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# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING

by Jean Fearnow



Bayles, Gerry 11/26  
Emmert, Paul 11/05  
Fisher, Gayle. 11/13  
Rogers, Donna 11/30  
Wonder, John 11/22



Christensen, Dale and Jennie 11/26

## SEMIANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Suzi Bass advised that a semiannual Tucson Drifters board meeting will be held at 4:30 prior to the November Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine Center.

## DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

**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, Nov 1st.

If you do not receive a confirmation reply, we DO NOT have your reservation. Cancellations must be

made by 4 pm Saturday, Nov 2, by PHONE CALL ONLY to *Michael Katz* at 520-870-1923.

Meeting: **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**  
**5:30 Social Hour, 6:15 Dinner**

**Pick either Entrée or Salad**

### Entree

Roasted Turkey/Gravy  
Candied Sweet  
Potatoes  
Sautéed Green Beans  
Tossed Salad/Roll-  
Butter  
Pumpkin Pie/Whipped  
Cream

### Salad Selection

Spring Greens/  
Romaine  
Grilled Chicken  
Crumbled Blue Cheese-  
Grape Tomatoes  
Cranberries-  
Caramelized Walnuts  
Roll and Butter  
Cup of Soup  
Pumpkin Pie/Whipped  
Cream

Cost: **\$18.00 (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 520-870-1923 by Sunday before the meeting) you will be responsible for reimbursement to Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.

Location: Shrine Center of Tucson, 450 S. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ (South of Broadway)



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## President's Corner:



*Drifters – As I make this attempt to write my monthly blurb for the November Drifters' Newsletter, I'm sitting in our RV at the Pima County Fairgrounds along with 15 other RVs belonging to Tucson Drifters, and we are part of 360 RVs who are here for the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association (RMMA) Ramble. This is the first time since 2003 the Ramble has been held in Tucson and as one of the local chapters the Tucson Drifters have again been very much involved. Kudos to Ruth and Tom Roubal, for all their hard work organizing the pre-rally tours.*

*On Friday evening we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in fine style with some of our former members joining us for the festivities. At our dinner meeting in November you'll hear all about our celebration and . . . be voting on the officers and directors for the coming year – come and have your vote counted.*

*Suzi*

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### **NOMINEES FOR 2020 TUCSON DRIFTERS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Following is the proposed slate of Tucson Drifters officers and directors for 2020

#### OFFICERS

President: Suzi Bass  
Vice President: Linda Salfen  
Vice President-planning: Ruth Roubal  
Assistant VP-Planning: Vera Schlichter  
Secretary: Marv Bass  
Treasurer: Ted Schaefer  
Asst. Treasurer: Michael Katz  
National Director: Bill Hohmann  
Asst. National Director: Amy Jones

#### DIRECTORS

Apparel/Signs: John Fearnow  
Newsletter: Tom Roubal

Web Master: Rick Rolland  
At Large: Jeff Salfen  
At Large: Jean Fearnow (Caring & Sharing)  
At Large: Bernie Keuhn  
Membership: Linda Salfen

Chapter members will vote on this proposed slate at the November dinner meeting. There will also be the opportunity to take nominations from the floor at the meeting. The voted and approved officers will assume their duties on 1 January 2020.

Jeff Salfen – Nominating Committee Chair



## RAMBLE THANK YOU



Our 35<sup>th</sup> RMMA Ramble has come and gone, hard to believe! We had right at 300 family coaches, plus 15 vendors and over 150 show coaches plus a dozen Dodge trucks on display want to thank all of the volunteers, a big thanks to Larry Morrison, for best program book yet, Wayne and Betty Cernie, I do not know how to thank you enough, thanks to both of your tireless work, we had a great ramble. All the captains, sub captains, and the RMA board again thank you. The ladies' lunch was great, the picnic, and the block party was a big hit. The Tucson Drifters lead by Ruth and Suzie did a great job on tours; wow I have many compliments on you all! Thank you to Russ and Rich in security, Larry and Don on trams, Jack and Brian and the parkers, the office lead by Grace and the Arizona club great! Also thank you to my wife Galina for helping and letting me go and pursue the V-P job!

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Ed and Jan White, outgoing treasure and Rita Moore, who has done so many rambles and nationals, retired as VC person, the store went great we sold a lot, thank you to Terry and the roadrunners. Our Maestros were shorthanded but did a great job, along with: Righty" on the horn. Robert and Linda took over 500 pictures and Millie made all the table decorations for the long tables, and Kathy did the stage and ladies luncheon. Lastly thank you all of RMA for showing up!

Sincerely

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 AREA V-P FMCA  
 505-330-1380  
 jerickson@fmca.com

## A HEARTY TUCSON DRIFTERS THANK YOU FOR OUR TOMBSTOPNE AND SAN XAVIER TOURS AND BLOCK PARTY.

**Marv and Suzi Bass**, sub captains for their dedication in making the pre tours at RMMA a success and Marv in getting our club in a dedicated area that worked for us. WAY TO GO MARV!!!

