REMINDER: There is no dinner meeting in January.

ONE ENCHANTED EVENING NEW YEARS GALA RALLY

December 30, 2014 - January 2, 2015

This should be another exceptional rally and a great way to ring in the new year. To all those who signed

President's Corner:



Judy and I hope you all have a nice Christmas Holiday and enjoyed the free Christmas Dinner Meeting.

The rally season has been very successful so far with enjoyable rallies to Ruidoso and Distant Drums. Our New Year's rally has 11 coaches and should be a great experience.

The newsletter outlines the upcoming rally's, and I encourage you to take part in them.

We have a lot of coaches signed up for the Willcox is for Lovers, A Taste of Wine & Romance Rally and the Feb. Phoenix Speedway Good Sam Rally Drifters Rendezvous...Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2015 at

Phoenix International Raceway.

A lot of hard work goes into planning them, and we always look for a good turnout.

Membership renewals are just around the corner, so get out that checkbook and renew for another year...we have a lot of activities for you to participate in.

I welcome your comments and suggestions on how to make the club even better.

Don't let that rig stay in the driveway...Let's go places.

Rick

ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES December 2, 2014

Attendees: Approximately 20 people attended.

The Activities Meeting was held at the KOA/Lazy Days RV Resort. Meeting called to order by Ruth Roubal at 4:15 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ruth thanked everyone that hosted and attended the Fall Color Tour Rally at Distant Drums last month. The train ride through the Verde Canyon in a cushy first-class car was the highlight of the rally.

December 30 - January 2 - Gold Canyon, AZ. (103 miles) - One Enchanted Evening Gala at Canyon Vistas Resort. We currently have 11 coaches signed up. If additional people are interested in attending this rally, we will need to check on the availability of tickets for

the New Years Eve party, before accepting any future reservations.

February 12 - 15, 2015 - Wilcox, AZ (83 miles). The Wilcox Is For Lovers Rally hosts have completed all arrangements. Currently 11 coaches have signed up. There may be more registrations coming in at the dinner meeting tonight.

March, 2015 - Phoenix Arizona area (130 miles). The dates of this rendezvous have changed. Participants will make their own reservations. For more information, please talk to Rick Rolland. Currently we have 5-coaches registered for dry camping; 3-coaches registered for electric hookup.

April 9 - 12, 2015 - Rocky Point, Mexico (213 miles). This will be a caravan rendezvous to The Reef located right on the waters edge. The potential dates of this gathering are April 9-12. This is a pay-as-you-go



outing. Current nightly rates at The Reef are: \$35/ocean front; \$25/second tier.

May 4-17, 2015 - It's Show Time - West Coast California Rally. Currently we have 12 coaches signed up and could accept 3 more. There are some coach length limitations so if you are interested please contact Steve and Lori Miller for more information. The Hearst Castle tour is now being booked as an evening tour and we will be able to visit even more areas of this landmark. The venues are now nearing completion but there could be some changes to the previously published schedule.

June-September - no activities planned

October 22-25, 2015 - Camp Verde, AZ (204 miles) - Goin' Wild - Still in the planning stage. Information and registration will begin in February for this rally. Hosts: Laraine & Larry Coplin, Lori & Steve Miller.

November, 2015 - Apache Junction area - Rock & Roll Rally. This rally will be scheduled around the dates of the Rock & Roll show at the Arizona Opry in Apache Junction, AZ. Current show dates not available. Hosts: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Cheryl & Howard Dye.

December, 2015 - no rally planned.

January, 2016 - New Years Rally. Still waiting for hosts to volunteer.

February 4-8, 2016 - Rally being scheduled around the Tubac Arts Festival. Discussion held regarding rally dates that feature the Arts Festival or Valentines Day. RV resort, entertainment and restaurant possibilities are being contacted. Hosts: Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, Ken & Joanne Hall.

March, 2016 - Wickenburg, AZ. No report. Hosts: Clint & Carol Smith, Ben & Gay Miller.

April, 2016 - Mystery Rally (200-300 miles). The dates will probably be mid-late April. Location is still undisclosed by Hosts: Suzi & Marv Bass, Jeff & Linda Salfen.

May, 2016 - Nothing scheduled yet. No Hosts assigned. We need more suggestions for locations. Rocky Point or Waltzing Through Tennessee were mentioned.

