



October 2024

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

*It's not where you go, but who you go with
Celebrating 25 Years
1999-2004*



Tom Roubal, Editor

WELCOME HOME DRIFTERS

Tucson Drifters welcome home and for those that stayed in Tucson for most of the summer welcome back to your Tucson Drifters 25th season as well.

We have many venues and rallies planned for you this year with a great variety of places to go and things to do.

Catalina State Park (home of the 1st rally - 25 years ago) is being planned for October 3rd to the 6th. Not too late to attend.

Balloon Glow, November 15th to the 17th. Dry camping and one of the least expensive rallies of the year. We may have an issue with the Glow due to the Casino but if this occurs, we will still have a rally for some good fellowship and just plain fun.

New Years in Vegas December/January. Vegas style, staying at the Fantastic Oasis RV Resort, the unbelievable experience of the sphere with a "Postcard from Earth" show, New Year Eve party with music and food, New Year's show at noon at the South Point Resort, New Years day lunch and so much more. Plan to attend this highlighted event for New Years. Flyer in the October newsletter.

February we are looking forward to a rally in Wilcox. The sisters are in the planning stages currently, so stay tuned.

March we will be doing dry camping for good old fellowship on Alan Lanaker's property. Join us for bonfires, beautiful skies and wonderful views. This will not be an expensive rally.

April we will be going to phoenix to see a baseball games with TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL

PARK. Planning stage at this time but we will most likely stay at the Meridian RV Resort in Apache Junction and take a train to the ballpark. Hopefully, we will be entertained by Barleens for dinner and one fantastic show or the Starlight group for dinner and show. Up in the air currently but stay tuned.

May is dark this year.

September/October will be a long-range trip to Chama. Details will follow later in the year.

Stay active and join us for great fun and fellowship for our new season 2024-2025.

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning, Tucson Drifters
Kendra Kuehn, Assistant VP of Planning, Tucson Drifters

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

The October dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, Oct 1, 2024**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Menu Choices are:

Smothered Chicken Breast

OR

Chicken Salad with Soup

4:30 Activities Meeting

5:30 Social and 6:15 Dinner

Payment at the dinner is by check only, \$23 per person. Payment may also be made by Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to:
tucson.drifters@gmail.com by Sunday May 5th.

Checks will be accepted at the door.

CARING AND SHARING

A full summer of best wishes for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Hope you enjoyed your special day!!



Clint Smith, 05/07
 Helen Baldrige, 05/08
 Marv Bass, 05/10
 Bill Nickerson, 05/15
 Jim Schultz, 05/20
 Betsy Hansen, 05/25
 Bonnie Wenzel, 05/25
 Judy Rolland, 05/30
 Cindy Brooks, 06/02
 Jeff Salfen, 06/05
 Gary Milner, 06/05
 Barbara Fling, 06/07
 Jan Spaeth, 06/13
 Bruce Kelly, 06/21
 Carol Frizzell, 06/27
 Bernie Kuehn, 07/13
 Paul Spaeth, 07/17
 Charles Chandler, 07/31
 Paula Arnold, 07/31
 Jeff Wenzel, 08/03
 Barbara Schultz, 08/07
 Roubal, Ruth 08/15
 Linda Salfen, 08/27
 Mike Frizzell, 09/01
 Kathy Woodward, 09/07
 Bill Hansen, 09/28



And for those who have yet to celebrate, have a great October birthday celebration.

Kendra Kuehn, 10/03
 Adair Kelly, 10/10
 Wayne Sturm, 10/18
 Elizabeth Williams, 10/19
 Gilbert McClung, 10/23
 Rick Rolland, 10/28



Geoff & Marita Newton	05/06
Mike & Carol Frizzell	05/18
Bill & Rita Henrich	05/19
Fred & Cindy Brooks	05/24
Paul & Jan Spaeth	05/26
Gilbert & Jane McClung	05/28
Michael & Julie Katz	05/30
Clint & Carol Smith	06/02
Tom & Ruth Roubal	06/26
Wayne Sturm & Ellen Williams	06/28
Marvin & Barbara Fling	07/06
Bruce & Adair Kelly	08/17
Jeff & Linda Salfen	08/25
Chris & JoHelen Strawn	09/23
Joe & Randi Malisewski	10/06
Jim & Mary Ann Raymond	10/06