**Jim Schultz** - Treasure that always keeps Ruth in line on the numbers. Do not know what we would have done without him!!!

**Ted Schaefer, Jeff Salfen & John Fearnow** - The responsibly they had and gave to our club to be the designative drivers for our vans. This mission would not have been possible without them. I just want to give you all a two thumbs thanks.

**Fred Brooks** - Our back-up driver and Man about. What can we say but a BIG, BIG THANKS? As you know, he is the most loved member of the club.

**Diane Schaefer, Linda Salfen and Cindy Brooks** - My girls that really came thru for me on taking care of their tour passengers. An important job making sure you got them all back to the park (fortunately, we did not leave anyone behind).

**Helen Baldrige** - For your dedication to the club to help in anyway needed. A real trooper!!!

**Jean Fearnow, Carol Smith, Barbara Schultz, Vera Schlichter, Helen Baldrige, & Jeannie Christensen**  
 You girls were so dedicated on behalf of our club's participations in making the tours run smoothly. Our hat's off to you all!!!

**Larry Castriotta** - Our musical liaison did a marvelous job in getting our band into the park and



helping them in setting up. What a guy we have in Larry!!!

**Clint Smith** - Never wavered in his responsibility of being the Ice engineer. Charter member and has also written the article for the FMCA magazine for our 20th year anniversary. MY THANKS TO YOU!!!

**Hans and Tricia Dernison** – Bar captains that had their hands full during the block party. GOOD JOB YOU TWO

**Paul Spaeth** - Our very own Tucson Drifters Cowboy for his additional musical talent for the party. HE IS SOOO GOOD!!!

I would like to thank all the members from the Tucson Drifters that came to the rally and participated in our activities and those that joined us that evening. WE LOVE YOU ALL!!!

**Bill Hohmann** - That special person that made this all a reality 20 years ago. THE TUCSON DRIFTERS THANK YOU!!!



Bill Hohmann accepts 20-year FMCA Certificate from RMMA President Jamie Erickson

BUT NOT LEAST OF ALL **Tom Roubal** - For all your hard work for everything and anything that was needed to get this rally and tours off the ground. You never said no about doing any project that needed to be done or bringing half of the house with us. OH, I FORGET YOU DID NOT LET ME BRING THE OUTSIDE FANS!!! Love you Ruth.

Ruth Roubal  
VP for Planning

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### TUCSON DRIFTERS 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

With the closing of 2019 comes the renewal of membership for 2020. According to our Bylaws, annual dues become payable beginning January 1.

In addition to the dues payment, please submit the 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. The Renewal Form is at the end of the newsletter.



## ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES October 1, 2019



Attendees: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Steve Miller, Ted & Diana Schaefer, Fred & Cindy Brooks, Marv & Suzi Bass, Jeff & Linda Salfen, Vera Schlichter, John & Jean Fearnow, Clint & Carol Smith, and Bill and Rita Henrich.

The Activities Meeting was held at the Sabbar Shrine Center and was called to order by Ruth Roubal on October 1, 2019 at 4:25 p.m.

### 2019/2020 Rallies

**October 17 – 20, 2019 – RMMA Rally/Tucson Drifters 20 Anniversary Dinner** – Tucson Fairgrounds – Charter members: Schultz, Holman, Roubal, & Smith (Charter Members will be hosting anniversary dinner). Ruth Roubal is in charge of the following tours. Marv will coordinate arrival. We have three vans and three drivers. Girls are doing the tickets at the Office and Suzi will Manage (2hour increments). Jim Schultz will be the treasurer for the rally.

Everyone from the Tucson Drifters should wear western ware. Monday night drivers go to get Vans. Brooks to get Pizza's from Costco.

Tour 1 - Tombstone, the Town to Tough to Die  
– Will leave a 9 am. Court House tour starts at

10:45, then lunch at Big Nose Café, 30 minutes of shopping before the gun fight, McDonalds Ice Cream. Cost \$69

Tour 2 – Father Kino's San Xavier Mission tour, Lunch at Charos, McDonald Ice Cream and Desert Museum (2 hours). Cost \$65

Sunday – Barbeque

Monday – Pizza

Tuesday – Potluck

Wednesday – Margaritas, Chips & Dip, Hot Dog bash  
– Provided by Ruth and Tom

Thursday – Potluck

Friday – 4:30 to 6:30 - Anniversary Party we have room for 75 people. There will be two 13' x 13' tents and a Musical Group.

Chapter Fair – Drawing for two reclining chairs/etc. (Ruth & Suzi). Wear Tucson Drifter Apparel

**November 18 – 22, 2019 – Rocky Point** – Kuehn & Baumann/Nester – Playa de Oro RV Resort. This a rendezvous everyone who wants to attend will have to make their own reservations.

**December 28, 2019 – January 2, 2020 – Las Vegas** – Viva Las Vegas, Roubal. There are 15 coaches attending and 3 of those are guests.