As of now, we still need hosts and rally locations for the January and May, 2016 rallies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion held regarding the ongoing Photo Contest. An inquiry was made regarding the long timeline of this contest. Should we make it shorter? After some discussion, it was determined the purpose of the contest is to have an ongoing activity or competition for those that attend any rallies. You must attend the rally in order to enter the contest.

The dates remain the same. The Photo Contest began at the November rally (Fall Color Tour) and will continue through the October, 2015 rally (Goin' Wild). Prizes will be awarded at the November, 2015 Dinner Meeting.

There will be no Activities Meeting next month. The membership voted to cancel the January, 2015 Dinner Meeting.

Rick Rolland will ask for a vote at tonight's dinner meeting to determine if we should also cancel the May, 2016 meetings. Currently we have a large rally starting in California on May 4, 2015. Most of the regular attendees and officers will be at the rally.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Laraine Coplin



WILLCOX IS FOR LOVERS

A Taste of Wine & Romance

February 12-15 2015



You'll have a fun time when you join us in Willcox for Valentine's weekend! We'll learn about Willcox, the beautiful & unusual Chiricahua Mountains, and charming Faraway Ranch. We'll indulge in local wines and bring an extra bit of romance to the Valentine's weekend.

On Thursday evening we'll meet for BYOB happy hour, after which your hosts will provide a lovely Italian dinner. After dinner we'll learn about the town's most famous singing cowboy, Rex Allen, through the eyes of a personal friend. A local musician will entertain us with Rex Allen's music.



On Friday morning you'll receive "Breakfast-On-The-Go" to enjoy prior to/or during our drive to Chiricahua National Monument for Ranger-led tours of the mountains & Faraway Ranch Historic District. You'll have a choice of packing your own picnic lunch, which your hosts will transport for you to the picnic area (hosts will provide cold

bottled water) or returning to Willcox for lunch at one of their restaurants. . You'll be provided with an information package and suggestions. After a free afternoon to explore the museums and shops, we'll return to Magic Circle RV Park for BYOB Happy Hour and another delicious dinner provided by your hosts.

Saturday - **Happy Valentine's Day!** You'll be treated to a full breakfast by your hosts then travel to the Rex Allen museum where we'll be treated to a decent guided tour.



After a group picture, taken at the park across from the museum, we'll proceed to the Pillsbury vineyards/farm for a presentation and an opportunity to participate in a wine tasting. Saturday evening your hosts will provide a special French-inspired dinner after which we will be celebrating Valentine's Day in our own special way.

Sunday morning we'll have our final get-together at a host provided breakfast, which will keep you comfortably fed for your trip home.

Bass/Brooks/Baumann/Nester



PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY RENDEZVOUS

Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2015



FYI-There were 3,370 RVs convened March 22 through 25, 2012 at Phoenix International Raceway at the first of three 2012 Good Sam Rallies.

We hope that you will be joining us for four full days of fun and excitement at the Phoenix International Raceway.

Make your own personal reservations at:

<http://therally.com/phoenix/>

You have a choice:

- 2 adults dry camping - only \$199.00
- 2 adults 30-amp electrical hookup - \$399.00

Here are your Top 10 reasons you'll love coming to the Rally!

1. Explore hundreds of RVs of all shapes and sizes! Tour the latest recreational vehicles from more than 25 RV Manufacturers and talk to the people from the factory!
2. Visit the more than 300 booths displaying and browse aisle after aisle of exhibitors displaying RV accessories, travel destinations, food, jewelry, clothing, everything you can imagine at the Rally's colossal trade show.!

3. Be a part of history and participate in the attempt to break the world record for the "Largest Wedding Vow Renewal!"
4. Attend informative seminars to help you enjoy your RV travels! Expand your RV knowledge at four days of enlightening how-to seminars on travel, troubleshooting and technical matters, traveling to Alaska, how to get more power, Geeks on Tour, chassis maintenance, and many more, all led by industry experts.
5. Bring your furry traveling companions and participate in our "Halo's Best in Show!" Rally Dog Show! Or just watch and enjoy the fun....
6. Test drive an RV around the Phoenix International Raceway track!
7. Honor our Military Veteran's at our Veteran's Salute!
8. Four nights of unforgettable entertainment! Don't miss our day entertainment as well!
9. Enjoy all the daily activities and your chance to win some great prizes!
10. And best of all, meet and share the good times with your fellow RVers.....the nicest people on the road!

