



March 2017

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING



Bill Hohmann	3/3
Gil Nielson	3/4
Bob Jones	3/5
Patricia Chandler	3/17
Pat Simonis	3/19
John Fearnow	3/20
Marvin Fling	3/30
Dick Simonis	3/31

## DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING 28 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, 23 February. Cancellations must be made by Sunday 26 February, phone call only, 520-219-2896.

**Meeting: Tuesday, 28 February 2017**  
**5:30 Social Hour, 6:15 Dinner**

**Pick One:** Chicken Teriyaki, White Rice, Sauteed Veggies  
Tossed Salad, Roll/Butter, Dessert

OR

Fresh Greens/Marinated Fresh Veggies,  
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



Ed & Margrita Hutchison	3/6
Bill & JoAnn Hohmann	3/19
Gary & Lee Wood	3/25
Jay & Pam Aronow	3/31

## NOTICE:

We will be having an election for the National Director and Alternate Director at our April meeting. We did not have anyone to fill those positions at the November 2016 business meeting. In December Jeff Salfen agreed to be National Director and Fred Brooks agreed to be Alternate Director. Regard this as a 30 day notice of their election per our Chapter By Laws.



# ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2017



Attendees: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Steve & Lori Miller, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Rick & Judy Rolland, Larry & Laraine Coplin, Suzi & Marv Bass, John Fearnow, Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, Lois Wiley, and Dale & Jennie Christensen.

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Ruth Roubal February 7, 2017 at 4:28 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

**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 are 18 coaches signed up (10 in electric and 8 dry camping). Rally events start on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**April 23 - 26, 2017** - Rocky Point - South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way - Castriotta, Rolland, Baumann/Nester - Currently there are 13 coaches signed up with room for two more. The clearance signs at the border state 12'3". After verification with U.S. Customs the true clearance is 13'7". They hope to have new signs up by the rally. Activities for the rally include: a catered dinner on the beach, ATVing in the sand dunes, a bus tour of the area, and much more.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - 26, 2017** - Zig and a little Zag thru New Mexico - Miller, Coplin, and Salfen - Las Cruces, Elephant Butte, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. This rally is closed with 12 coaches attending.

## 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 - After review of the area, the main attraction is being repaired and the RV park is being updated. We will be going dark in January

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

Possible long range rallies for 2018/2019 season: Dakota's, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Canada, and New Orleans

Next Activities Meeting will be in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.



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## President's Corner:



A lot of us have just gotten back from the San Diego Rally. What a great time was had by all. Thanks for a great rally Laraine & Larry. It was certainly a great place to spend Valentine's Day and week.

There is still room in the Mexico Rally for anyone who is interested, and of course I'm sure you can still sign up for the FMCA Rally in Chandler, Az. We already have a good group of us going. They are always a good time.

Remember we are having no dinner meeting in March, because all of the board will be at the FMCA Rally. We are having the extra dinner meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and you should all have received the dinner notice.

We have some great rally's being planned for fall 2017 & spring 2018 so please keep a look out, and sign up to join your other Drifter friends.

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

*Linda*

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## SAN DIEGO BY-THE-SEA





## Tucson Drifters roll into March with FMCA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

### MORE FEBRUARY FUN



**Phoenix International Raceway, Phoenix, AZ**  
**February 23 - 26, 2017**  
**RV Show hours:**  
**Thursday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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.)



**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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**MARCH 7-10, 2017**  
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**CHANDLER, ARIZONA**

*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 "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!

## Zig and a Little Zag thru NEW MEXICO

May 14 - 26, 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 will leave us all wondering if we need to schedule an eye exam...or...is it really magic?



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:	<b>Oro Valley Rally</b>	Title:	<b>NO RALLY</b>	Title:	<b>Holly Jolly Celebration</b>	Title:	<b>February - Good Sam Nat'l Rally</b>
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:	<b>San Diego by the Sea</b>	Title:	<b>FMCA National Rally</b>	Title:	<b>South of the Border Down Rocky Point Way</b>	Title:	<b>Zig and a Little Zag Thru New Mexico</b>
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**

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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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