**February 13 – 16, 2020 – Benson, AZ – Love is in the Air in Benson**, Butterfield RV Park – Brooks, Chandler – Cost will be in the next newsletter

**March 26 – 29, 2020** – Big International FMCA Rally – Pima County Fairgrounds

**April 29, 2020 – May 25, 2020 – Mighty Mississippi River Run Rally** – Roubal, Schaefer, Khuen – 26 days, 44 events and 13 meals

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16p.m.



## ROCKY POINT RENDEZVOUS/ RALLY

Nov 19-22, 2019



Hosts: Bernie & Kendra Kuehn and Nancy Nester & Bill Baumann

LOCATION: Playa De Oro RV Park, P.O. Box 583,  
Lukeville, AZ 85341, POC: Gary (602) 476-2242

### EVENTS:

Tuesday, Nov 19. Arrive by 4:00 PM

5:00 PM Happy Hour at the Kuehn's MH, Margaritas,  
Snacks and Music provided.

6:00 PM Dinner @ The Point located in the Malecon

Wednesday, Nov 20

9:30 AM Breakfast @ Rosy's On your own (shopping &  
sightseeing. suggestions will be provided)

5:30 PM Drinks and Dinner @ El Capitan Restaurant,  
Great View of Town, Ocean and Sunset

Thursday, Nov 21

On your own, suggestions will be provided

5:00 PM Drinks @ "Wreck On The Reef"

6:00 PM Dinner @ "Mare Blu Restaurant" Upscale  
restaurant, good food & great view

Friday, Nov 22- Depart by 11 AM, Safe Travels

9:00 AM @ Kuehn's MH, Donuts, Juice, Bring your  
own Beverage

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

All Expenses are own your own!

You will need Mexican Liability Insurance

RV park reservations will be on your own by calling  
Gary @ 602-476-2242, He will require a \$30 check  
deposit mailed to P.O. Box 583, Lukeville, AZ 85341  
RV Park rates are \$22 per night with full hook-ups. 30  
AMP service. 50 AMP service is available at some sites,  
extra costs.

All waterfront sites are already reserved but the rows  
behind the water front sites have easy access to the  
beach, which offers great views of the ocean and  
sunsets.

I have reserved some spaces at the park for the  
Rendezvous but will have to release them by Oct 19,  
2019.

Please email Bernie or Nancy when you do make a  
reservation so we will know who is coming.

Bernie's email [bkuehn@msn.com](mailto:bkuehn@msn.com)

Nancy's email [nnnester@gmail.com](mailto:nnnester@gmail.com)





## TUCSON DRIFTERS "VIVA LAS VEGAS"

### NEW YEARS RALLY

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!!!

12/28/2019 TO 01/02/2020



The **Righteous Brothers** concert experience features a string of the biggest #1 hits, including You've Lost that Loving' Feelin' (the most played song in radio history). Soul and inspiration Unchained Melody, Rock and Roll Heaven, Medley's Grammy-winning Dirty Dancing theme The Time of my Life, and much, much, more!

### ITINERARY TO BRING IN 2020 WITH A BLAST FROM THE PAST

December 28, 2019 - Saturday- Arrive at the 1st class **Oasis RV Resort** around 12:00 AM- Nice pull thru spots and large enough for our biggest coaches. 2711 W. Windfall Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada. Just down the street from the Mandalay Bay Resort. Please check-in at the office when arriving for site and space number.

### GET READY TO PARTY!!!

4:00 PM - Leave for **Harrah's Resort** across from Caesar's Palace for a night of evening bliss to the Righteous Brothers concert.

8:00 PM - Following the concert we will be treated to dinner at a local establishment.

December 29, 2019 - Sunday - A day to unwind and a chance to see the breathtaking and brilliant

**Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Christmas display at the Bellagio** and take in their unbelievable spectacular water show (designed to mesmerize). Water shows on the 1/2 hr. after 12:00 PM on current schedule.

5:30 PM - We will have a **potluck dinner** in the club house. Bring whatever, as it will be a TRUE potluck.

### REMEMBER THE UNTOUCHABLES???

December 30, 2019 - Monday - 2:00 PM - **The Mob Museum** - 300 Stewart Ave., Near downtown Las Vegas close to the downtown casino's. Take the basement stairs back in time and immerse yourself in the Underground. Wind your way through an enticing prohibition era world. Surrounded by stories, images and artifacts from 1920's, experience Prohibition - era cocktails in their speakeasy and tour their on-site distillery for a taste of the past. See the **new speakeasy** and travel back in time to the era when tens of thousands of speakeasies operated in hard to find places. See the artifacts tell the stories of the Roaring Twenties, which saw the rise of flappers, jazz and the Mob.

Prize for the best flapper/mob couple that decide to have a little fun with costumes.

6:30 PM - **Roaring 20's Pizza party** in club house. **Fun poker** tables with chips for playing. This will be our underworld night speakeasy. Prize for best couple outfit given this evening (maybe some whiskey moon shine). We will have 20's music and let's see who can do the best **Charleston dance**. The person ending with the most chips of the evening will win a prize.