MESSAGE FROM THE FMCA PRESIDENT

DATE: September 23, 2024

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my letter of resignation from my position as the FMCA President. I have recently been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer that is not curable, and that will require my full attention and devotion for the next several years. In addition to focusing on my health, I'll be spending as much time as possible with my family.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the FMCA President. FMCA and the Executive Board will be in good hands with Vice President Paul Mitchell, who, in accordance with the FMCA Bylaws, will move into the President position. Paul and I have worked very closely the last 13 months, and he has assumed many duties and achieved all tasks asked of him. He did so without wavering or hesitating. Paul is ready to assume the responsibilities and will work in the best interests of FMCA.

To the Governing Board: I want to thank you for all your support of my presidency and, foremost, your support of FMCA. The effort and determination you and leaders before you have put into this organization is the main reason we have existed since the early 1960s. It is your commitment to ensure that FMCA will remain the best RV educational and social organization in North America.

To the FMCA members: It has truly been an honor to meet and get to know so many of you. You mean more than I can put into words, and Glenda and I look forward to seeing you again down the road. Thanks for everything.

To the FMCA staff: Our short time together is coming to an end. Glenda and I appreciated your support and assistance. We hope that you will have the opportunity to continue to help FMCA grow in the RV community. If my health improves, we might be fortunate enough to see you down the road. Until then, we wish you and your families all the best, and a safe and prosperous life.

And, remember, it's all about having fun!

In parting, thank you,

Gary Milner	Glenda Milner
FMCA President	FMCA First Lady



New Years Jan 2023



UPDATED NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

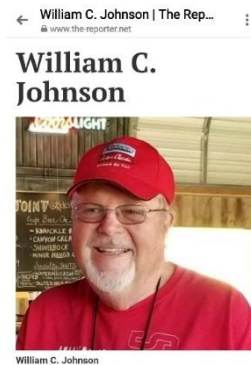
Mike and Julie Katz had a summer of surgeries with Mike having had heart surgery and Julie with shoulder surgery. We can report that both are doing well, and they said they will see us all soon.

IN REMEMBRANCE



It is with great sadness we report to you of the passing of the founder of the Tucson Drifters **Bill Hohmann**, who passed away April 5, 2024. He started the Tucson Drifters in 1999 with appx. 18 F numbers. He had been suffering for a couple of years with a long-term illness. May he rest in peace, our dear and beloved friend and we will greatly miss you!

Bill and Judy Johnson have not been active in the club for a while, but for those who knew them, Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo requested we pass along the sad news of **William Johnson's** passing.



William C. Johnson | The Rep...
www.the-reporter.net

William C. Johnson passed away on Aug. 23, 2024 from cancer complications. He was 82 years old.

He is survived by his wife Judy, son Charles, daughter-in-law Claudia, sisters Francine Horskins and Nancy Hoag, and several nieces and nephews.

He was employed by New York State Electric and Gas Co. for 32 years. He was the manager of the Walton office from 1982 to 1995. He became an HR manager in Geneva before retiring in 1997.

He and Judy have been spending their winters in Tucson, Arizona.



President's Corner:



Welcome to the first Dinner meeting for the 2024-2025 Drifters Season. Tuesday, October 1, at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill". There will be an activity meeting at 4:30 PM, all are welcome!

We will have a special movie showing the places/events the Drifters visited on the exciting/educational "Trail of Lincoln Rally" May 22-July 2024.

October is the Drifters 25th Anniversary, which we will celebrate at our rally at the Catalina State Park, Oct 3-6. Fun events and delicious meals are planned, please join us for the Grand Picnic, Friday Oct 4th if you cannot attend the entire rally.

The 31st Rocky Mountain Ramble 2024 is planned for October 23-27 at the San Juan County Fairgrounds in Farmington, NM. Many educational and fun sessions are planned. Registration is now open at FMCA.com.

