



October 2022

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Frizzell,	09/01
Melvin Jones,	09/09
Don Grimes,	09/11
Penny Bayles,	09/11
Mary Ellen Jantz,	09/11
Gene Ruffalo,	09/28
Bill Hansen,	09/28

Happy Anniversary

Ted & Diana Schaefer,	09/02
Chris & JoHelen Strawn,	09/23
Gerry & Penny Bayles,	09/28



DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING OK, all you Drifters out there. It's time for our Drifter Season to begin. This is not coming from your club Asst. Treasurer. She is out of town so a substitute is sitting in for October. Below is the information for October 2022 Drifter's Dinner Meeting, our first of the season.

Tuesday 4 October 2022

Barnfire Mesquite Grill

8310 N. Thornydale Road, Tucson, Arizona

Activities Meeting: 4:30

Dinner Meeting: Social 5:30, Dinner 6:15

Dinner Choices:

- 6 oz sirloin or Grilled Chicken Salad with soup
- House Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Chips and Salsa
- Brownie for Dessert

\$19.00 per person, please pay by check at the dinner. No cash please.

Response due no later than 30 October 2022
(respond by email only) to
jeff.salfen@comcast.net

Please remember that if you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting (or phone cancellation to Jeff Salfen; 503-440-1104) by Sunday 2 October 2022 you will be responsible for reimbursement to Tucson Drifters for the cost of your meal.



President's Corner:



Welcome to the first Dinner meeting for the 2022-2023 Drifters Season. Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill. Our first rally of the season is the Lake Powell Rally, Oct 5-10. Rally is full, with fun events planned and great views to be enjoyed.

The Rocky Mountain Ramble 2022 is planned October 24-29 at the Pima County Fairground. Many educational and fun sessions are planned. Registration is now open at FMCA.com.

Many fun events/rallies are planned this season, as always, the events will only happen with your participation and assistance. Please volunteer!

Many of you traveled to many interesting, historic and scenic places in your RV throughout the USA and overseas summer. Please share your memories at the designated time during our dinner meeting.

Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Bernie

Candidates for Officers and Directors for the 2023 Tucson Drifters Board.

The Nominating Committee, Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Diana Plantz submitted the slate of candidates for the 2023 Tucson Drifters Board. Voting for these candidates will be at the Business Meeting held at the November 1st Dinner Meeting. Nominations from the floor will accepted. The candidates are as follows:

OFFICERS

President- Bernie Kuehn
Vice-President- Mary Ann Raymond
Vice-President Planning- Ruth Roubal
Asst. Vice-President Planning- Vera Schlichter
Secretary- Marvin Bass

Treasurer- Cindy Brooks
Asst. treasurer- Paula Arnold
National Director- Suzi Bass
Alternate National Director- Drew Kucy

Directors

Tom Roubal- Newsletter & Videos
Kendra Kuehn- Caring and Sharing
Rick Rolland- Webmaster
Linda Salfin-Membership
Michael Katz- Member At Large
Julie Katz- Member At Large
My Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their efforts.

Bernie

FRED'S TECH TIP



GENERATORS

Generators are devices that supply us with electrical power to operate our everyday appliances that are essential for our convenience. A generator normally runs on gasoline or diesel fuel depending on the RV you own. Some fifth wheel RV's have generators that run on propane or an auxiliary gas tank. Usually, the rating on the generator is matched to the requirements of the RV.

Generators just like humans need a little exercise. This can be accomplished with little effort on our part if we have a schedule to help us. Most manufacturers recommend that we "exercise" our generator once a month with a FULL LOAD applied to keep it dependable and ready for your request.

Unfortunately, we tend to neglect their existence because we usually travel from campground to campground and just "plug in" to shore power. When we do find ourselves in a situation where we need 120-volt power, we may be rewarded with disappointment if the generator will not start and run. This can be anything from gas or diesel fuel that has turned into "Jell-O" to plugged fuel filters or a fuel pump that quit operating. This may turn into a real dilemma if you are dry-camping and discover your house batteries are about dead and in need of being charged.