### LET'S BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

Tuesday - December 31, 2020 - 12:30 P.M doors open for 1:00 to 2:30 PM show. Our festivities start at **South Point Casino** with New Year's with the **ALLEY CATS**. The alley cats are a group with signature songs of doo wop hits. Our tickets will include party favors, balloon drop and a champagne toast. We will have an opportunity to enjoy the 50's iconic music and signature songs such as "Don't be Cruel, "Come Go with Me and Goodnight Sweetheart.



APPX. around 4:00 PM we will be treated to a wonderful and delicious dinner at the **South Point Garden Buffet** with so much food and drinks, we will have to make it a happening. Appx.5:30 PM, we suggest that you either have fun in the casino or join **Wes Winters**. Wes Winters will take over the Grandview Lounge and have guests jiving into the new year. He will treat you to a night of smooth lounge style jazz.

Appx. around 9:00 PM we will return to the Oasis RV Park to the **club house** for a **New year's special Desert and Champagne for a 10:00 PM** celebration to bring in our New Year's 2020 celebration. For those that want to continue to midnight for the major city fireworks, we will have French Vanilla or Mocha Coffee followed by more Champagne at midnight.

Due to the traffic in Las Vegas and street closure of the Las Vegas strip, we have opted for this day's celebration to keep us safe and still have a lot of fun.



January 1, 2020 - A fun day of football and Rose parade followed by an evening **dinner prepared** by your rally host to cap off your wonderful new years' experience.

January 2, 2020 - Prepare to leave for home no later than 11:00 AM

The rally price is \$545.00 per couple. Five nights lodging at the awarding winning **Oasis RV Resort**, The shows **THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS CONCERT FOLLOWED BY DINNER, THE DOO WOP GROUP "THE ALLEY CATS", MOD MUSEUM, ROARING 20'S PIZZA PARTY, EXTRAVAGANZA NEW YEARS EVE BUFFET, DINNER, NEW YEAR'S EVE DESERT AND CHAMPAGNE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER.**

Deposits are due on 08/15/2019 \$100.00

Final payment 11/05/2019 \$445.00

Rally Fee: Total **\$545.00**

Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Jim and Barbara Schultz, and Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS NECESSARY

RALLY LIMITED TO FIRST 12 COACHES/AFTER THAT ONLY ON AVAILABILITY FOR TICKETS TO SHOWS (SHOW TICKETS IN HIGH DEMAND FOR NEW YEARS)

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR IN BENSON February 12-16, 2020



Come celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with lots of fun and good friends at the Butterfield RV Resort in Benson AZ. Butterfield RV Resort will be hosting a fabulous dinner/dance Friday evening.

As we enjoy visiting the Amerind Museum and Gammons Gulch, we will be adventurous as we explore for Geo Cache. Friday morning will be a get together for a Q & A time with Fred hosting. Dinner and prizes at the Benson City Grille will be our farewell before departing on Sunday morning.

We have 20 spots reserved for this fun weekend. Deposit of \$75 is due with reservation and total cost for the rally is \$330.00 per couple and \$229.00 per single.



## MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER SPRING FOLIAGE RALLY

APRIL 30, 2020 TO MAY 25, 2020

One man does not make a river, but the writer Mark Twain is probably more associated with the Mississippi river, its stories, legends and history, than any other person. Old man river, father of waters, body of a nation, "big muddy - by any name the mighty Mississippi cuts a mythic figure across the American landscape.

One of the Mississippi river legends is that the Pascagoula tribe who seeking an escape from the Europeans, saw a mermaid rise from the river, singing a beautiful song. The entire tribe followed the mermaid's song into the river, drowning - yet, it is said, they sing her praises from the bottom of the river to this day.

Taking a trip down the Mississippi river is known for many things, including blues music, US historical sites, antebellum homes and good old fashion southern cooking. We will explore these many areas as the Tucson Drifters journey to these locations for our trip "Mighty Mississippi River Spring Foliage Rally " April/May 2020.

1. Toad Suck, Arkansas - Rally begins at this location. Corp of engineer park on the banks of the Arkansas river. Lovely park and beautiful location.

Thursday - April 30th - Arrive at Toad Suck - pot luck to share. Rally hosts to provide meat.

Friday - May 1st - free day or venture out to Little Rock (many attractions and close by). Camp BBQ cookout this evening with hamburgers and trimmings.

2. Branson Missouri - 148 miles - Treasure Lake RV Resort - 1 Treasure Lake Dr., Branson, Missouri 656161. A beautiful private club that we will have the privilege to stay at. Amenities are full hook-ups, indoor and outdoor pools, and club house.

Saturday - May 2nd - Driving day with free time to explore on your own.

Sunday - May 3rd - Evening dinner show - Dolly Pardon Stampede.

Monday - May 4th - Optional trip to Lamberts restaurant in the Branson Missouri area - roll tossing - \$19.00 per person.

Evening show for your entertainment (show tbd at later date).