After you have registered, e-mail Rick Rolland the following information so we can plan some get-togethers while we are there. (FYI-Most of us are registering for dry camping) The proposed plan is to all drive in together so we will all be parked together.

E-Mail the following info to: rickenrolland@websbest.com

Name:

Type of Registration: Dry Camping

Electric Hookup



WEST COAST CALIFORNIA RALLY

May 4 - 17, 2015

Come join us on the West Coast California Rally. While in the LA area, we will be visiting two Presidential Libraries, the spectacular Getty Center, the rare collections of the Nettercutt Museum, a dinner show at the Magic Castle, and a tour and show at the Mann's Chinese Theatre.

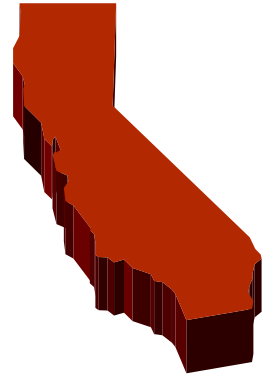
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mission, visit the Elverhoj museum, stop by the casino, or just take in the quaint Danish village of Solvang.

Then on to Paso Robles where we will be taking a couple tours at the Hearst Castle, and for those who still have energy, you can explore a light house seven miles up the road. The annual wine festival will be taking place. There will be a number of venues for the festival, one being wine tasting at the park where there will be 60 wineries for you to sample.

Below is our tentative itinerary, and changes could still be made. The cost will be around \$1100. Twelve coaches have signed up and we have room for 3 more coaches.

Date	RV Site	Activities
05/04/15	Newport Dunes	Arrival
05/05	Newport Dunes	Nixon Library/Sunset Cruise
05/06	Valencia RV	Arrival
05/07		Mann's Chinese Theatre/Game Show
05/08		Hart Museum/Nethercutt Museum
05/09		Reagan Library
05/10		Getty Museum
05/11		Magic Castle
05/12	Flying Flags	Arrival
05/13		Solvang
05/14	Paso Robles RV	Arrival
05/15		Hearst Castle (2 Tours)/Lighthouse tour (Optional)
05/16		Wine Festival (Pay as you go)/ Farewell Dinner
05/17	Depart	



GOIN' WILD

Yes, the Drifters are GOIN' WILD next fall. It's not too early to save the dates today!

OCTOBER 22-25, 2015

Camp Verde - Distant Drums Resort

Put your 'wild-on' with Animals, Cowboys and Indians too! More details later.....

Rally Hosts: Laraine & Larry Coplin, Lori & Steve Miller





Tucson Drifters Events Calendar

2014-2015

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



October 2014		November 2014		December 2014		January 2015	
Title:	LEGENDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY	Title:	ARIZONA FALL COLOR TOUR	Title:	ONE ENCHANTED EVENING NEW YEARS EVE GALA CELEBRATION		
Date:	October 1-5	Date:	October 30 - November 2	Date:	December 30, 2014 - January 2, 2015		
Place:	Ruidoso, NM (400 mi.)	Place:	Camp Verde, AZ (204 mi)	Place:	Canyon Vistas RV Resort (96 mi)		
Host:	Roger and Beverly Johnson/ Dick and Gayle Fisher	Host:	Larry & Laraine Coplin/ Ron & Irene Kuznicki/ Rick & Judy Rolland/Frank & Lois Wile	Host:	Roubal/Coplin		
February 2015		March 2015		April 2015		May 2015	
Title:	WILLCOX IS FOR LOVERS A Taste of Wine & Romance	Title:	PHOENIX RACE TRACK RENDEZVOUS	Title:	FUN IN THE SUN	Title:	IT'S SHOWTIME WEST COAST CALIFORNIA RALLY
Date:	February 12-15	Date:	February 26 - March 1	Date:	9-12 April	Date:	May 4-17
Place:	Willcox, AZ (83 mi)	Place:	Avondale, AZ (143 mi)	Place:	Rocky Point, MX (224 mi)	Place:	Newport Beach/Valencia, CA (526 mi)
Host:	Bass/Brooks/Baumann/Nester	Host:	Rolland	Host:	Roubal/Rolland	Host:	Miller/Salfen/Roubal/Dye

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

TUCSON DRIFTERS RALLY DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A *non refundable* 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.

