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TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

The October dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

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

Dinner choices are:

6oz sirloin, Baked potato, Salad, and Dinner rolls
or
the option for Large salad and soup
Dessert cheesecake

Please respond no later than April 29.

Dinner is \$21 per person. Please bring a check.

Paula Arnold
cell 303-807-8044



President's Corner:



Welcome to the first Dinner Meeting for the 2023-2024 Drifters Season to be held Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill". Our first rally of the season is planned at the Desert Diamond Casino in Sahuarita, AZ. October 13-15. This will be dry camping at the casino parking lot and generators can be used. A potluck dinner and fun evening at the Kuehn's home, guided tour of the historic Canoa Ranch in Green Valley and other fun activities are planned.

In addition, many other fun events/rallies are planned this season. As always, the events will only happen with your participation and assistance. Please volunteer, always need rally/ co-hosts!

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

Our new National FMCA officers for the next two years:

President- Gary Milner (Tucson Drifters member)

VP- Paul Mitchell

Secretary- Pamela Richard

Treasure- Barbara Smith

Our next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30 PM 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 ON THE GO THIS SUMMER.

Here are some of their pictures we received.



Figure 1 Mount Rushmore 2023



Figure 2 Paul Spaeth Catch of the Day, Blanco, NM

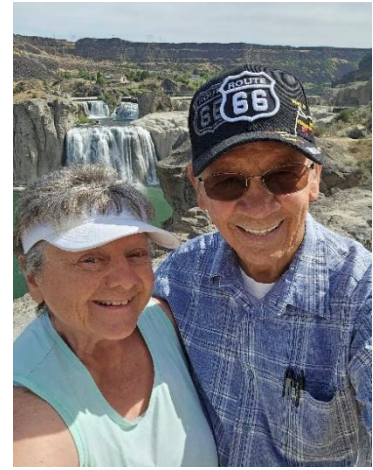


Figure 3 Cindy & Fred Brooks at Shoshone Falls, ID



Figure 6 Linda & Jeff Salfen at Leavenworth



Figure 5 Kuehn's Moon



Figure 4 Roubal/Kuehn at Old Town



Figure 9 Tucson Drifter (Paul Spaeth) Drifting



Figure 7 Kuehn's Sydney enjoys Starbucks



Figure 8 Roubal's view Sunset at Fiddlers Cove, Coronado, CA



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



Just a note to thank the rally hosts for a great rally and to recount on our experiences.

We really liked the fact that Wickenburg was a leisurely 45-minute drive from Cave Creek although thousands of bugs committed suicide on the front of the coach enroute.

The highlight of the host provided meal the first night was Drew's smoked pulled pork...I will never compete with him in that arena. He is the "king" and I don't share my crown easily.

Of all the museums the Drifters have drug us to, the Desert Caballeros is our favorite and we vow to return in the future. BTW, the Wickenburg statue hunt in much easier from the recliner in the air conditioned coach using google....just saying !!~!!

Again the highlight of the grill night was not my hamburgers (while many others had steaks), but was Drew's potato salad. Now we know we Candace keeps him.

I have to admit that the highlight...there's that word again ..of the morning activities the next day was Mike's Subway sandwiches in the "picnic in the park"and that is because of my aversion to hiking. We did make it around the "lake"but couldn't wait to play Yatzee with Ruth's potable version under the ever moving shade of the palms....not.

As usual, we were the last to arrive for the ghost tour that evening and our punishment was sitting facing backwards for the tour. It was interesting as the tour host spun his ghostly tours tales against the thunder and lightning in the background. Luckily, we got back in the Hummer just as the deluge began.

The road to Kingman reminded me of the Duane Eddy song "40 Miles of Bad Road" times 3. Highway 93 should be a 120 mile of test track for bad roads....and more suicidal bugs.

Although the weather did not cooperate for the BBQ that evening, we enjoyed watching Fred trying to save his tent from becoming a parachute.

The Powerhouse & Route 66 museum a hit and the trip to Peach Springs was added to our route 66 AZ odyssey. I think we have covered all but 20 miles.

We are disappointed that we missed Oatman, but the RV gremlins munched on our 110V power, and we left early. Ironically, our next-door neighbors the Arnolds experienced a similar problem with their 110v circuits,,,,,hmmmm....is there a vortex in Kingman???