3. Hannibal Missouri - 277 miles - Staying at the Mark Twin Cave Campgrounds, 1 mile south of Hannibal, Hwy. 79 300 Cave Hollow Rd, 573-221-1656- full amenities and this is a lovely campground located in the hollow.

Tuesday - May 5th - Dinner at Mark Twain dinette with very special guests - 400 N. 3rd St. (downtown) Hannibal, 1-573-221- 5300. Selected menus with some choices - 5:00 pm.

Wednesday - May 6 - Mark Twains boyhood home and museum properties (downtown). This self-guided tour allows our group to explore the roots of Mark Twain's genius. The tour includes 7 buildings, most notably the world-famous Mark Twain boyhood home.

Hannibal History Museum at 200 N Main St. This museum will show you the rich history of Hannibal's remarkable past! Photographs, artifacts, and interactive exhibits tell the stories of the first log cabins in 1819, the antebellum years of slavery and steamboats, the coming of the railroads and civil war. Learn the stories of famous Hannibal residents, including Ukulele Ike, known best as the voice of Jiminy Cricket and the Titanic's own "unsinkable" Molly Brown.

Live show of Mark Twain that will return you to the days of Mark Twain' famous stage performances. The actor will bring him to life in this entertaining show with hilarious comedy and heartwarming drama. Mark Twain live at Cave Hollow Theatre, 300 Cave Hollow Road. Located within the Mark Twain cave complex.



4. St Louis Missouri - 116 Miles - Casino Queen Rv Park, 200 South Front Street, East Saint Louis, Il, 62201 - 800-777-0777. Just minutes from downtown St. Louis and a full-service park that has everything you will need. 24 Hour Shuttle to Metro Link Station and Casino.

Thursday - May 7th - St. Louis Fun Tour with a few of their highlights include Laclede's Landing (Historic Entertainment District), St Louis Union Station, and Forest Park (Zoo, Science Center, Museums, Etc.) fully narrated 75-minute tour aboard an authentic, air-conditioned trolley with brass rails, bells and all. Carpool to their location.

Anheuser- Busch Brewery Tour later afternoon tour of the historic brew house. You will observe the entire 7 step brewing process and the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at their historic stables built in 1885. These majestic giants have become a symbol for quality and excellence and have appeared in some of the most memorable super bowl commercials over the years, representing an iconic part of Anheuser - Busch history. You will also see some of their brew kettles and feel the cool beechwood aging cellars. Tour is appx. 45 minutes long. 1200 Lynch St. St. Louis MO. Free shuttles up and down Pestalozzi St.

Friday - May 8th- Gateway Arch -Tram ride to the top for exhilarating views of St Louis, the Mississippi river and beyond with up to 30-mile views in all directions. 63 stories high into the Midwest sky celebrates the westward expansion of the United States and the pioneers who made it possible.

Documentary Movie: "Monument to The Dream" a documentary that tells the story of the arch from concept through construction.

We will explore the museum exhibits to browse the interactive exhibits in the museum and discover how the Gateway Arch and St. Louis became the gateway to the west.

Enjoy a relaxing one-hour cruise aboard the St. Louis Riverfront Cruise.

View the Old Courthouse where you will walk the halls where ordinary Americans made civil rights history. Built in 1839 the old courthouse is a prime example of mid - 19th century federal architecture. But it is two landmark cases that secure its place in history. Beginning in 1847, the enslaved Dred Scott twice sued for his and his wife Harriet's freedom. But the US Supreme Court decided against them, ruling that African Americans were not citizens and had no right to sue. In 1873, St Louis suffragette Virginia Minor and her husband filed a civil suit arguing for women's right to vote.

We will be gone the entire day on this outing. We will drive ourselves the short drive to the gateway arch area, so it is important that we carpool and dress according to the weather with a light wrap. We will be exploring the metro for getting to destinations as well.

Saturday - May 9th - Ulysses S Grant national historic site and home. Grant's farm, which includes two of president Ulysses S. Grant's homes: the formal plantation home known as white haven and hardscrabble, the log cabin hand built by grant that is on view. You can explore by tram rides the wildlife preserve and enjoy elephant and bird shows held within a pleasant petting zoo. There's also a collection of antique carriages on display at the Bauernhof and the stables of the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales. This outing should take appx. 2 to 3 hrs.

Afternoon free for viewing of other attractions.

5. Cape Girardeau, Missouri - 115 miles - Cape Camping and RV Park - 1900 North Kings Highway Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri - 573-332-8888- full amenities! Discover more than 250 years of history, ranging from Mississippian life to a visit from Lewis & Clark on their journey west to words from Mark Twain.

Sunday - May 10th - Upon arriving at our RV park we will journey appx. 20 minutes to the Trail Of Tears Museum



at the Trail Of Tears State Park. 429 Moccasin Springs Rd., Jackson Missouri 63755 (around 1:00 pm). We will gain a better understanding of one of the saddest chapters in American history where nine of the 13 Cherokee Indian groups being relocated to Oklahoma crossed the Mississippi river during the harsh winter of 1938 & 1939.

