



April 2023

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

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Please notify me at kkuehn65@msn.com if you are aware of any illness, hospitalization, or special needs that any of our members may have.

Thank you,

Kendra Kuehn

APRIL DINNER MEETING

The April dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

4:30 Activities Meeting
5:30 Social
6:15 Dinner

Dinner choices are:

Open Face Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy, and Salad

OR

Soup and Chicken Salad

Cherry Cobbler for dessert

EMAIL your reservation responses were due on or before the morning of April 3rd. Should you reserve and not show, you will be charged for your meal.

Paula Arnold
cell: (303) 807-8044



President's Corner:



Spring has arrived and finally sunny and warm days are here.

We had the wonderful, entertaining and educational "Dare To Dream" rally in the greater Phoenix area March 4-7, 2023. Thank you, Ruth, and the rally hosts, for your hard work.

Enjoy the beautiful and scenic Catalina State Park at our next rally, April 20-22. Fun activities and good food are planned.

We are still in the planning stages for rally locations for the 2023/2024 rally season. Bring your ideas to the activity meeting April 4 which will be prior to our dinner meeting. To have rallies we need hosts, please sign up!

Drifters out to Sea? So far, we have nine couples signed up for the New Year's 2024 cruise on the beautiful RCCL ship, "NAVIGATOR of the Seas". Reserve early to get the cabin of your choice, New Year's cruises are a popular time.

At the dinner meeting, I will be asking for three volunteers to serve on the 2024 slate of Officers and Directors nominating committee. Your help is needed!

Our next dinner meeting will be April 4th at the Barnfire Mesquite Grill.

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

Bernie



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



FINAL NOTES ON THE MARCH "DO WE DARE TO DREAM" RALLY

We had a very good time, and many events and venues were new to the Tucson Drifters at this rally. Sorry for those who could not make it or were ill during this time.

I would like to give a special thank you to my daughter, **Lisa Roubal/Brown of the Dean's office at ASU** for providing us with a once in a lifetime experience at 'DREAMSCAPE" and the "Marston Exploration Space Theater". The lunch we had on the crater carpet was lovely as well.

We would also like to thank **Philip Brown of Robert Crist and Company** for hosting a lovely afternoon cocktail party. They brought plenty of wine and beautiful homemade hors d'oeuvres, that were created by **Lisa Roubal/Brown** for the occasion.



We had the best team possible hosting this rally and it was truly a hands-on experience for all of us. You saw them everywhere working on your behalf for the many events we had. It did indeed take a team to pull this one off. So, for, **Tom Roubal, Paul and**

Jan Spaeth, Tom and Cheryl Dimmick, Jim and Mary Ann Raymond and Bernie and Kendra Kuehn a very special THANK YOU!!!

I would like to leave you with a few special notes sent to us on this rally by fellow rally members:

"Once again the Drifters have created many more great memories for us.

Thank you so much for such a great rally.

The creativity was very imaginative and executed flawlessly.

The details including parchment paper menus, wine serving tankards and Tom Dimmick's "m'lords and m'ladies" demonstrates the thoughtfulness and efforts put forth.

I don't know why it took so long to be finally recognized as royalty, but I especially enjoyed the fealty and especially the herald trumpets which announced my arrival.....very appropriate !!

The Shakespeare journey demonstrated how many "nap times" I spent in English lit. Sorry Mrs. Schmidt.

Everything about the ASU experience was outstanding. We have already regaled friends and family with tales of VR and 3D.

In closing, Irene/Catherine and I want to give our heartfelt thanks to the stalwart core of the Drifter family who jump in time after time to bring us all together for fun and frolic.

Huzzah!!

King Ronald the 1st, HRH

PS. Don't tell Charlie."





Bill Hansen wrote:



"Another great rally and an awesome job by our rally hosts, The ASU trip was way more than what we expected, Ruth your daughter is awesome!!!"

Alan Linaker wrote:



"Jen and I would like to thank our rally host, (Tom and Ruth, Paul and Jan, Tom and Cheryl, Bernie and Kendra, Jim and Maryann), and all of the Tucson Drifters for a wonderful time at the Renaissance Festival rally. We really enjoyed making some new friends on this rally and getting better acquainted with our Tucson Drifter friends that we have met previously. A special shout out to Lisa as well for allowing us to enjoy the Dream Scape tour at ASU. Very Cool!