Thanks again to our hosts for more memories and happy travels to all

Irene/Catherine & King Ron



UPCOMING RALLIES FOR TUCSON DRIFTERS

Hello Tucson Drifters,

October's trip down to Green Valley is well and strong at this time. Only \$75.00 for two for a great show at the Casino called Parmalee (A great country group with many hits) in their large capacity theater, October Fest evening at the Kuehn's on night of arrival. The Rally will provide Brats, Sauerkraut and Beer. Rally goers are requested to bring potluck items to accommodate this menu. Canoa Ranch tour and breakfast at the Roubal's coach on Sunday morning. We will be dry camping at Desert Diamond Casino. The Roubals and Kuehns are rally hosts. Cost will include theater seats, Canoa Ranch trip with a potluck at Kuehn's. We will be dry camping at the Casino. You will be responsible for Saturday evenings dinner. A dinner location will be provided to you by rally host. Please send check to Cindy Brooks.

November is Cave Creek. They have 1 spot left. See addendum for reservation sheet. This will be an exciting one for our club. 1st time location. Host are Spaeth, Linaker/Yanez, Hansen and Frizzel's and dates are November 1-6 (nights)

December/January is our Cruise down Mexico Way to the Mexican Rivera. You make your own reservations, but we will try to have added scheduled functions for our members. I think we have about 11 or 12 couples signed up at this time. For additional information, please contact Bernie Kuehn (520-977-7996) or Jeff Salfen (503-440-1104). Help celebrate the New Years with your fellow Drifters and bring in our 25th year of our club. We have two original Drifters attending this event. They are Roubals and Schultz.

February is Valentine Week in Laughlin with Love and Fun. February 13 to 17th. Flyer reservation form addendum is attached. Cost is \$541.85. Host are Nora and Ray Toscano, Candace and Drew Kucy and Julie and Michael Katz. We will have a great time and be able to spend quality time with our Drifters Family.

March is the FMCA International Rally in Tucson. The dates are March 20 to 23, 2024. Please make your own reservation, but please let Ruth Roubal ((520-907-4980) @ tucsonc21@aol.com or Kendra Kuehn (520-977-5874) @kkuehn@msn.com know if attending. We will be doing the Chapter Fair again and need help. Hopefully we can all go in together. We should try for section with 30 amp's. This will be sufficient for most of us and save appx. \$100 dollars per couple. This is what we did last year for the most part.

April is "Take Me Out to the Ball Park, Charlie Brown - You are turning 25". I believe the dates will be around 04/15/2024 to 04/18/2024. How about those Cubbies (Chicago Cubs/Diamond Backs). We will also see a Broadway production with a three-course dinner to see Charlie Brown. Our club is turning 25 years old, and this is sort of a "LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR BIG" CELEBRATION. Host are Roubal, Kuehn, Williamson, and Kuznicki. More information will be soon!!!

May is our long-range trip to the Trail of Lincoln. 45 days of travel, sightseeing, events, activities, and food. \$2500. We have three other options to choose from as well. Reservation sheet is attached as well for this rally. Price alone should be worth the trip going. This is appx. a \$12,000 trip or plus, if you were going on a Fantasy Tour. Only the best for our members and truly a work of love to the club from our rally host. Rally host are Roubal, Kuehn, Brooks and Smith. Two of the rally host are charter



members. Clint and Carol Smith and Tom and Ruth Roubal.

Please do not forget the Dinner meetings start in October. See future information for these meetings.

Please submit a photo of your summer travels for next newsletter. **WHO SAW THE MOST INTERESTING PLACE?** We will have our photo album displayed at the October meeting with these photo's (please be in the photo). These photos will also be displayed at the FMCA International rally for our clubs "MEET OUR TUCSON DRIFTERS" table. Please just send me one or two that are the best of the best from your travels. If you stayed home just send me one with you sitting in a lounge chair sipping a cool beverage. Spaeth's, Brooks, Salfen's, Kuehn's, and Roubals submitted for October newsletter.

See you all in October so stay healthy and safe on the roads. Until then "HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU ALL".

Ruth Roubal, Vice-President of Planning

Vera Schlichter, Asst Vice-President of Planning

Tucson Drifters Club of Tucson, Arizona

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 ten 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.
Ten couples have signed up, and still counting.

