



November 2023

# TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

## CARING AND SHARING



Joe Hutton, 11/12  
Cheryl Dimmick, 11/25  
Gerry Bayles, 11/26  
Dale Williamson, 11/28  
Chris Strawn, 11/29



Mark & Dee Dee Guizlo, 11/26

## REMEMBERING MEL JONES



Mel Jones, F385597, passed away unexpectedly on October 12, 2023. Mel and Amy belonged to several chapters in both the Rocky Mountain and Western Areas,

including the Tucson Drifters. Mel was also the Senior Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Area.

They have been wonderful additions and friends to our chapter. Please keep Amy in your thoughts.

## NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

The November dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

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

Dinner choices are:

Chicken fried steak with Mashed potatoes and white gravy

OR

Chicken Salad & Soup

Dessert: Cheesecake

Replies are due by November 5<sup>th</sup> to **Paula Arnold**, cell **303-807-8044**

## Tom & Ruth Roubal summer visit to Helix Park, Scotland, Home of the Kelpies sculptures





## President's Corner:



Welcome to the November Dinner Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 7th at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill".

November is a busy month starting with the Cave Creek Rally, November 1-6; our semi-annual Business Meeting; Nov 7th, Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>; and a few Drifters heading to Rocky Point, Mexico at the end of the month.

Many could not attend the October Meeting, so please share the many interesting, historic, and scenic places you visited in your RV throughout the USA this past summer. Please share these memories at the designated time during our dinner meeting.

Our Activity Planning Team is already looking for interesting and fun places to travel too for the 2025-2026 Drifters season. Please give it some thought as to where to go and what to do. With that in mind, rally hosts are needed to make the events a success.

Please contact me at [bkuehn@msn.com](mailto:bkuehn@msn.com) if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

*Bernie*

### SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2024 DRIFTERS BOARD

The Nominated Committee, Jan Spaeth (Chair), Carol Frizzell and Sandy Williamson submitted the slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for the 2024 Tucson Drifters Board.

The candidates have agreed to serve on the 2024 Board in the respective positions if elected. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Voting for the candidates will be at the Business Meeting following the November 7<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting.

#### Officers:

President	Bernie Kuehn
Vice- President	Mary Raymond
Vice- President Planning	Ruth Roubal
Assistant VP Planning	Kendra Kuehn
Treasurer	Cheryl Dimmick
Assistant Treasurer	Cindy Brooks
Secretary	Marvin Bass
National Director	Suzi Bass
Alt National Director	Drew Kucy

#### Directors:

Tom Roubal-	Newsletter & Videos
Julie Katz-	Caring & Sharing
Rick Rolland-	Webmaster
JoHelen Strawn	Membership
Michael Katz-	Member At Large
Fred Brooks-	Technical Advisor

Thank You to the Nominating Committee for their efforts.



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## TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



**November** is Cave Creek. There is 1 spot left. See addendum for reservation sheet. This will be an exciting one for our club and is a 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. 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 Roubal 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 wonderful 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 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 November 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](mailto: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. eleven 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 Event Calendar

2023-2024 - *A Work in Progress*

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	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2023
Title:	<b>Welcome Back Rally</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>New Years Navigator of the Seas</b>	
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	<b>Valentine Week in Laughlin</b>	<b>International FMCA (TD 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv)</b>	<b>Meet Me at the Ballpark</b>	<b>On the Trail to Lincoln &amp; Beyond</b>
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](http://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.

## 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:**



**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 JUBILLE: -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 for Corps of Engr park fees.

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

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