



December 2022

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Jaelen Strawn, 12/02
Suzi Bass, 12/02
Angel Rodriguez, 12/04
Michael Katz, 12/07
Connie Mayberry, 12/09
Jim Raymond, 12/14
Ted Schaefer, 12/22
Carol Smith, 12/22
Ellen McWilliams, 12/27
Dee Dee Guizlo, 12/27

Happy
Anniversary

Dale & Sandy Williamson, 12/01
Charles & Patricia Chandler, 12/03
John & Diane Plantz, 12/04
Ron & Irene Kuznicki, 12/15
Melvin & Amy Jones, 12/23
Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, 12/23
Marv & Suzi Bass, 12/31
Rick & Judy Rolland, 12/31

DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING

Tuesday December 6, 2022

Barnfire Mesquite Grill
8310 N. Thornydale Rd., Tucson, Arizona.

Dinner Choices:

- ✓ Chicken Fried Steak w/mashed potatoes and white gravy, and house salad
- or
- ✓ Soup and Salad (with or without chicken for salad)
- ✓ Desert is Chocolate Cake

Activities Meeting: **4:30**

Dinner Meeting: Social 5:30 Dinner 6:15

Cost: \$19.00 ea (inclusive), CHECKS PLEASE.

Please, reply to Mike Katz,
mmkcpa30@gmail.com, or Phone (520)
870-1923, with your choice of dinner selection by December 5, 2022.

As a reminder, should you confirm and no show, you will be responsible to pay for your dinner.



President's Corner:



Our next Dinner meeting is Tuesday, December 6th, 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill". Hope to see you there!

The Benson Rally, hosted by the Kucy's and Katz's; was held November 9-12. Good weather, fun activities and good food was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the hosts for all your planning and hard work.

Our New Year's Celebration Rally will be held at the Palm Resort in Casa Grande, Dec 31-Jan 2, 2023. Lots of fun activities are planned. A WOW way to ring in 2023 with your fellow RV members.

At our last dinner meeting, Bill Hansen, Jim Schultz, and Mike Katz volunteered to be on the 2022 Audit committee. Their final audit report will be presented at the April 2023 Dinner meeting. Thank you to all for doing this important task.

*We have a great RV club which is the envy of other FMCA chapter clubs due to all the many fun activities we have and scenic/educational places we visit. If you have not attended any rallies or attended our dinner meetings recently, you are most welcome. **We miss you!***

Planning ahead, the FMCA's 106th International Convention and Expo will be held in Perry, GA March 15-18, 2023. If you plan to attend, please advise me.

January 2023 no dinner meetings or rallies are planned. Our next dinner meeting will February 7th, 2023

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

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bernie and Kendra

BENSON RALLY AT SAN PEDRO RV RESORT

What a good time we all had with our journey down to Benson. Our merry band of 8 coaches made a trip to be remembered due to the hard work of Drew and Candance Kucy and Mike and Julie Katz. 1st time rally hosts graduated to super master RV rally hosts. That is a big accomplishment but all that went found that out from the moment upon arrival. Our rally host found us a lovely RV destination park which included a super nice activities room.



Drew and Mike made hot dogs with homemade potato salad made by Drew the first evening of arrival. It was so good!

Breakfast served AM the next morning, followed by a trip to Kartchner Caverns. We went to the "wet" side of the two caves, and I had forgotten how beautiful it was. I never get tired of the glorious look of nature that is millions of years old. I also was fortunate to get 2 "cave kisses" while in the cavern. This is supposed to be very good luck and my saying goes - you must get lucky sometimes.

That evening took us to a local restaurant called "Pablo's Steaks and More" that had a wonderful selection of entries. Needless to say, no one went home hungry. On Friday, we went to the Bisbee Mine Tour and yes, I had to wear that helmet again. Great tour with great tour leader. He worked the mines many years ago and had a lot of interesting information to share with us. Copper was a big deal in Arizona then and still is.



Our rally host had us all take a custom Haunted walking tour of main street Bisbee. I do not think that I have ever done that before in all my trips to Bisbee. Our guide was very knowledgeable, and we learned that the mines are below the city as well. Scary thought! We all enjoyed a Pizza party that evening and again the good fellowship followed with our members.