Congratulations on yet another wonderful rally and Jen and I look forward to seeing you all soon!!"



DRIFTERS RENDEZVOUS on the High SEAS



Join us for a Seven Day New Year's Cruise to the Mexica Riviera aboard the luxurious Royal Caribbean "NAVIGATOR of the SEAS" cruise ship. December 29, 2023, it departs from San Pedro, CA round trip with Ports of Call: Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and returns Jan 5, 2024.

San Pedro is located next to Long Beach, CA and can be reached via air to LAX or Long Beach Airport and private shuttle to the ship or by car from Tucson (approx. 500 mi) with pay parking at the pier.

You will make your own cruise and travel reservations:

Cruise reservations, (NAVIGATOR of the SEAS, sailing date 12-29-2023) can be made through Royal Caribbean International or any Travel Agency. There are various cabin categories and pricing available. I have used CruCon Cruises Outlet for 20 + years, which has always had the best price and service for me. The agent's name is Laura Griffin, (800) 493-6609, ext.679212. If you use Laura, please mention that you are with the Tucson Drifters. We currently have nine couples signed up. If you do sign up with Laura, please advise me so I know what size activity room on the ship to request. Please contact me at my email bkuehn@msn.com if you have any questions. Kendra and I took this same cruise (different cruise line) March 2022 and enjoyed all the activities and ports.



We plan to have get togethers throughout the cruise for drinks, games, and fun. There will be regular updates on the cruise planning via email and the monthly newsletter as it gets closer to the sail date. Nine couples have signed up, and still counting.

DISCLAIMER- Bernie Kuehn does not receive any special discounts/pricing for recommending CruCon Cruises for this sailing.

April (CATALINA STATE PARK-RINGTAIL LOOP GROUP AREA).

Roughing it in Catalina April 20-23, 2023. Dates are 20th to the 23rd of April. Relax in the shadows of the Catalina Mountains as we open our rally with a Mexican Fiesta. Enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie and games in the park. Travel back in time at the Gaslight Theatre as we enjoy a night of classic rock music spanning the 60's, 70's and 80's! Then saddle up as we head out to the Steam Pump Ranch to discover a local piece of living history. Once back at camp, get your crock pots going and your appetites up as we have a chili cook-off for our evening meal with prizes for the best chili.

The final itinerary will be available soon with times, dates, addresses and optional sightseeing location.

The price for Tucson Drifters Rally fee is \$112.00 per couple and \$56.00 single. Reminder that each rig will also pay their own camping fees to the park. Our group site is dry camping and is \$20 per night per rig and you will need 3 nights at the campsite for this rally (60.00).

Rally host are: Vera Schlichtner, Tom and Cheryl Dimmick and Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo

This is

**Monday, 15 May - Tuesday, 23 May
2023**

Time-travel in Arizona - - - A leisurely amble through our amazing state starting on May 15, 2023, when you arrive at Desert Cypress RV Park in 'Way Out West' Wickenburg.

- Spend decent assisted time at the famous Desert Caballeros Western Museum where we'll have the added enjoyment of viewing the "Cowgirl Up" juried art show.

-Amble through Hassayampa River Preserve and enjoy a 'picnic in the park'.

-Investigate the town's Legends and Ghosts of the 'ole west.'

-Enjoy the always-wonderful Drifters food.

- Plus, plus, plus!!!

On 19 May 2023, travel to Kingman, a new rally town for the chapter, where you'll be staying at the Zuni Village RV Park.

-Learn the history of Kingman by visiting the Kingman Railroad Museum, and the Powerhouse and Route 66 Museums.

-Spend a day traveling on the original "Route 66" with stops at some of the wonderful old places that made it so famous.

-Spend a day in the old mining ghost town of Oatman.

- Enjoy more wonderful Drifters food.

-Plus, plus, plus

On 23 May 2023 - say good-bye and depart for summer destinations, wherever they are. "Happy Trails"

Currently this rally is at capacity. If interested, please contact the rally host to be put on waiting list.



Rally hosts are Marv and Suzi Bass, Jeff and Linda Salfen, Michael and Julie Katz and Drew and Candace Kucy

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

Ruth Roubal/VP of Planning

Vera Schlichter/Assoc. VP of Planning

TUCSON DRIFTERS RV CLUB (24 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"

OPEN ROADS RV FUEL DISCOUNT PROGRAM



Open Roads is a discount fuel program open to anyone who purchases diesel fuel, whether it be a diesel pickup truck, or an RV. By joining the

program, you will have access to discount diesel prices at specified locations such as Loves Travel Centers of America and many more. Current members are saving 30 to 40 cents per gallon of the pump price. The program is restricted to fuel only at the truck lane at the specified partnership truck fuel centers.