Some folks do not like to accumulate "hours" on their generator with a mindset that they are saving the generator so it will last longer. Most generators

that I have had to work on have less than 500 hours logged on the hour meter and the RV is over 12 years old. That is 21 days of use out of 4,380 available days.

Another issue that causes some confusion is the "main" circuit breaker located on the generator itself. The circuit breaker is there in case of an electrical event failure somewhere in the coach or Fiver. Sometimes under the right circumstances, both air conditioners may "cycle on" at the exact same time and momentarily overload the generator. This will "trip" the circuit breaker on the generator but allow the generator to continue running. Suddenly there is no 120-volt power inside the coach. If that is the case, turn off the thermostat and go check the circuit breaker on the generator.

Another convenience that luxury coaches have is an "AGS" feature. The "Auto Gen Start" is a function that monitors battery voltage and interior temperature. It is designed to maintain charged house batteries and keep your pets comfortable while you are away from the coach if it is not plugged into shore power. When enabling this feature, you must pay careful attention to the "set up" menu because the military time schedule tells the generator when it is NOT allowed to run (10:00 pm to 6:00 am in most cases).

If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, please contact Fred at brookdoc1@gmail.com or 520-309-1260

Blessings & Joy, Fred Brooks



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES OCTOBER 2022 – MAY 2023



Hello, my Tucson Drifter Friends and welcome home from your summer adventures. We know a lot of you have had a wonderful time traveling the world or the good old USA and some due to health or otherwise choose to stay close to home this year.

The time has arrived for the start of a wonderful year of dinners, activities and rallies and we hope you can make as many as possible.

I am always excited for a season to end but always thrilled for a new one to begin. We will begin our first monthly dinner at Barnfire Mesquite Grill on October 4, 2022 (1st Tuesday of each month). We go dark in January.

First dinner, we will get together with old friends and meet our newest members. Tom will show the latest rally film of the Williams Route 66. It is a good one and you will not want to miss it. Prizes for the top 3 stories of this summer mishaps and the Roubals had their share. If you have a special picture that you would love to share with a story behind it, we will have certificates with Dollars for you.

I can tell you Jan and Paul Spaeth have had quite the adventure this summer. You all know what a spectacular photographer Paul has become and hopefully he will share with us his favorite picture and Jan telling the story behind it at the meeting.

HERE WE GO MY FELLOW MEMBERS

THIS YEAR'S RALLY THEME
"DO WE DARE TO DREAM"

October 5-10, 2022 – Lake Powell. 19 coaches will be going to Lake Powell with all its wonders and scenic beauty. We leave the morning after the dinner meeting. All rally fees completed, and you will be getting final instructions soon. Rally host are Paul and Jan Spaeth, Charlie and Pat Chandler and Rick and Judy Rolland. This will be a great start to our fall season of the Tucson Drifters.

October 25-29, 2022 - Festival under the Tucson Sun. This is the 37th year Rocky Mountain Ramble. Check your latest FMCA magazine for registration form. Please let us know if you are attending so that we might plan some activities.

Clint and Carol Smith will be doing the devotions again this year and if you are attending this rally, show them some support. They are charter members of the Tucson Drifters Club.

November 9-12, 2022 – Benson Rally.
The rally will be held at the San Pedro RV Resort Community which is a 55+ RV and Mobile Home Community located at 1110 S Highway 80 in Benson. 4 nights with Passport America is \$107.09. Otherwise, the cost without Passport America is \$214.18. It's a no-brainer to become a member of Passport America. Attendees can join Passport America at the RV park for \$44.



Wednesday 11/9 –

- Arrival date for attendees any time after 9 AM. (The Kucy's and Katz's will arrive on the 8th.) Dinner (hotdogs, potato salad, chips and cookies) at 5:30 PM at the Valley High Club room. Bring own place settings and beverages.

