



February 2017

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING



On December 29, 2016 Roger A. Johnson, valued and longtime member of the Tucson Drifters passed away from complications due to cancer surgery. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Beverly, and family. He was always looking out for and helping others and will be missed.

On a much different and happy note, we want to wish the following Tucson Drifters a very

### Happy Birthday

Lori Miller	02/04
Fred Brooks	02/08
Vera Schlichter	02/13
Chuck Schalter	02/13
Dick Teschner	02/18
Irene Kuznicki	02/25
Joanne Hall	02/26

### Happy Anniversary

Bill Baumann and Nancy Nester, 02/14  
Ken and Joanne Hall, 02/17

## ACTIVITIES MEETING

At Shrine Center at 4:30 p.m. before the February 7<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting. All are invited to come and share your thoughts on proposed 2017/2018 rallies. Where do you want to go; what would you like see and do?

## DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

7 February 2017

Dinners include chips/salsa during Happy Hour, and *drinks* may be purchased at the adjoining bar.

Please make your reservations and **advise which dinner you prefer** no later than noon, 2 February. Cancellations must be made by Sunday 5 February, phone call only, 520-219-2896.

Meeting: **Tuesday, 7 February 2017**  
**5:30 Social Hour, 6:15 Dinner**

### VALENTINE DINNER

**Pick One:** Grilled Pork Cutlet w/Roasted  
Southwestern Potatoes, Tossed Salad,  
Roll/Butter, Dessert

OR

Chicken Caesar Salad, Cup of Soup, Dessert

**Cost: \$17.00 (inclusive) each, CHECKS PLEASE.**  
It is difficult to make change.

Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone in cancellation to 520-219-2896 by Sunday before the meeting) you will be responsible for reimbursement to Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Location: Shrine Center of Tucson  
450 S. Tucson Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ



# ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2016



Attendees: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Steve & Lori Miller, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Rick & Judy Rolland, Suzi & Marv Bass, Martha & Larry Castriotta, Ron & Irene Kuznicki, Nancy Nester & Bill

Baumann, Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, and Gary & Lee Wood, Frank & Lois Wiley.

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Ruth Roubal on December 7, 2016 at 4:33 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

December 1 - 4 2016 - Prescott - Holly Jolly Christmas - Millers, Salfen, Roubal - Great time in the cold.

January 2017 - No Rally

February 13 - 17, 2017 - San Diego by the Sea - San Diego, CA - This rally is closed with 17 coaches attending and two on standby.

March 7 - 10, 2017 - FMCA National Rally - Rolland and Brooks - Wildhorse Pass south of Phoenix. We will arrive on the March 6 and depart on March 11, 2017. There is dry camping and electric. Price goes up in January.

April 23 - 26, 2017 - Rocky Point - South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way - Castriotta, Rolland, Baumann/Nester, Cost is \$295 with \$100 deposit due January 6, 2017.

May 14th - 26, 2017 - Zig and a little Zag thru New Mexico - Miller, Coplin, and Salfen - Las Cruces, Elephant Butte, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. No changes this month.

## NEW BUSINESS

2017/2018 Rallies

October - Globe, AZ - Shaffer & Castriotta

November - Patagonia, AZ - Baumann, Nester, Christensen, & Wiley

December - Phoenix, AZ - Roubal, Nickerson, Baldrige, & Kuehn

January - Death Valley, CA - Baumann, Nester, & Miller

February - Lake Havasu, AZ - Rolland, & Kuehn

March - Benson, AZ - Brooks, Christensen, Ebner, & Schlichter

April - Kanab, UT - Wood, Hansen, Spaeth, & Miller

May - Big Ben, TX - Bass & Salfen  
Followed by  
San Antonio - Kuznicki, Baumann, & Nester

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.



## President's Corner:



*I Hope all of you survived the holidays in good fashion. I can't believe we are in February already. Look forward to seeing you at our February dinner meetings. Yes, we will be having 2 meetings in February because of the FMCA Rally. So you might want to mark your calendars for that. The dates are February the 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Just a friendly reminder: it is time to pay your dues for 2017.*

*Also, I want to let you know if you are still planning to attend the FMCA Rally in Chandler you can still get a reservation, but the fee went up on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It is a really fun rally to attend if you have never been to one or even if you have, because there are always new things to see and learn. The last FMCA magazine had some information on what was being planned.*

*We have two rally's coming up in April & May that still have some openings. We have also got a great start on some rally's coming up in the fall of 2017 & spring 2018. You will be getting more information as we get closer to those dates.*

*I look forward to meeting any new members who have joined us since December.*

*Don't forget our motto: It's not where you go, but who you go with*

*Linda*

## SAN DIEGO BY-THE-SEA

FEBRUARY 13-18, 2017 at Chula Vista RV Resort



"Where Lovers Steal A Kiss and Eat Dessert First"

This rally is full with 34 people, 17 coaches and 8 dogs headed to California to celebrate Valentine's Week. We'll be sightseeing, touring, hunting, cruising and of course...dinning!