The park's visitor center museum tells the tale of the thousands who died on the forced march, as well as the park's many natural features.

We will then go downtown Cape Girardeau and stroll along the riverfront and take in the Mississippi river tales' mural that tells the story of Cape Girardeau's history via storyboards in front of each panel of this colorful mural. Address is Water St. Between Broadway and Independence, Cape Girardeau.

Trolley free in city!!!

Later afternoon to see Crisp Museum's collections of native American pottery an art gallery and exhibits detailing life along the Mississippi river over the years. 518 S Fountain St., Cape Girardeau. (free) 573-651-2260

If you have time you might on your own go to the Bollinger Mill state historic site which is home to a civil war era four-story mill. Walk across the covered bridge (one of only four remaining in the state) stretching over the Whitewater river and tour the bottom floor museum of the mill for (free).

You may want to experience the civil war in Cape Girardeau at Fort D, an earthen works fort that defended Cape Girardeau from confederate forces. Follow the civil war driving tour (download it at [visitcape.com/backintime](http://visitcape.com/backintime)) and get a feel for the divided community Cape Girardeau was during the civil war. 920 Fort St., Cape Girardeau (free)/contact:573-335-1631.

Evening free/dinner on own or we could all eat in downtown Cape Girardeau together.

6. Memphis Tenn/Tunica Mississippi - appx. 172 miles - Sam's Town Casino And Rv Park - 1477 Casino Strip

Resorts Boulevard, Robinsonville, MS 38664 - 662-363-0711 - full hook-ups for sewer, water, telephone, cable tv, and concrete pads.

Monday - May 11th- Arrival day and we will have dinner at the Grand Buffet at the casino appx. 5:30 pm. Evening to relax and join campfire together!

Tuesday - May 12th - Free Day to Explore Memphis On Your Own. Appx. 45 Minutes to The City of Memphis.

7. Vicksburg, Mississippi- 246 miles - Grand Gulf Military Park Campground. Appx. 30 miles south of Vicksburg to a lovely wooded park that you will really enjoy. This RV Park is more than just a park with museum, civil war site and other artifacts. Full hookups. Note - some of the internet maps as well as GPS devices are wrong. If you enter by way of Highway61 to Grand Gulf Road you should not have a problem.

Wednesday - May 13 - Due to length of travel/enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Hot dog cookout and Ice cream social appx. 4:00 pm at camp central.

Thursday - May 14 - Morning - Vicksburg National Military Park - 3201 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183 - 601-636-0583, key role in the civil war that lasted 47 days. The nation was divided, but both sides agreed: Vicksburg was vital to victory. To confederate president Jefferson Davis, Vicksburg was the "nailhead that holds the south's two halves together." President Abraham Lincoln remarked "Vicksburg is the key "to victory and could be the north's lifeline into the south. As the federals closed in on the fortress city, they were met by a ring of forts with over 170 cannons. The resulting battle would determine the war's outcome. Plan to see the USS Cairo and museum which is the only remaining example of a city class ironclad, the USS Cairo museum offers a glimpse into the brown water navy and life on board. Over 1400 monuments and memorials dot the landscape at Vicksburg, each a work of art honoring the veterans of the siege. We will be hiring a licensed battlefield guide to help us gain a full understanding of the siege of Vicksburg.



Lunch/Dinner at "OLD COUNTRY STORE" 2:30 pm - Restaurant located at 18801 HWY 61. Lorman, Ms. Considered to be the best chicken in the South with southern fried chicken and crispy chicken buffet that you top it off with pecan cobber and ice cream.

Optional afternoon on own: You may want to explore the Mississippi Blues Trail in Vicksburg. In Vicksburg they have 5 blues trail markers: the blue room, highway 61 south, Marcus bottom, the red tops and Willie Dixon. The life and music of Vicksburg's best-known bluesman, Willie Dixon, is also celebrated on one of the 32 depictions of Vicksburg's history found on the Vicksburg riverfront murals along Levee Street. This driving trip could take you several hours to complete.

Friday - May 15 - Morning - Anahuac mansion tour (1010 First East St.) Of Vicksburg's first columned mansion and the first antebellum home in area. This Greek revival landmark is listed on the national register of historic places. Anahuac a Choctaw Indian word meaning "happy home". We will have coffee/tea and a sweet roll for breakfast in the "morning tea room" at the mansion before tour.

The Old Courthouse Museum – 1 Confederate Flags, including one that was never surrendered, the tie worn by Jefferson Davis at his inauguration as confederate president, fine portraits, china and silver, exquisite antique furniture, the trophy antlers won by the steamboat Robert E Lee in an 1870 race, antebellum clothing, toys , Indian and pioneer implements, and an original teddy bear given to a local child by Theodore Roosevelt.

Lunch on own.

Afternoon - Jesse Brent lower Mississippi river museum - This museum is packed with uniquely informative displays, orientation theater, 1927 flood wall and tent, aquarium and wide variety of exhibits detailing how society - including Vicksburg residents - has used the river over the past several centuries.

