



March 2018

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

Bill Hohmann sends his thanks to the Drifters for the card expressing the hope for his complete recovery from his present circumstance. See you all at next dinner.

Happy Birthday:



- Patricia Chandler 3/17
- John Fearnow 3/20
- Marvin Fling 3/30
- Bill Hohmann 03/03
- Bob Jones 03/05
- Gil Nielsen 03/04
- Pat Simonis 03/19
- Dick Simonis 3/31

Happy Anniversary:



- JoAnn and Bill Hohmann 3/19
- Margarita and Ed Hutchison 03/06
- Lee and Gary Wood 3/25

ACTIVITIES MEETING

will be held at 4:30 prior to the dinner meeting to discuss future rallies.

Please come with your ideas to help plan another great season of RVing with the Tucson Drifters.



MARCH DINNER MEETING

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

Meeting: Tuesday, 6 March 2018,
5:30 Social Hour, 6:15 Dinner

Pick One: Entree
Homemade Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Sautéed Veggies
Caesar Salad/Roll-Butter
Dessert

Or

Salad
Caesar Salad w/Grilled Chicken
Cup of Soup
Dessert

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

Please remember, if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone in cancellation to 520-219-2896 by Sunday 4 March 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



President's Corner:



I can't believe we are in March already. Time flies when we are having fun with fellow Drifters.

For those of you who were not able to be at the February meeting we voted to allow towables in Tucson Drifters. The vote was 15 for, 4 against, with one abstention. To answer the question of a quorum present for the vote, the answer is yes. The Drifters will wait and see how this change will progress.

We have two great rallies coming up that have waiting lists. We still have the two Texas rallies that have openings. They have put a lot of work into planning these so hope you might be able to consider one or both of them.

I'm pleased to see our membership growing with the several new members in the last few months. Thanks to those members who have brought in some of the new members. Word of mouth really does make a difference. If you meet someone with an RV tell them about our club.

Look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

As our motto goes: It's not where you go but who you go with

Linda

2018 TUCSON DRIFTERS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President, Linda Salfen
Vice President, Suzie Bass
VP for Planning, Ruth Roubal
Asst. VP for Planning, Lori Miller
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Nat'l Director, Bill Hohmann
Alt. Nat'l Director, Fred Brooks

Directors

John Fearnow
Tom Roubal
Bernie Kuehn
Ken Hall
Rick Rolland

ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2018

Attendees: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Steve & Lori Miller, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Fred & Cindy Brooks, Bill Baumann & Nancy Nester, Dale & Jennie Christensen, Marv & Suzi Bass, Mark and Linda Wenner, Bill Hohmann and Bernie & Kendra Kuehn.

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Ruth Roubal on February 6, 2018 at 4:32 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

December 29, 2017 – January 2, 2018 – Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade - Roubal, Nickerson, Baldrige, & Kuehn – What a great rally. The days were full, and the Rose Parade was wonderful.

NEW BUSINESS

2017/2018 Rallies

February 5th – 9, 2018 - Under the Sun Tucson, FMCA International Rally, AZ – Pima County Fair Grounds – Rolland, Kuehn, Fearnow

March 12 – 15, 2018 - Benson, AZ – Brooks & Christensen – Everyone is going to have a great time!!!

April 12 – 15, 2018– Apache Junction, AZ – Wood, Hansen, & Spaeth – We will be staying at the Lost Dutchman State Park

May 3 – 11, 2018 – Big Ben, TX – Bass & Salfen – The first night will be in Laz Cruces at the Hacienda RV Park. Then onto Alpine Texas, where we will stay at the Alaskan RV Park. Next stop will be Lajitas Texas. We will be staying at the Maverick RV Park. Currently there are seven coaches signed up.

Followed by

May 11 – 22, 2018 – Fort Stockton, Hill Country, and San Antonio. Kuznicki, Baumann, Nester and Castriotta – We will start in Fort Stockton for two days, then on to the Hill Country for four days, and from there we will go to San Antonio for five days. Some of the events include a River Cruise, Tower of the America's, a hop on and hop off buss (which will be good for two days), and a Rodeo with a Barbeque dinner with a bus to and from the event.

IDEAS FOR 2018/2019 RALLIES:

October – Lake Powell – Rolland, Spaeth – Cost will be around \$550. We are looking at a Dinner Cruise, A scenic boat tour of Lake Powell, and a Jeep ride to Antelope Canyon.