Registration is closed as we have reached the maximum limit for this rally. However, if you might be interested in

attending and may possibly be able to attend on short notice ... contact Laraine and ask to be placed on "stand-by". Rally cost is \$510.

All those registered, should have received an email on January 14th outlining arrival information and a brief summary of the rally itinerary. More details will be revealed upon arrival at the resort.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Host: Laraine & Larry Coplin

[larainecoplin@mac.com](mailto:larainecoplin@mac.com)

Cell: 480-772-3974

Currently on stand-by: Christensen

Host: Laraine & Larry Coplin

[larainecoplin@mac.com](mailto:larainecoplin@mac.com)

Cell: 480-772-



## MORE FEBRUARY FUN

It's time to plan your trip to Chandler, Arizona, for the 95th International Convention: Rally in the Valley! You need to sign-up on your own-We will all park together!  
<http://www.fmca.com/conventions-64/chandler-2017.html>

- See the latest in motorhomes and imagine yourself behind the wheel of the best the industry has to offer.
- Wander the exhibit hall to find the perfect accessories (and more) for your RV lifestyle.
- Join FMCA friends and family for helpful seminars, memorable social events and outstanding daily entertainment.
- It's all about having FUN!

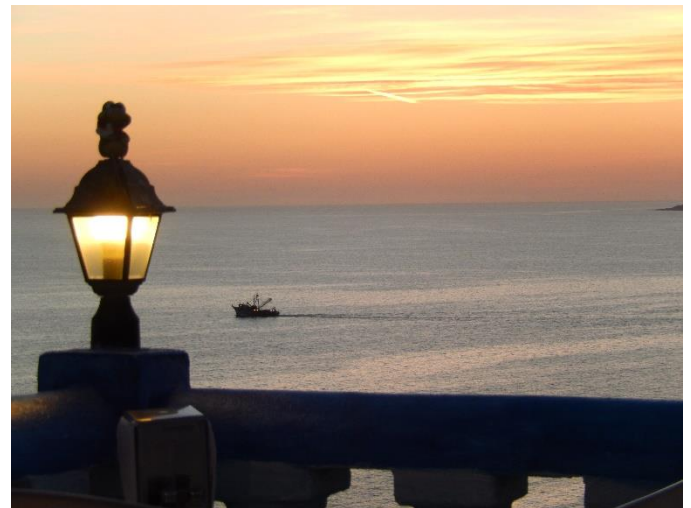
There's something for EVERYONE at the International Convention this year. If you've never been, come find out what you've been missing! If you've been before, you KNOW how much fun a convention can be. Register now — your friends are waiting!

Stay (and camp) for the whole event — the welcome mat is out!  
Early Bird special expires January 6. Register now and save up to \$30!

If you have questions, call Rick Rolland 405-2123

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

APRIL 23-26



Join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point Way on April 23-26. This fun-filled adventure rally includes 4 nights in ocean-front sites at The Reef RV Park, 3 dinners (including 2 beach fiestas), 2 breakfasts, a fabulous guided tour to



Join us at the inaugural Good Sam RV Super Show! See RVs on display, exhibit booths, kids activities, music & fun! There is also special Good Sam Club Member pricing! **This is one event you won't want to miss!**

"We are excited to bring you a new concept that incorporates many elements of past national rallies," said Good Sam Club President Mike Siemens. "Good Sam members enjoy community as part of club membership, and we are trying to preserve that benefit with events that combine a regional RV show with overnight camping, youth activities, educational seminars and entertainment for all. Our hope is for the Good Sam RV Super Show to become an annual event and to recreate it at RV shows across the country."

**ONSITE CAMPING PROMOTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED!**  
Register for the 4 nights of dry camping by January 13

and you will receive a Free 2017 RV Travel & Savings Guide (valued at \$19.95) and a Free 2017 RV Buyer's Guide (valued at \$9.95).  
(Guides will be distributed at the show.)

## Tucson Drifters roll into March with FMCA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

FMCA'S 95th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND RV EXPO

# RALLY IN THE VALLEY

CHANDLER, ARIZONA • MARCH 7-10, 2017  
RAWHIDE WESTERN TOWN & EVENT CENTER

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA



"hidden Rocky Point", tequila tasting, ATV riding, shopping on Rodeo Drive, beachcombing and sunsets - oh!, the sunsets!

will leave us all wondering if we need to schedule an eye exam...or...is it really magic?

Get your Olé on and join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point way!

## Zig and a Little Zag thru NEW MEXICO

May 14 - 25, 2017

We start our 12-day journey in Las Cruces at the Hacienda RV Resort. We will be visiting



the White Sands National Monument...famous for its 275 square miles of the seemingly stark, brilliant white gypsum sand. Next stop... the White Sands Missile Range Museum where you can trace the origin of

America's missile and space activity.

The adventure continues as we zig north and slightly west to Cedar Cove RV Park in Elephant Butte. Our space activities will resume when we visit Space Port America. You'll feel like an astronaut, if you choose to enter the G-Shock simulator or venture into the Spaceport Operations Center where you will interact with Spaceport America crew members. We will also see a state-of-the-art fire station.