Thursday 11/10 –

- Donuts and coffee at 9 AM at "Camp Central". Morning and lunch on own. We will put together a list of local things to do in the AM.
- Leave for Kartchner Caverns by 1 PM to arrive at 1:30. With 32 people, there will be two tour groups at 2:00 and 2:30.
- Dinner at 6 PM back in Benson at local restaurant. (Final details to come but we are budgeting \$45 per couple with limited set menu)

Friday 11/11 –

- Arrive at Bisbee Mine tour at 10 AM for 10:30 - 11:30 tour.
- We will then break into two groups of 16 for an approximately 2-hour walking tour (no steps) of haunted Bisbee.
 - Group A will do the tour at approximately 11:45 and have lunch at 1:30/1:45.
 - Group B will have lunch at 11:45 and do the tour at 1:30.
 - Suggested activities to do while waiting for tour or other group to come back from tour Include visit the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum which is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution (out of pocket cost is \$12 per person), visit the Copper Queen hotel, or

meandering through the town dropping in to visit the eclectic shops.

- Back to the RV park for a 6 PM Pizza Party at the Valley High Club Room. Pizza and sodas will be provided.

Saturday 11/12 –

- 10:30 AM visit to the Forever Home Donkey Rescue. We will help herd them back from the fields to their stalls.
- 11:30 tour the Gammons Gulch Movie Set and Museum includes a box lunch with sodas in the saloon.
- Afterwards we will spend time at the Amerind Museum Gallery whose mission is to foster and promote knowledge and understanding of the native peoples of the Americas through research, education, conservation, and community engagement. Great displays.
- The final activity of the rally is the 6 PM host dinner of meat and meatless lasagna, garlic bread, salad and pies. Bring place settings and beverages. We will also get to enjoy Jazz, 60s and 70s music.

Sunday 11/13 - Departure

Cost of this rally is \$410.00 with a Passport card.

Rally Host: Drew and Candance Kucy and Mike and Judy Katz.

December 30, 2022 to January 2, 2023.

THE MAGICAL WORLD OF DREAMS - NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OF 2022-2023 AT PALM CREEK GOLF AND RV RESORT, Casa Grande, AZ. ONLY 3 MORE SITES AVAILABLE. Need reservation form and deposit of \$75.00 ASAP. If you need a reservation form, you can find one in this issue.



Join us for a New Year's Celebration with your Tucson Drifters in Tucson Drifters style. The Fun will begin with your arrival to this deluxe RV Resort just 70 miles from Tucson. This will be a one stop plus destination rally with planned activities, meals, and continental wine tasting to make your 3 day New Year's celebration an exciting adventure and one for the memory banks.

December 30 th - Friday -Arrive at your leisure to resort after 2:00 PM

- 4:00 PM - A time to reacquaint yourself with your fellow Drifters for a tasting of the wines of the worlds or a nonalcoholic drink. This will be provided along with an international hors d'oeuvre.
- 5:30 PM - Dinner will be an International Potluck with the following countries: France, Italy, England, Germany, Spain, and Japan. Please make a dish from one of these countries. Remember this is a potluck, so what we make is what we eat.

Suggestions that I may make is- Italy (Chicken Marsala, Meatballs, Lasagna, tiramisu and many others) France (Crepes, Coq au Van Chicken, French Green Beans, Potatoes au gratin, Chocolate Mousse, Macaroon cookies and others) England (Bread pudding, Sheppard pie, Trifle and others) Germany (Sausage, German Chocolate Cake, Apple Strudel, Sauerkraut, Pork dishes, Schnitzel and many others) Spain, Gazpacho Soup, Paella, Arroz Con Pollo (Chicken dish), Flan, Churros and many others) Japan (Egg rolls, Rice, Sushi, Teriyaki Chicken and many others). These are just suggestions, but any dish would be great.

You will dine this evening at one of these destinations in our World of Dreams. Passports will be given to each couple this evening for your evening adventure to a designated country. DO YOU DARE TO DREAM!!!! Evening entertainment to follow. How is your knowledge of these countries?

Please be prepared to tell us that evening what your dish is and from what country,

December 31st -Saturday - We will have brunch at 10:30 AM at Cracker Barrel's. Please carpool to this destination which is appx. 1 mile from RV Resort.

