



December 2023

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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

Happy
Anniversary

Dale & Sandy Williamson 12/01
 Charles & Patricia Chandler 12/03
 John & Diane Plantz 12/04
 Ron & Irene Kuznicki 12/15
 David & Shirley Ridley 12/16
 Bernie & Kendra Kuehn 12/23
 Marv & Suzi Bass 12/31
 Rick & Judy Rolland
 12/31

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

The December dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Here is the dinner menu for the December meeting. Please email me with your choice. **Please reply by email by December 2nd.**

Smothered chicken breast with dinner salad

OR

Soup and Chicken Salad

Chips and Salsa on the table

Chocolate cake for dessert

\$21.00 per person, please pay by check at the dinner, payable to Tucson Drifters.

Activities Meeting: 4:30pm prior to the dinner meeting.

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

Paula Arnold
cell 303-807-8044



President's Corner:



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

Some Tucson Drifters will ring in 2024 aboard the "Navigator of The Seas" Cruise Ship sailing the Mexican Riviera". A Drifters "WOW" way to start the New Year.

At our last November Dinner meeting, Bill Hansen, Chris Strawn, and Mike Katz volunteered to be on the 2023 Audit committee. Their audit report will be presented at the April 2024 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 108th International Convention and Expo will be held in Tucson, AZ March 20-23, 2023. If you plan to attend, please advise me.

January 2024, no dinner meetings or rallies are planned. Our next dinner meeting will be February 6th, 2024. 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

2024 DRIFTERS BOARD

Members of the 2024 Tucson Drifters Board effective January 1, 2024, are listed below: Looking forward to working with each of you in 2024!

Thank You to all the 2023 Board Members for your time and dedication.

Officers:

President	Bernie Kuehn
Vice- President	Mary Ann 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
Alternate 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.



TUCSON DRIFTERS RV PLANNING AND SCHEDULES



November was Cave Creek and another great rally.



Hosted by Jan and Paul Spaeth, Alan Linaker and Jen Yanez, Bill and Betsy Hansen, and Mike and Carol Frizzel. Special thanks to Irene and Ron Kuznicki who hosted a wonderful wine and cheese party at their beautiful home in Cave Creek.

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

Kendra Kuehn, 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. 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*

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



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

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.

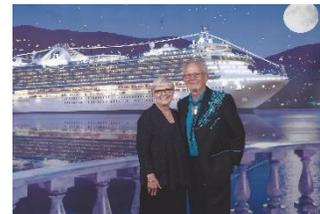
Your Drifter Navigators for this Cruise Hosts are:



KUEHN'S



ROUBAL'S



SALFEN'S

Registration Form
Valentine Week in Laughlin with Love and Fun
February 13th to February 17th, 2024

4 nights in Laughlin with activities planned as follows:

- Arrive Tuesday 13th of February – Drew is preparing a small dinner at the campsite.
- Wednesday 14th of February – Mini golf tournament in the morning, car museum in the afternoon, optional bowling in the afternoon, Special Dinner cooked by in house chef, Drew.
- Thursday 15th of February – Covered 6-hour jet boat tour to Lake Havasu, with a 2 hour stop at London Bridge – Dinner prepared by our in-house specialty chef – Drew again.
- Friday 16th of February – Free day, will provide options of what to do – Buffett dinner at the casino – cost will be about \$22 per person or dinner on your own followed by a show at the casino.
- Saturday 17th of February – leave for home.

The total cost for the 3 days and 4 nights will be \$541.85.

Option for another \$51 you can extend your stay by 3 additional nights, arriving on Monday February 12th and leaving anytime up to Monday February 19th.

If you chose the option to stay the extra 3 nights, please submit a separate check for \$51 by August 15th, so that reservations can be made, and you can receive the weekly discount rate.

Name(s) _____ Coach Length _____
 Cell Phone(s) _____
 Email(s) _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

	<u>(2-Persons/1 Person)</u>	<u>\$ amount/ \$amount</u>
Rally Fee Total	<u>\$541.85- \$394.37</u>	
Deposit (non-refundable) Due by Aug 15 th	\$ 75.00 -\$ 75.00	\$ _____
1 st Payment Due : <u>Sept 15th</u>	\$155.00-\$106.00	\$ _____
2 nd Payment Due: <u>Nov 15th</u>	\$155.00-\$106.00	
Balance Due : <u>Jan 15,2024</u>	\$156.85-\$107.37	\$ _____

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters.

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

Hosts: Nora and Ray Toscano, Candace and Drew Kucy and Julie and Michael Katz

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**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 _____

	Deposit Due 10/1/23	1 st Pymt Due 1/15/24	Final Due 3/24	Total
Tour 1	\$250	\$1125	\$868	\$2500
Tour 2	\$234	\$1051	\$843	\$2335
Tour 3	\$170	\$765	\$670	\$1700
Prices reflect deductions for Corps of Engr park fees paid directly by members				

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

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