There are no signup fees or membership fees to join. There are no long-term contracts to sign and no hidden fees. Application is free, no credit cards and payment for fuel purchase is made through the member's checking account. Visit

apply.myopenroads.com to join the program. Call 800-275-5089 for information and assistance. I found the staff very friendly and helpful.

I joined the program last fall and have used it several times. On the return from the rally at Apache Junction I used the program at the travel Center of America in Eloy and saved 60 cents a gallon. I highly recommend the program if you are interested in lowering your diesel fuel costs.

Call me if I can be of assistance, 520-977-7996

Bernie

TUCSON DRIFTERS

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 Salfen-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	Dark	Dare to Dream		Roughing It in Catalina State Park		This IS...	
Date		4-7		20-23		15-23	
Place		Apache Junction, AZ		Catalina State Park		Traveling Rally Wickenburg, Kingman	
Host		Roubal/Spaeth/Dimmick/ Raymond/Kuehn		Schlichter/Guizlo/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

Roughing It In Catalina
April 20-23, 2023



Catalina State Park, 11570 N Oracle Rd., Tucson (Ringtail Loop Group Area)

Relax in the shadows of the Catalina Mountains as we open our rally with a Mexican fiesta. Enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie and games in the park. Travel back in time at the Gaslight Theatre as we enjoy a night of classic rock music spanning the 60's 70's and 80's! Then saddle up as we head out to the Steam Pump Ranch to discover a local piece of living history. Once back at camp, get your crock pots going and your appetites up as we have a chili cook-off for our evening meal with prizes for the best chili.

Reminder that each rig will pay their own camping fees to the park. Our group site is dry camping and is \$20 per night per rig.

Final itinerary will be available soon with times, dates, addresses and optional sightseeing locations.

Please sign up to bring a dish for the chili cookoff. We are looking for chili, cornbread, salad, or dessert. (Each dish should serve 6-8) I will bring _____.

Date Submitted: _____

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Rally Fee: \$112.00/couple or \$56.00/single (Includes non-refundable amount \$75/couple, \$37/single)

Full Payment Due April 4, 2023, \$112.00/\$56.00 _____

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.

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

Hosts: Vera Schlichter/Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo/Tom and Cheryl Dimmick

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Time travel in Arizona - - the cattlemen, miners, and legends of ‘ole-west’ Wickenburg; the railroads of Kingman; the history of “America’s Highway, Route 66”. All this while enjoying the company of your Drifter friends on a leisurely amble through our amazing state.

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Rally Fee	(2-Persons/1 Person)	\$580.00/ \$498.00
Deposit (non-refundable) Due: NLT 1 Mar 23	\$75.00	\$ _____
1 st Payment Due : <u>1 April 2023</u>	\$280.00 / \$218.00	\$ _____
Balance Due : <u>1 May 2023</u>	\$223.00 / \$200.00	\$ _____

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Hosts: Bass; Kucy, Salfen, Katz

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TUCSON DRIFTERS

NEW YEARS CELEBRATION 2023-2024



NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS-RCCL/DEPARTING 12/29/2023

YES, YOU HAVE JOINED THE CELEBRATION!!!

Please let us know the following information once you have made your own reservations for the following Tucson Drifters rendezvous cruise. Departs from San Pedro, California. This is the kick off celebration for the Tucson Drifters 25th year anniversary celebrations. **GLAD YOU ARE GOING ABOARD!!!**

NAME _____ CABIN # _____ DECK # _____

DINING ASSIGNMENT - EARLY ____ LATE ____ MY TIME ____

We are suggesting my time for the group but your choice.

Please mail or hand deliver this form to Bernie and Kendra Kuehn @ 1587 W. Mariquita, Green Valley, Az., 85622.

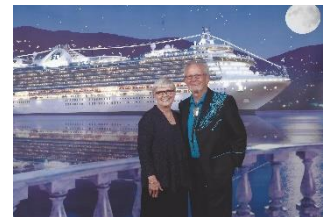
Your Drifter Navigators for this Cruise Hosts are:



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