We have two ways to go if available at the RV Park for a New Year's Party. Number 1 will be an evening at the Ballroom for their New Year's Ball if available (at this time not) with heavy hors d'oeuvre for dinner or Number 2 will be a New Year's Celebration in our Magical World of Dreams Party which will start out with a wonderful formal dinner and Scrumptious Desert, followed by "A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS". We will end this evening with our very own DJ (Tom Roubal) to the latest hits of the 50's,60's and 70's (IS THERE ANY BETTER MUSIC). Many surprise prizes for special dances.

So, you guys, this will be a Tucson Drifters formal night style (anything goes), so get out your black-tie tee shirts or available to buy on Amazon for the evening. Girls, I will leave it up to you!

11:00 PM we will bring in the fantastic New Year's Celebration with Champagne and the pleasure to be with our great friends new and old. Not a better celebration to be had than being with your special sweetheart on a special evening.

LET'S BRING THIS NEW YEAR'S IN WITH A SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF BEING TOGETHER.

January 1st - Sunday- Brunch at 10:30 AM in the club house- this will allow you to sleep in a little longer, watch the Rose Bowl Parade or just plain relaxed.

- 1:00 PM - Munchies and popcorn- Movie in club house with Robin Williams - RV.
- 4:00 PM- Let's get together - bring your own beverage.
- 5:30 PM - New Year's Day Dinner in the club house- cooked by rally host: Tom and Ruth



Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Bill and Helen Nickerson/Baldrige, Rick and Judy Rolland.

Menu will be Chicken and Pork Burritos with trimmings, Refried beans, and Tamales.

Casino Night to follow dinner. Come join your Las Vegas style dealers and poker tables for prizes. Need past Tucson Drifter dealers, so let me know if available and would you help out or our newbie's that would like to be a dealer as well.

A wonderful ending to a wonderful NEW YEAR'S MAGICAL WORLD OF DREAMS, WHICH IS FITTING FOR KINGS AND QUEENS - BANANA SPLITS for dessert.

January 2nd - Monday - Departure back home. Must depart by 11:00 AM.

Rally Fee is \$349.00. (AT THIS TIME ONLY 3 SITES AVAILABLE. IF WE HAVE MORE, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE ABOUT AVAILABILITY AT THE RV RESORT)

Deposit is \$75.00 BY SEPTEMBER 10TH

1ST PAYMENT IS OCTOBER 15TH OF \$137.00

FINAL PAYMENT IS DECEMBER 6TH \$137.00

Your Fee includes 3 nights lodging at the Palm Creek RV Resort, New Year's Dinner and party for option 2 or if available option #1, Brunch at Cracker Barrels, Brunch on New Year's Day by host, New Year's Dinner with Banana Splits for desert by host, Casino night, Magical world of Dreams evening and an Evening at the Oscars Party with good friendship's and wonderful fellowship, Champagne and some International wines for tasting. TRULY A RALLY THAT YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU CAME AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

Rally host reserve the right to make changes as needed.

Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Rick and Judy Rolland and Bill Nickerson and Helen Baldrige.

March 4-7, 2023 rally "DO YOU DARE TO DREAM".

Yes, we have a resort at this time for this rally and it will be at the Meridian RV Resort. 1901 So. Meridian Rd., Apache Junction. No price as yet for this rally but this will be an exciting adventure. Those of you who helped with suggestions and did some groundwork will have first choice in getting to go on the day trip to see the Dinosaurs at ASU. Besides the rally host, Roubals, Spaeths, Dimmicks and Raymonds, two club members who contributed to this rally Rollands and Williamson will be couple 1 and 2 going in to see the dinosaurs. Expect cost to be in the mid-\$400 range. The rally host will be going in early to ASU for this adventure so that we can give extra space for participation to our other members in the club.

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The Renaissance Festival, Barleens FANTASTIC dinner and show, for 16 members a trip to ASU for a spectacular day and if you are not the first 16 people you will have the choice to go to the World's Only Global Musical Instrument Museum or go to the ASU campus for further adventures and lunch , A trip for dinner at the world renown ORGAN STOP PIZZA.