Now we are ready to continue the journey. We will go north and slightly east to find the American RV Park in Albuquerque. For our first night in town, the hosts have scheduled a pizza party in the resort's clubhouse. The next morning we board a trolley for a tour of Old Town and the surrounding neighborhoods. Over the next few days we will be going to The

Albuquerque Museum of Art & History and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and



Science. Another morning finds us at the Turquoise Museum. Here we will learn about the processing of a turquoise stone from digging in a mine to sitting on the shelf of the jewelry store. An evening of magic and entertainment will start when we enter Max's Magic Theatre for a private show that



We begin the zag portion of our journey as we relocate to the Santa Fe Skies Resort in beautiful Santa Fe. Our tour of Santa Fe starts at the New Mexico State Capital Building. A trolley will carry us through the

city and beyond before returning to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The afternoon has been left open for you to do more site seeing, shopping or a little relaxation. The final adventure as a group will be a visit to the Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum, where you will learn how the atomic bomb was developed. The last day is free for you to explore Santa Fe and/or surrounding areas. Just be back in time for the Farewell Dinner.

The fee for this rally is \$900. The cost includes all 50-amp full hook-up RV spaces, admission to all venues, four host provided meals, two dinners out, and one lunch.

**Rally limited to the first 15 registrations - so get your reservation in now.**

**Hosts: Lori & Steve Miller 520-749-6092  
Laraine & Larry Coplin  
Linda & Jeff Salfen**



## Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2016-2017 - *A Work in Progress*

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October 2016		November 2016		December 2015		January 2017	
Title:	Oro Valley Rally	Title:	NO RALLY	Title:	Holly Jolly Celebration	Title:	February - Good Sam Nat'l Rally
Date:	Oct 20-23	Date:		Date:	Dec 1-4	Date:	Feb 23-26
Place:	Catalina State Park	Place:		Place:	Prescott	Place:	Phoenix Raceway
Host:	Dernison & Fearnow	Host:		Host:	Miller, Salfen, & Roubal	Host:	Rolland/Brooks
February 2017		March 2017		April 2017		May 2017	
Title:	San Diego by the Sea	Title:	FMCA National Rally	Title:	South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way	Title:	Zig and a Little Zag Thru New Mexico
Date:	Feb 13-18	Date:	Mar 7 - 10	Date:	Apr 23-26	Date:	May 14-26
Place:	San Diego, CA	Place:	Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix (100 miles)	Place:	The Reef RV Park	Place:	New Mexico
Host:	Coplin	Host:	Rolland/Brooks	Host:	Castriotta/Baumann/Nester/Rolland	Host:	Miller/Coplin/Salfen

Visit our website with our own club name as the URL: [www.TucsonDrifters.org](http://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.

# South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way ¡Olé!



**The Reef RV Park**  
Sandy Beach, Puerto Peñasco, MX  
April 23-26, 2017

This fun-filled adventure rally includes 4 nights in ocean-front sites at The Reef RV Park, 3 dinners (including 2 beach fiestas), 2 breakfasts, a fabulous guided tour to "hidden Rocky Point", tequila tasting, ATV riding, shopping on Rodeo Drive, beachcombing and sunsets - oh!, the sunsets! Get your Olé on and join us South of the Border, down Rocky Point way!

Names	_____		
Phone	_____	Phone	_____
E-Mail	_____	E-Mail	_____
RV Length	_____	# Pets	_____
Emergency Contact	_____	Phone	_____

Rally Costs	2 people	\$295.00
	Deposit - Due Jan 6, 2017	\$100.00
	Balance - Due Feb 7, 2017	\$195.00

Hosts: Larry & Martha Castriotta, Nancy Nester & Bill Baumann, Rick & Judy Rolland  
Questions: call Larry (520) 262-7072 or Nancy (520) 343-9259

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters

Mail to: Steve Miller, 9871 E Kleindale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749

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# Zig and a Little Zag through New Mexico

May 14-26 2017

## REGISTRATION FORM

- Come and join the Drifters as we do a Zig and Little Zag thru New Mexico. We have 12 fun filled days planned for you. The rally begins in Las Cruces then moves to Elephant Butte and Albuquerque before spending our final days in Santa Fe. We have a diverse itinerary planned; of course it includes visits to White Sands National Monument, Spaceport America and Los Alamos. There will be city tours, museums, cathedrals, magic theatre and a tour of the Capitol. We will learn and view the process of changing a stone from a Turquoise mine into designer jewelry. The cost includes all 50 amp full hook up RV spaces, admission to all venues, four host provided meals dinners, two dinners out, and one lunch.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

		Amount Paid
Rally Fee: (2-Persons)	\$ 900	_____
<u>\$150 DEPOSIT (non-refundable) to be paid by 12/15/16</u>	\$ 150	_____
<u>SECOND PAYMENT - DUE 2/7/17</u>	\$ 375	_____
<u>BALANCE - DUE 4/4/17</u>	\$ 375	_____

Rally limited to the first 15 registrations. Additional registrations will be placed on stand-by. If you have physical / accessibility issues, contact the rally host.

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