The Old Warren County Court house built in 1858 stands today as Vicksburg's most historic structure and has hosted such guests and speakers as Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Booker T. Washington, Teddy Roosevelt and William McKinley. This is a must see for our group.

Evening is free.

8. Natchez Trace, Mississippi/ Vidalia Louisiana- 107 miles - River View RV Park and Resort, 100 River View Parkway, Vidalia, La. 71373 - 888-628-2430/318-336-1400 (GPS please use: 800 Martin Luther King Ave.) They are just across the bridge from historic Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi. Full amenities with clubhouse, pool, hot tub, etc.

Saturday - May 16 - Early afternoon visit to the Natchez Visitor Center to see the twenty-minute movie about the history of Natchez (located at the intersection of us highway 84 and canal street). Afternoon horse and buggy carriage ride (horse drawn carriages which departs at the corner of canal and state streets) .

Sunday - May 17 - Afternoon tour of Longwood Antebellum Mansion Tour located at 140 Lower Woodville Road, Natchez, Mississippi.

Afternoon tour of William Johnson Museum house tour (state run). This property connected the life of a free man of color and his family during the antebellum era by exploring his furnished living quarters and surrounding landscape estate largely unchanged. Ranger led tour of the main house and self-guided garden tours of the formal and informal gardens, self-guided outbuildings tours and viewing of the furnished slave cabin with exhibits. Located at 640 South Canal Street and downtown Natchez historical park (Melrose) 212 State Street, Natchez, MS 3912.

Monday - May 18 - optional free day but you may want to go the Old South Winery located at 65 South Concord Ave, Natchez MS 39120. They we give you a short tour with some wine tasting. This winery has the largest selection of muscadine wines anywhere. This is a fruity



wine and their special southern grapes are native to the coastal southeastern USA and are cousins of bunch grapes. Muscadines are an American grape with a European name.

Later afternoon for Happy Hour we will go to the very famous Under The Hill Saloon. 25 Silver St., Natchez, Ms. Natchez was the beginning of the Natchez Trace, which most all settlers would travel to go home. Natchez was a resort of sorts and Natchez under the hill was their playground. Construction is unknown but most likely built in the late 1700's, historic research shows the saloon has been used as a brothel, warehouse, general store and bar. A landmark legendary saloon. Rally will buy your first Beer or Cold drink. Evening dinner at camp - BBQ chicken(TBD).

9. New Orleans, Louisiana / 333 miles (Pontchartrain Landing RV park) 6001 France Rd., New Orleans 70126/ 504-286-8157. We welcome you to New Orleans unique gated marina resort featuring a restaurant, bar, boat launch and RV sites. Just 12 minutes from the French quarter or famous Bourbon Street. Pontchartrain landing is luxury casual living at its finest with a swimming pool, hot tub and daily shuttle to the French quarter (\$6.00 per person round trip with scheduled departures and return), lighthouse bar and grill with live music.

Tuesday - May 19 -longest drive of the trip so day is free to unwind. Shrimp cocktails and Margarita's in club room around 4:30 pm. Bring a sandwich to eat together later in the evening as we will all be tired.

Wednesday - May 20 - The Court Of Two Sisters' brunch with jazz group. Sumptuous selection of hot and cold dishes- eggs benedict and turtle soup are served all day, menu includes creole jambalaya, duck a l'orange, shrimp etouffee, BBQ pork ribs, chicken and andouille gumbo, catfish roulade and an assortment of vegetables and side dishes. Cold selections are boiled shrimp, seafood and pasta salads, ceviche, pates, cheeses and a variety of fresh fruit. Also included are delicious deserts: pecan pie, homemade French vanilla ice cream, king cake, bananas

foster and their famous courtyard bread pudding with whiskey sauce. We will take shuttle to restaurant at \$6.00 per person round trip coming back whenever you desire.

Later that afternoon we will take an air condition bus guided city tour and later returning to the restaurant area which is located in the French quarter. Shuttle available from the French quarter back to the RV camp grounds. Evening free!!!

Thursday - May 21 - Oak Alley Mansion Tour with pre-selected Lunch. 3645 Highway 18 (Great River Road) Vacherie Louisiana 70090- 800-44alley or 2252652151. Very famous antebellum home with many filmed shows at this location. A few of them are Midnight Bayou, Ghost Hunters, Beyoncé's Deja Vu music video and B Day, Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte, Nightrider, Dixie, Days Of Our Lives, The Long Hot Summer, Interview with a Vampire and Primary Colors. We will carpool to this location which is appx. 50 to 60-minute drive from RV park.

Evening free to maybe go back into New Orleans to visit Bourbon Street and maybe take in Cafe Du Monde for their French style beignets and New Orleans coffee. Cost is appx. \$7.00 for both items per person. Optional!

Friday - May 22 - New Orleans School of Cooking with 3 course meal. RV park will take and pick up at \$6.00 per person round trip (own expense) or driving to lot 401/ 500 Decatur St. Public parking nearby for \$10.00 for the day. 524 St. Louis St. 504-525-2665.