April 20-23, 2023 - CATALINA STATE PARK. Details to follow soon.

May rally has been updated. We will be doing a traveling rally from Tucson to Wickenburg to Kingman to Prescott to Tucson. Planning on roughly 12- 13 days total. Shooting for the weeks between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Stay tuned!!!



We have a grand season planned and your rally hosts have worked all summer putting together the trips for you. We hope that you participate as they have given a lot of time, energy, and attention from their busy schedules to make them happen. Our club is only as good, as the members who participate in them.

Let's make this a season of wonderful memories. Remember one moment of memory is where time meets eternity.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this season.

Ruth Roubal/VP of Planning

Vera Schlichter/Assoc. VP of Planning

TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB (23 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG)

None of this "Been there, done that"

Tucson Drifters RV Club Motto: "IT'S NOT WHERE YOU GO - IT'S WHO YOU GO WITH"



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2022-2023 - *A Work in Progress*

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



October 2022		November 2022		December 2022		January 2022	
Title:	Lake Powell Rally	Benson Rally		New Years Celebration		Dark	
Date:	5-10	9-12		Dec 31-Jan2			
Place:	Camp Verde/Wahweap, AZ	Benson, AZ		Palm Creek Resort			
Host:	Spaeth/Rolland/Chandler	Kucy/Katz		Roubal/Kuehn/Baldrige/Nickerson			
February 2023		March 2023		April 2023		May 2023	
Title	Open	Dare to Dream		Catalina State Park		TBD	
Date		4-7		20-23		TBD	
Place		Apache Junction, AZ		Tucson, AZ			
Host		Roubal/Spaeth/Dimmick/ Williamson		Schlichter/Guizlo/Dimmick			

Visit our website with our own club's name as the URL: 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.

FMCA NOTICE: An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, volunteers, members, exhibitors, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

BENSON RALLY

November 9-12, 2022

San Pedro RV Resort Community
1110 S Highway 80 in Benson



RV Resort



Kartchner



Mine Tour

Name:							
Phone:			Cell:			Email:	
Motorhome/RV:				Length:		No. Slides:	
Pets:							
Total Rally Cost:	[X]	2 Persons	\$ 410.00	(1 person \$205.00)			
<p>Rally fee including 4 nights stay with Passport America is \$107.09. If attendees don't have Passport America, you can join Passport America <u>at the RV park</u> for \$44. Otherwise, the cost without Passport America is \$214.18 and the rally cost will increase accordingly.</p>							
Due Date:	Sept 25, 2022		Deposit Pymt:	\$ 200.00			
Final Payment	October 15, 2022		2nd Pymt:	\$ 210.00			
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Rally Hosts:	Katz and Kucy						
Make checks payable to:	Tucson Drifters						
Mail To:	Cindy Brooks 11695 Oilseed Dr, Marana, AZ 85653						

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



Registration Form



THE MAGICAL WORLD OF DREAMS

PALM CREEK GOLF & RV
RESORT, CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

December 30, 2022 to January 2, 2023

Enjoy a world of dreams with an International Potluck exploring France, England, Italy, Germany, Spain and Japan. We'll Brunch at the local Cracker Barrel and ring in the new year with a Tucson Drifters Celebration including "A Night at the Oscars" with Champagne, music, dancing, and of course, fellow Tucson Drifters.

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Rally Fee (2-Persons)		\$ 349.00
Deposit (non-refundable) Due September 10, 2022	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
1 st Payment Due December 6, 2022	\$ 135.02	\$ _____
Balance Due to Resort upon Arrival/Registration	\$ 138.98	\$ _____

Rally space is limited, so if you sign up earlier, you will be sure to be included.

Resort has many things to do, billiards room, exercise room, café, par 3 golf course which are all on the resort campus.

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.

Mail to: Cindy Brooks, 11695 Oilseed Dr., Marana, AZ 85653

Hosts: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Helen Baldrige & Bill Nickerson, and Rick and Judy Rolland.

TUCSON DIFTERS RALLY DEPOSITS CANCELLATION POLICY

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