Donkey's and more Donkey's on Saturday as we went to the Donkey rescue preserve. They even had a donkey named after me (Ruthie). Of course, that had to become my favorite. Later we went to Gammon Gulch movie set and museum. Had fun going into the little town with Subway sandwiches for lunch and seeing all the venues that it had. Jail time for some, haircuts for others, a hanging with Marv Bass and some made it to church.

That evening and final night we had a wonderful meal prepared by our one and only Drew Kucy. He made homemade Lasagna to die for and his mother's special pie that was gone in a heartbeat. I have asked him to share that recipe with us and he said he would.



Bill Nickerson and Helen Baldrige journeyed down from Tucson to spend the last evening with the group. We enjoyed them very much and thank them for coming. Always enjoy Drifters making a special effort to join our outings when they can, even if only for a short time.

Thank you again rally host and a gracious thanks to Nora and Ray Toscano for a helping hand to the rally host. We appreciate you both as well.

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning



TAX PLANNING IDEAS FOR YEAREND DECEMBER 31, 2022



As December 31, 2022, swiftly approaches now is the time to plan your yearend tax strategy. Mike Katz listed below some ideas on how to save tax dollars and maximize your refund or reduce

your tax liability.

1. Capital gains:

- If you have capital gains from either stock sales, real estate sales, capital gains dividends, please review your portfolio. If you have losses on stock this would be a good time to sell those stock and realize the losses. The losses will reduce the capital gains dollar for dollar, and you are allowed to deduct capital losses up to \$3,000.
- By reducing your capital gains, you will reduce the amount of tax due and reduce the amount social security that may be taxable

2. Energy credits:

- There are many energy credits that are available for the replacements of windows, doors, air conditioners and heat pumps. If this is on your list of items to upgrade or replace start doing this in 2022 and 2023. I suggest you check on the credit for the project and maybe do the project over 2 years (2022 and 2023) to maximize the available credits.

3. Electric Vehicles:

- The amount of credit and the type of vehicle that you can take a credit on has and will be changing for 2022 and 2023 tax years. If you are in the market, I suggest you consult the dealers that you are looking at and review the regulations

of the new credit laws pertaining to the vehicle you are looking at.

4. Az Tax Credit:

- If you are not familiar with this credit, it is a credit for contributions that can be made for certain non-profit organizations. The contribution will be fully refunded by reducing your state income tax dollar for dollar. This is only applicable if you have a state income tax liability before payments. The credits are available for a married couple up to approximately \$4300 this year.

5. Standard or Itemized Deductions:

- The standard deduction for 2023 for a married couple is approximately \$26,000 and for single approximately \$13,000. The deduction varies based upon age, marital status, being blind and several other factors.
- If you have mortgage interest for your residence (including a second house or an RV as a second house), and the mortgage interest is more than say \$18,000 consider of reviewing your deductions and using an itemized deduction. You can accomplish this by paying your January mortgage payment in December (around Christmas time), pay 2 years real estate taxes before year end, and maximize your contributions. By doing this you will use the same dollars that you need to spend but will reduce your tax bill in 2022 and in 2023 you will take a standard deduction.

6. Medical expenses, including medical insurance:

- For federal purposes, medical expenses more than 7 ½% of adjusted gross income is deductible towards an itemized deduction. For Arizona tax purposes, all medical expenses are fully



deductible if you itemize. Also, you can use a standard deduction for federal and use an itemized deduction for state.

7. Exchanges of real property:

- If you are contemplating selling rental property, and you anticipate a substantial gain, consider doing a 1031 tax free exchange. This allows you to defer the gain until you sell the new property. If this a consideration, please be sure to contact your tax preparer prior to writing any contracts for both the sale and purchase of the property so that you are in compliance with IRS regulations.

8. Retirement contributions:

- If you are still working, suggest you contribute to your retirement plan. You can make an IRA contribution regardless of your age if you have self-employment income or w-2 income (subject to certain restrictions). If you have w-2 income, and your employer has a 401 plan, think about maximizing your contribution. By reducing your taxable income you also reduce the amount of social security that is taxable.

The above are several ideas on how to reduce your federal and state income tax liability. There are numerous other types of additional tax credits that are available for both federal and state taxes and other suggestions on how to reduce your taxable income for 2022.