November – Phoenix – Roubal, Nickerson, Baldrige

December/January – Marana, AZ – Brooks, Bass, Castriotta – Plans are in the works

February – Sierra Vista, AZ – Sierra Vista/Tombstone/ Wilcox Rally or Casa Grande, (These are just suggestions). Currently there are no rally hosts.

March – Pala, Ca – Roubal, Kuehn – Wine Tour and Wild Animal Park are being looked at.

April – Globe, AZ – Schaefer – Historic Home Show

June – Colorado – Miller, Bass, Castriotta – Plans are in the works. Looking at starting in Durango, then onto Creede, and end in Colorado Springs. With a visit to Mesa Verde National Park, take a scenic tour on the Durango Silverton Train, tour the Air Force Academy, and visit The Garden of Gods, just to name a few activities in the works. This will be about a two-week rally and will start around the 5th of June 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



REPORTING ON THE FEBRUARY FMCA RALLY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

While there were some complaints on parking problems at the Chandler FMCA rally last March, I have to say they did a good job at the FMCA rally at the fairgrounds several weeks ago,. Parking was a 15-minute affair, the food was great, the entertainment was very enjoyable, and the venue was surprisingly modern. Power pedestals were brand new. We had a good time. The Schultz's and Rolland's however were outnumbered by the 16 coaches from the Desert Roadrunners...hopefully the Drifters will have a better showing at the next FMCA rally.

Rick Rolland

CHAPTER VOTE ON MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

A Special Business Meeting was held during the February 6th dinner meeting for a chapter vote concerning the recent change to FMCA membership criteria allowing towables. Specifically, the membership was asked to vote yes or no on whether the Tucson Drifters "will accept towables as defined in the FMCA vote." That FMCA membership criteria was changed from "motor coach or motor home" to "recreation vehicle," which is further defined as "a self-contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities."

78% of the votes were yes, accepting the change. The change in membership criteria for both the FMCA and the Tucson Drifters was effective immediately with the vote; written Bylaw changes are in the works.

Marv Bass
Secretary



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY RALLY

Benson, AZ

March 15-18, 2018

We have our sites reserved at the beautiful Butterfield RV Resort in Benson AZ.

Friday will be an adventure day in Bisbee as we tour the Queen Mine and enjoy a tour of the town by Lavender Jeep. In between the tours, feel free to take in the ambience of this unique little town. There are a lot of shops to enjoy from arts to books to eating. On your way back to the Butterfield Resort, Tombstone is an option if you wish to stop.



Saturday, we will tour the Benson Museum. The rest of the day is yours until the evening dinner and dance.



Saint Patrick's Day celebration will be hosted by the resort providing us dinner and dance with live entertainment.

The cost of this adventure rally will be \$245.00 per couple. We will also have a catered dinner on Thursday night and a host provided dinner on Friday night.



Come join us as we celebrate St Paddy's Day of 2018! Who knows what you'll find?



AAA Rally. (Apache Junction, Arizona in April)

April 12-15, 2018

Apache Junction, AZ

Hosts, Hansen, Spaeth, Wood

Please join us for a Rally back in time to the Old West.

THURSDAY: April 12th at the Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction. We will convene for an early happy hour and check-in at the hosts campsites 2:30 pm. We will then mosey on down to the Goldfield Ghost Town 3-3:00 pm. You will have until 5:00 to “check it out” and allow time to walk through the Museum. At the close of the Ghost Town business hours, we will be entertained with our own cowboy show and shoot out. For those who survive the gunfight, we will stay and have dinner at the Mammoth Steak house.

Time on your own after dinner, although the hosts plan on campfires every evening that you are welcome to come share tall stories or lore of yesteryear.

FRIDAY: 10 am-2:00 pm we will do a fun Jeep ride for all you cowpoke. Plenty of 4 wheel drives will be available to take anybody who prefers to ride along.

6:00 pm we will meet at the Arizona Opry in Apache Junction, (15min drive) for a very entertaining evening of fun and music. . It all starts with dinner and then a spectacular show that you don't want to miss.

SATURDAY: Morning free to relax, hike or join us in a corn hole tournament with prizes. We will then meet at Tortilla Flats on the old Apache Trail at high noon. Once you have chowed down on your lunch, back down the Ol'trail to embark on the Steamship Dolly



for a tour of Canyon Lake.