TUCSON DRIFTERS 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

With the closing of 2014 comes the renewal of membership for 2015. According to our Bylaws, annual dues become payable beginning January 1. In addition to the dues payment, **please submit a membership renewal form**. While the form may seem redundant to our membership, it is very important to support bookkeeping and to verify each member's information in the membership listing that is published on our web site.

Annual dues are required to be paid no later than March 31, 2015. Any member who does not submit their dues payment by March 31 will be dropped from the Tucson Drifters membership. Also, remember that all members must keep their FMCA membership current. This renewal does not apply to those who joined the Chapter after June 1, 2014; your dues are paid through 2015.

TUCSON DRIFTERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues: \$20.00 (Payable January of each year)

FMCA F#: _____

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Cell Phone: _____ (Please note who the cell #'s belong to)

E-Mails: _____

Rig(year/make/length): _____

Make check payable to Tucson Drifters and Mail to:

Gayle Fisher, 7240 N. Cathedral Rock Road, Tucson, AZ 85718

Willcox is for Lovers

A Taste of Wine & Romance



Magic Circle RV Park, Willcox, AZ
February 12-15, 2015

Romantic Valentine's Weekend rally includes 3 nights at Magic Circle RV Park. We'll provide dinner Thursday night and a wonderful presentation about Willcox's own, Rex Allen, including live music by local musicians. Friday's "breakfast-on-the-go" will be followed by a ranger-led tour of Faraway Ranch & Chiracahua National Monument. That afternoon we'll get a first-hand account of "How Wine is made in Willcox Wine Country". Friday night we'll enjoy another delicious dinner provided by your rally hosts. Valentine's Day starts with a leisurely, yummy breakfast, then you will be on your own to visit the local museums & wine tasting rooms. Lunch will be on your own. Saturday night you won't want to miss our romantic French-inspired Valentine's dinner and a fun renewal of our vows! Sunday's farewell breakfast will provide the perfect ending to the Willcox is for Lovers Rally!

Name _____ Motorhome Length _____

Phone (h) _____ Phone (c) _____

E-Mail _____ # Pets _____

Rally Costs	()	1 person	\$110.00
	()	2 people	\$145.00
	()	3 people	\$180.00
		TOTAL DUE	\$

		DEPOSIT (Due12/2/14)	\$50.00

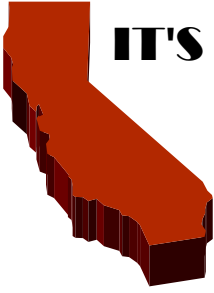
		Balance (Due1/15/15)	\$

Hosts: Suzi & Marv Bass, Nancy Nester & Bill Baumann, Cindy & Fred Brooks
 Questions: call Suzi (520) 544-7752 or Nancy (520) 343-9259

Please make checks payable to "Tucson Drifters" &
 Mail to: Gayle Fisher, 7240 N. Cathedral Rock Rd., Tucson, AZ 85718

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IT'S SHOW TIME - WEST COAST CALIFORNIA RALLY

May 4-17, 2015

Newport Dunes-Valencia-Buellton-Paso Robles California

REGISTRATION

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Then on to Paso Robles where we will be taking a couple tours at the Hearst Castle, and for those who still have the energy seven miles up the road you can explore a light house. While in Paso Robles the annual wine festival will be taking place. There will be a number of venues for the festival, one being wine tasting at the park where there will be 60 wineries for you to sample.!

The Rally consists of 13 nights at full-hook-up RV parks and seven meals. The cost will also include the entrance fees for the Nixon and Reagan Libraries, a Sunset Cruise, the Mann's Chinese Theatre Tour and Show, the Magic Castle Dinner and Show, two tours of the Hearst Castle, and three museums. !

Name			Motorhome length	Pets
Phone - Home			Phone - Cell	
Email				
	()	2 Persons TOTAL DUE	\$1100	
		DEPOSIT PAID by 07/15/14 08/30/14	\$50	
		PAYMENT BY 10/07/14	\$100	
		PAYMENT by 02/03/15	\$475	
		BALANCE DUE by 4/07/15	\$475	
Contact hosts for other than 2 persons				

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Hosts: Steven & Lori Miller, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Tom & Ruth Roubal, and Howard & Cheryl Dye