I strongly suggest you meet with your professional tax prepare (not H&R Block type of prepare) and do some tax planning before year end. Once December 31 passes, there are only a limited number of tax savings ideas that can be accomplished.

One other major point, please use a professional tax prepare who is either an enrolled agent or a CPA. These prepares are

required to take annual educational courses and will sign the return and stand behind the tax return they prepared based upon the information you provided to them. Remember that the tax return is signed by you and your spouse, and you are responsible for the information reported even if the tax preparer improperly prepared the return.

Thank you

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TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES

December 2022 – May 2023



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



BALL TICKETS ARE UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME FOR FUTURE RALLY MEMBERS. ALL 32 TICKETS ARE TAKEN- ON WAITING LIST FOR MORE!

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 at resort after 2:00 PM. Please check in at guest services and pay your remaining balance for the

resort \$138.98. Coming in early the cost will be \$69.49 extra per day.

Friday @ 10:30 AM - For those interested in playing golf on their par 3 course, we will set up a small tournament that morning. You would have to come into the Resort on Thursday to participate in this event. For those who would like to go to dinner as a group, we will find a restaurant. This will be a pay on your own and you must RSVP prior to rally about the golf tournament. We will need a minimum of 8 people for this event. Prize for winning team. Each team will consist of a pair and the cost to play is \$25.00 per person.

4:30 PM - A time to reacquaint yourself with your fellow Drifters for a tasting of the wines of the worlds or nonalcoholic drink (wine cups included). This will be provided along with an international hors d'oeuvre at the table bar station.

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. Please bring drinks for dinner that you may want. We will provide bottled water 24/7. All plate settings will be provided for this dinner.

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!!! How is your knowledge of these countries? Please be prepared to tell us that evening what your dish is and from what country, Evening entertainment will be an " Evening at the Oscars".

Finale of the evening will be our grand Waltz of the Anniversaries. If you have an anniversary between December 1 to January 15th, please let us know. December 31st -Saturday - We will have brunch at 10:00 AM at Cracker Barrel's. Please carpool to this destination which is appx. 1 mile from RV Resort. Should we have to make a change due to the Restaurant we will make other arrangements for breakfast at the same time.

2:30 PM in our Rally hospitality room we will have a high tea for the ladies. We are asking you bring your favorite teacup and we will have a contest for the pretties, most unusual, most elegant, funniest and general all around cup. Prizes for all winners and enjoy an afternoon with tea sandwiches, tea cakes, cookies, chocolates, tea, and coffee.

2:30 PM in the pool area for men to enjoy an afternoon with hot dogs, drinks, and chocolate chip cookies. Your very own chefs Bill Nickerson will be roasting on the grill those sizzling hotdogs. Entertainment for you guys will be having several games for contest with prizes.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: 7:30 PM - We will be attending a New Year's Eve Ball at the Palm Creek RV Resort Ballroom for a lovely dinner and dance party. We will be entertained by DJ Vann for our dancing pleasure to all the great tunes that you are

familiar with. Music makers will be supplied by the Ball at their designated midnight celebration. Should you want liquor for the evening, you must bring your own drinks. THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT AT THIS TIME BUT YOU CAN STILL COME TO THIS RALLY AND GO ON A WAITING LIST FOR TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ONLY.

HAPPY NEW YEARS TUCSON DRIFTERS!!!

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. The Breakfast will be: APPLE STRUDEL WAFFLES WITH HOT MAPLE SYRUP AND TOPPED OFF WITH CREAMY WHIP CREAM, SIZZLING BACON, FRUIT CUPS, MIMOSA'S, ORANGE JUICE, CRANBERRY FIZZ, HOT COFFEE, TEA OR HOT CHOCOLATE.

2:00 PM Casino EXTRAGANCE IN THE AFTERNOON. Come join your Las Vegas style dealers and poker tables for CASH MONEY PRIZES. Need past Tucson Drifter dealers, so let me know if available

4:30 PM- Let's get together - bring your own beverage. Only bottled water will be available.

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 Baby Back Ribs, potato salad, baked beans, and dinner rolls

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

7:30 PM - Munchies and popcorn- Movie in club house with Robin Williams - RV

January 2nd - Monday 8:00 AM-9:00 AM - Donuts in club house. Please bring own drinks. Departure back home must depart by 11:00 AM.