You'll have a little time to rest and relax after your boat tour until the evening kicks off at 6:30. For you adventurous types, I'm sure you might just find the hosts hanging out sip'in a cold one. Again you are always welcome at the Ol'Campsite .

Saturday evening should be a real treat. We have the Ramada rented for an evening cookout and campfire. The hosts will supply the steaks and chicken and we will do pot luck for the fixins. (you will be contacted in advanced by the hostess to arrange your dish). We will be entertained, and I mean entertained that evening by cowboy singer and balladeer Ted Newman. We encourage you to join us with your boots, jeans, and cowboy hats if you so desire.

SUNDAY: 8:30-10:00 We will offer donuts, juice, (bring your own coffee) to say goodbye, before we break camp and say good bye to the Old West, until next time.

PRE-RALLY GOLF : Thursday AM, Apache Junction. If you are interested you will need to reserve your own space for Wednesday. We can give you the space numbers we have reserved so you don't have to move. The plan will be to play Thursday morning. If you are interested let us know so we know how many and what price range you would be interested in so we can book the appropriate course.

Participation is waiting list only. Check with rally hosts if interested.

Looking for more great information from the Tucson Drifters, visit our website at:

<http://tucsondrifters.org/>

(Press Ctrl + click)



GONE TO TEXAS (GTT) RALLIES

The Drifters May 2018 rallies will actually be **two back to back rallies** 'cause

Texas is just that **big**.



GONE TO TEXAS was the catch phrase of many migrants to Texas in the 1800s. In fact it became such a part of the southern lexicon that it was often abbreviated to GTT which was posted on signs or painted cabins &

gates. The 2018 Drifters May rally has adopted this phrase as our theme as we will be traveling across two thirds of the Lone Star State.

GTT – Big Bend. The Salfens and Basses are hosting the Big Bend portion which is runs from May 3-10 and will invite you to experience the expansiveness of this part Texas and to be able to sing with authenticity “The stars at night Are big and bright....Deep in the heart of Texas” by the end.

GTT - Heart of Texas is hosted by the Kuznickis, Nester/Baumanns, and Castriottas. It will run from May 11–23. You will get to experience some frontier life, the best kept secret in Texas, and the ultimate Texas tourist destination.

Gone To Texas – Big Bend Style

May 3 – 11 2018



Come enjoy the moderate temperatures of west Texas where we'll have fun in, and be 'educated' about, Big Bend. We'll start our travels on May 3, 2018 at the Hacienda RV Park in Las Cruces. We'll 'muster' at 5:00 pm for a get acquainted Happy Hour, dinner and receive information packets for the trip.

On May 4th we head to Alpine, Texas by way of Van Horn (ain't no easy access gas past here) and Marfa, Texas. Be awake – there's some 'intrestin' sites along the way. We'll be staying at the “Lost Alaskan” RV Park (there has to be a story there) where once again we'll have Happy Hour and dinner together.

The next afternoon we'll head to Ft. Davis, Texas for a Ranger guided tour of Ft Davis, the most well **preserved** of the western forts, dine at the local drugstore and learn about the stars at McDonald Observatory - All opportunities to be 'educated.'

On Sunday afternoon we'll visit the Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross University (here we go 'gitten educated' again.) We'll meet back at the park for Happy Hour and dinner.

While we're here you'll have free time to check out the Farmers' Market, see the murals for which



Alpine is known, visit the oh so interesting Antique shop and, just maybe, make your way back to Marfa to possibly see the 'Marfa lights.'

Monday we make an easy move to Lajitas, Texas - a small town that sits on the north bank of the Rio Grande between Big Bend National Park and the Big Bend Ranch State Park. We're staying at the Maverick RV Park where one of the 'locals' and a park ranger will join us for dinner that evening and 'edicate' us on the history of the local area (there's more than you would think).

This is where you'll be freewheeling. There are myriad things to do here, horseback riding, river rafting, hiking (one of the trail heads is right in the park), cycling, four-wheeling, shooting, golf, exploring the Big Bend National Park and the Big Bend Ranch State Park, etc. We're giving you two whole days to pick your own '*oh why did I try to do that?*' adventures. Although we'll have snacks available for Happy Hour every evening, the only group activity is on our last rally day. We'll take an afternoon trip to the Terlingua Ghost Town Cemetery followed by dinner at the Starlight Theater to say farewell to our rally.