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

TUCSON DRIFTERS

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Registration Form

Welcome Back Rally

October 13-15, 2023

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Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

(2-Persons/1 Person)

Rally Fee Total \$75.00
Payment Due : September 30, 2023

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

Hosts: Roubal and Kuehn

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Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2023-2024 - A Work in Progress

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October 2023		November 2023		December 2023		January 2023	
Title:	Welcome Back Rally	TBD		New Years Navigator of the Seas			
Date:	13-15	1-6		12/29-01/05			
Place:	Desert Diamond <i>Casino</i>	Cave Creek, AZ		On the High Seas			
Host:	Kuehn/Roubal	Fizzell/Spaeth/Hansen/ Linaker		Kuehn/Salfen/Roubal			
February 2024		March 2024		April 2024		May 2024	
Title	Valentine Week in Laughlin	International FMCA (TD 25th Anniv)		Meet Me at the Ballpark		On the Trail to Lincoln & Beyond	
Date	13-17	20-23		15-18 (Approx)		05/22 – 07/06	
Place	Laughlin, NV	Pima County Fairgrounds		Phoenix, AZ		Varius	
Host	Katz/Kucy/Raymond/and Toscano	Tucson Drifters Officers/Board Memebers		Roubal/Kuehn/Williamson		Roubal/Kuehn/Smith	

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

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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.

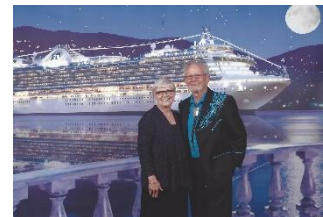
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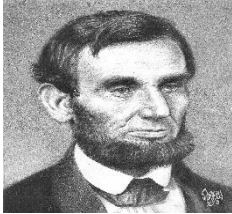
KUEHN'S



ROUBAL'S



SALFEN'S



Registration Form



LINCOLN TRAIL RALLY AND BEYOND - 45 DAYS
4 OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

This will be the grandest and biggest trip planned for our Tucson Drifters by our own members and just perfect for our 25th year celebration year. This rally will start May 22, 2024, and end July 6th, 2024. 4 different tours to accommodate all our members.

Tour #1 - TUCSON DRIFTERS GRAND (25YRS) SILVER JUBILLE: Starts May 22, 2024, 45 DAYS \$2500.00. All lodging, 44 plus events and meals. TRY THIS ONE ON YOUR OWN AT THIS PRICE! Deduct \$257.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Dallas to Des Moines, Iowa

Tour #2 - TENNESSEE A ROCKIN AND A ROLLIN JUBILEE: Starts on May 27, 2024, 40 DAYS \$2355.00. All lodging and 39 plus events and meals. For those that need to start a little later. Deduct \$207.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Tunica/Memphis to Des Moines, Iowa

Tour #3 - THE LAND OF LINCOLN & CORVETTE JUBILEE: -Starts June 8, 2024 - 28 DAYS \$1700.00. All lodging and 29 events and food. This will include the Lincoln trail in Kentucky, Illinois and we will be going to the only Corvette Museum in the world. Optional tour to the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green. Deduct \$95.00 for Corp of Engineer parks fee. Starts in Barren Lake River Corp of Engineer Park which is closest to Bowling Green Kentucky and Mammoth Caves.

Tour #4- MY WAY - ON THE HIGHWAY JUBILEE - Join us at any time, Call for quote on amount for the destinations that you can join us with.

We will be staying at appx. 5 Corp of Engineer Parks that all attendees will make their reservation themselves and the price you will be paying has been deducted from the rally price. Two options on this trip: 1. Corvette Plant tour \$35.00 per person. 2. My old Kentucky Home in Bardstown \$12.00 each person. Rally prices are based on two people per coach. Call for a single rate.

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Table with 5 columns: Tour, Deposit Due 10/1/23, 1st Pymt Due 1/15/24, Final Due 3/24, Total. Rows for Tour 1, Tour 2, Tour 3, and a summary row for prices reflecting deductions.

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Hosts: Roubals, Kuehns, Brooks, Smiths -Call Ruth 520-907-4980/Bernie 520-977-7996 (INF)
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