Your Fee includes 3 nights lodging at the Palm Creek RV Resort, New Year’s Eve Dinner and party, Brunch at Cracker Barrels, 2 additional breakfasts with one being Brunch on New Year's Day, New Year’s Day Dinner with Banana Splits for desert, Casino extravaganza with cash prizes, High Tea for the ladies, Hotdog outing for the men with some game competition with prizes, Magical world of Dreams evening with an Evening at the Oscars Party with good friendship's and wonderful fellowship, and some International wines for tasting on the International evening Happy Hour. TRULY A RALLY THAT YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU CAME AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

Rally Fee is \$349.00 for a couple and \$294.00 for a single. At THIS TIME 15 SITES HAVE BEEN RESERVED AND FULLY BOOKED for CLUB MEMBERS BUT REQUESTING ADDITIONAL SITES FOR ADDITION DRIFTERS.

Deposit is	\$ 75.00	ASAP
1ST PAYMENT and final to Drifters is 12/5 – Couple	\$135.02	
FINAL PAYMENT TO PALM CREEK UPON ARRIVAL AT OFFICE.	\$138.98	

For one person to attend this rally is as follow:

Deposit	\$75.00	ASAP
1st PAYMENT is Dec. 05, 2022	\$ 80.02	
FINAL PAYMENT TO PALM CREEK UPON ARRIVAL AT OFFICE	\$138.98	
TOTAL COST OF SINGLE IS \$294.00		

15 sites have been taken and requesting additional sites. First come will be available to our members. Waiting list for members in the Virtual Tour portion of ASU Spectacular.

Rally host reserve the right to make changes as needed.

Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, Rick and Judy Rolland, 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.** 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 rally hosts Roubals, Spaeths, Raymonds and Dimmicks, two host, club members who contributed to this rally Rollands and Williamson will be couple 1 and 2 going in to see the dinosaurs. Cost at this time will be \$399.00. 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.

ITINERARY is as follow: The Renaissance Festival, Barleen’s FANTASTIC dinner and show, a trip to ASU for a spectacular day at ASU campus for further adventures and lunch, A trip for dinner at the world renown ORGAN STOP PIZZA.

Final itinerary will be available soon with times, dates, addresses and Renaissance Feast Dinner.



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.

Ruth Roubal/VP of Planning
Vera Schlichter/Assoc. VP of Planning

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

TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB MOTTO

“IT’S NOT WHERE YOU GO –IT’S WHO YOU GO WITH”

“REMEMBER ONE MOMENT OF MEMORY IS WHERE TIME MEETS ETERNITY”

2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following officers and directors were approved at the November business

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
Fred Brooks- Technical Advisor



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 Year's 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//Rolland			
February 2023		March 2023		April 2023		May 2023	
Title	Open	Dare to Dream		Catalina State Park		Long Range Trip	
Date		4-7		20-23		TBD	
Place		Apache Junction, AZ		Tucson, AZ		Arizona	
Host		Roubal/Spaeth/Dimmick/ Raymond		Schlichter/Guiuzlo/Dimmick		Bass/Salfen/Katz/Kucy	

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.

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/1 Person)	\$ 349.00/ \$294.00
Deposit (non-refundable) Due ASAP	\$75.00	\$ _____
1 st Payment Due December 6, 2022	\$135.02 or \$80.02	\$ _____
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.

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RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



DO YOU DARE TO DREAM

March 4-7, 2023



Meridian RV Resort. 1901 So. Meridian Rd., Apache Junction

The Renaissance Festival, Barleens FANTASTIC dinner and show, 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.

Final itinerary will be available soon with times, dates, addresses and Feast night potluck.

Date Submitted: _____

(Entry to the ASU avatar exhibit is limited to the first 16 individuals signed up for the rally)

Name(s)_____ Coach Length_____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s)_____

Emergency Contact_____ Phone _____

Rally Fee (2 persons or 1 person)	\$ <u>399.00</u> or \$ <u>283.00</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Deposit (non-refundable) Due December 20, 2022,	\$145.00	_____
Final Payment Due January 20, 2023,	\$254.00/138.00	_____

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.
Mail to: Cindy Brooks, 11695 Oilseed Dr., Marana, AZ 85653

Hosts: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Paul and Jan Spaeth, Jim and Mary Ann Raymond and Tom and Cheryl Dimmick

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