One of the neatest things about our RV club is the varied interests of our members. Sooooo on this 'freewheeling' rally we're giving you lots of free time to pursue yours – with a few suggestions from the rally hosts. **All Y'all Come Freewheeling in Big Bend!!**

Gone To Texas – Heart of Texas May 11-23, 2018

FORT STOCKTON: After the Big Bend portion of the rally, we will rendezvous in Fort Stockton for a traditional Texas dinner, visit some local sights and then on to Stonewall, Texas.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY: The Texas Hill Country has often been called one of the best kept secrets of

Texas. We have group events planned for you to include venues in the German community of Fredericksburg, The Texas White House, a Living History farm and world famous Luckenbach. Who knew that there are over 40 vineyards in this area?

SAN ANTONIO: You will be provided a guided tour of San Antonio and then tickets to the Alamo trolley Hop on/off to further explore the sights which interest you most. We are planning quintessential San Antonio events including a river boat cruise, Tower of the Americas, and dinner at Mi Tierra restaurant in El Mercado. You also will experience a typical south Texas Saturday night with a BBQ dinner, a rodeo with working cowboys (no rhinestones here) and then some boot scooting on the dance floor under the live oaks trees.

Please plan on joining us for a real Texas immersion and think about continuing your jaunt after the rally up to New Braunfels, Greune, Austin, and other hill country destinations.

After all that experience you may apply to be a naturalized Texas citizen





Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2017-2018 - *A Work in Progress*

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October 2017		November 2017	December 2017	January 2018
Title:	Cobre Valley Rally	Patagonia State Park	Rose Bowl Parade	
Date:	Oct 12-15	Nov 13-15	Dec 29, 2017-Jan 2, 2018	
Place:	Globe, AZ	Patagonia, AZ	Pasadena, CA	
Host:	Schaefer/Castriotta	Nester/Bauman, Wiley, Christensen	Roubal/Kuehn/Nickerson/Baldrige and Special Assistance from the Millers	
February 2018		March 2018	April 2018	May 2018
Title	Under The Tucson Sun	TBD	AAA Rally	Gone to Texas
Date	Feb 5-9	Mar 15-18	Apr 12-15	May 3-10/May 11-23
Place	Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ	Benson, AZ	Apache Junction, AZ	Big Bend, TX/San Antonio, TX
Host	Rolland/Schultz/Fearnow	Brooks, Christensen, Ebner, & Schlichter	Wood, Hansen, Spaeth, & Miller	Bass/Salfen/ Kuznicki Baumann/Nester/Castriotta

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

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Planned activities include: Ghost Town with Cowboy Show and Shootout, Jeep Ride, Arizona Opry Dinner Show and an exciting lake tour onboard the Steamship Dolly. Campfires will be every evening to share tall stories or lore of yesteryear.

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____, _____

Email (s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

LOST DUTCHMAN STAE PARK

Apache Junction

Rally Fee: (2-Persons) \$ 375

\$125 DEPOSIT (non-refundable) to be paid by 11/10/2017 \$ 125

\$250 BALANCE DUE to be paid by 3/10/2018 \$ 250

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.

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.

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

Hosts: Bill & Betsy Hansen 520-444-4907

Jan & Paul Spaeth 520-270-7999

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Registration Form

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On May 4, we'll move on down to Alpine, TX for three nights. You will enjoy a ranger guided tour of the most well preserved Fort Davis. Also included while in Alpine will be a nighttime visit to McDonald Observatory for star gazing through their large telescopes and a visit to Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross University.

May 7 will find you in Lajitas, TX for lots of free time to see Big Bend National Park, Big Bend Ranch State Park and the surrounding area. There are a myriad of things to do in Lajitas: horseback riding, hiking, biking, four wheeling, shooting, golf and exploring. So come and relax a little in Big Bend, Texas.

Names _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____

RV Length _____ # Pets _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Rally Costs	2 People	\$450.00
	1 Person	\$360.00
	Deposit Due by January 15, 2018	\$100.00
	Balance Due by April 3, 2018	\$350.00

Rally Hosts: Suzi and Marv Bass, Jeff and Linda Salfen

Make Check Payable to: Tucson Drifters

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

Rally Costs:	2 people	\$950.00
Deposit	Due Date: December 5, 2017	175.00
Payment 1	Due Date: February 6, 2018	225.00
Payment 2	Due Date: March 6, 2018	275.00
Final Payment	Due Date: April 3, 2018	275.00

Hosts: Ron & Irene Kuznicki, Nancy Nester & Bill Baumann, Larry & Martha Castriotta

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