Saturday - May 23 - Farewell River Boat Cruise and brunch (Steamboat Natchez) 800-365-2628. Cruise aboard the only surviving steamboat in New Orleans and listen to cool jazz on this relaxing 2-hour tour. Savor the flavors of a southern style brunch, and step back in time to when life was as slow as the Mississippi river itself.

Sunday - May 24th - Veterans WWII Museum. The National WWII museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world - why it



was fought, how it was won and what it means today - so that all generations can understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Through exhibits, multimedia experiences, and thousands of person accounts, the museum takes visitors on an immersive tour of World War II in every theater of war. A world of history awaits our discovery. We will also see the exclusive 4d experience Beyond All Boundaries, narrated by Tom Hanks.

Monday - May 25 - Leisure departure from rally.

Total days 26 - Anticipated cost \$1999.00 but we reserve the right to add \$100 for addition cost due to advance planning.

9 locations - All RV parks with full amenities with the exception of Toad Suck that just has electric and water (dump station available).

44 events/13 meals. Must bring American Beautiful Pass for several events on schedule,

Optional trip to Lambert's restaurant near Branson Missouri -roll tossing \$19.00 per person (group rate and includes lunch, drink, and tax). Extra day available to those wishing to stay an extra day in New Orleans for added cost.

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Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, and Ted and Diane Schaefer



## Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

**2019-2020 - *A Work in Progress***

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



October 2019		November 2019	December 2019	January 2020
Title:	<b>RMMA</b>	<b>Rocky Point Rendezvous/Rally</b>	<b>New Year's 2020 Celebration</b>	<b>Dark</b>
Date:	Oct 17-20	Nov 19-22	Dec 28 – Jan 2	
Place:	Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Puerto Penasco, MX	Las Vegas	
Host:	Tucson Drifters	Kuehn, Baumann/Nester	Roubal, Schultz, & Kuehn	
February 2020		March 2020	April- May 2020	
Title	<b>Valentine Celebration Rally</b>	<b>FMCA International</b>	<b>Mighty Mississippi River Spring Foliage Rally</b>	
Date	Feb 12-16	Mar 26-29	Apr 30 – May 25	
Place	Benson, AZ	Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana	
Host	Brooks, Chandler	Tucson Drifters	Roubal, Kuehn & Schaefer	

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

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# VIVA LAS VEGAS!!!



Celebrate New Year's Eve and bring in "2020" with your fellow Tucson Drifter's in Las Vegas.

**Five Nights at the Beautiful Oasis RV Resort  
Two Shows - Righteous Brothers and Alley Cats  
Fireworks and Champagne on New Year's Eve  
Mob Museum, Four Dinners, and Much Much More**

December 28, 2019 to January 2, 2020

**(a minimum of 10 coaches for group rate)**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ # Pets \_\_\_\_\_

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

		<u>Amount Paid</u>
Non-Refundable Deposit Due by August 15, 2019	\$100	_____
Final Payment Due by November 5, 2019	<u>\$445</u>	_____
Rally Fee: (2 Persons)	\$545	_____

Rally Hosts: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Barbara & Jim Schultz, Kendra & Bernie Kuehn

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**LOVE IS IN THE AIR IN BENSON**  
**February 12-16, 2020**

**Registration Form**

Join us for a fun Valentine's Day weekend with your special sweetheart! We'll be adventurous and exploring the area for clues. Friday night we'll celebrate with a dinner/dance at the resort. We're also doing a tour or two and fun and great food will be enjoyed by all!

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

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

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

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

		Amount Paid
Rally Fee (2-Persons)	\$ 330.00	
Rally Fee (1-Person)	\$ 229.00	
Deposit (non-refundable) With Registration	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
Balance Due December 3, 2019		\$ _____

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Hosts: Fred & Cindy Brooks 520/309-1259  
Charlie & Pat Chandler 520/743-3504

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# MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER SPRING FOLIAGE RALLY

APRIL 30, 2020 TO MAY 25, 2020

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ # Pets \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Rally Limited to first 12 Coaches \*\***

RALLY FEE: (2 PERSONS)	\$1999	Amt Paid
<u>\$200.00</u> NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE BY <u>August 1,2019</u>		_____
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment of \$600 Due by	Oct 1, 2019	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$600 Due by	Feb 1, 2020	_____
Final Payment of \$599 Due by	Mar 1, 2020	_____
(Optional: Lamberts \$38.00 for Two.		_____)

RALLY HOSTS: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, and Ted & Diane Schaefer

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## TUCSON DRIFTERS 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

With the closing of 2019 comes the renewal of membership for 2020. According to our Bylaws, annual dues become payable beginning January 1. In addition to the dues payment, **please submit the 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 membership is considered delinquent after February 1, 2020. 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, 2019; your dues are paid through 2020.

### TUCSON DRIFTERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

FMCA F#: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mails: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please note who Email belongs to)

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Rig(year/make/length): \_\_\_\_\_

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