Many fun events/rallies are planned for this season, as always, the events will only happen with your participation and assistance. Please volunteer!

Many of you traveled to many interesting, historic and scenic places in your RV throughout the USA this summer. Please share your memories at the designated time during our dinner meeting. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Bernie

Proposed Candidates for the 2025 Tucson Drifters Board effective January 1, 2025, are listed below:

Officers:

President Bernie Kuehn
Vice- President Bill Hansen
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
Rick Rolland- Webmaster
JoHelen Strawn Membership
Fred Brooks- Member at Large/ Technical Advisor

TUCSON DRIFTERS THAT MET UP WITH EACH OTHER

ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER "WE ARE FAMILY"



ALONG THE SUMMER TRAIL OF LINCOLN





TUCSON DRIFTERS' RALLIES 2024- 2025 SEASON.



We will need a lot of help with next year's scheduled rallies. Please step up to the plate to help. It's your club and can only happen with all our help.

1. October 3rd to the 6th. Catalina State Park ANNIVERSARY 25TH RALLY PLUS PINIC for Sunday for all members and social members (old and new) who love to attend:

Ruth and Tom Roubal,
Drew and Candice Kucy -In charge of menu and foods

Cindy and Fred Brooks
Suzi and Marv Bass
Helen and Bill Baldrige/Nickerson
Bernie and Kendra Kuehn
Clint and Carol Smith
Tom and Cheryl Dimmick

2. November - Green Valley- TBD

Ruth and Tom Roubal
Dee Dee and Mark Guizio
Suzi and Mark Bass

3. Dec/Jan - New Year's Rally In Las Vegas, Nevada

Ron and Irene Kuznicki
Mike and Julie Katz
Jim and Mary Ann Raymond

4. February - Wilcox, Arizona

The Amazing sisters -
Chris and Jo Helen Strawn
Dave and Jackie Di Palermo
Ted and Elizabeth Williams

5. March - Starlight, Starbright -Alan and Jen's Tucson Mountain retreat

Alan and Jen Linaker/Yanez
Bill and Betsy Hansen
Paul & Jan Spaeth
Joe and Randi Malisewaki

6. April - Take me out to the BALL GAME!!! RESCHEDULED FROM LAST APRIL,

Ruth & Tom Roubal
Ron and Catherine (Irene) Kuznicki
Sandy & Dale Williamson
Bernie & Kendra Kuehn

7. May - TBD

25-26 Rally Schedule

1. September/October 2025 CHAMA, NEW MEXICO

Paul and Jan Spaeth
Bill and Betsy Hansen
Alan and Jen Linaker/Yanez
Joe and Randi Malisewaki

Remember our Motto:

**" IT'S NOT WHERE YOU GO
IT'S WHO YOU GO WITH"**

**NOVEMBER RALLY
BALLOON GLOW AND BEYOND
DESERT DIAMOND CASINO
SAHUARITA, ARIZONA
11/15/2024 TO 11/17/2024**

COST FOR THIS EVENT IS \$59.00 - This includes a tour of Titan Museum, 2 breakfasts, happy hour on Saturday and a Fabulous Balloon Glow for two people. Parking for our RV's will be in the Casino's parking lot and is free. We will all park together.

November 15, 2024 – Friday

Arrive at your leisure at the Desert Diamond Casino. Must check in upon arriving at the casino and sign up with security. We will be doing dry camping.

5:00 PM - Potluck and destination is still to be determined.

November 16, 2024, - Saturday

8:30 AM Breakfast in the Casino (included in rally fee)

11:00 AM - Titan Missile Museum - One of a kind Titan Missile Museum today to see the last of the 54 Titan II missile sites that were on alert across the United States from 1963 to 1987. (included in rally fee)



Lunch on own.

3:30 PM Happy hour in camp central

5:00 to 9:00 PM - Balloon Glow event at Desert Diamond Casino for a spectacular evening where hot air balloons are inflated and illuminated after dark.



The main attraction is the glowing hot air balloons, which create a beautiful and colorful display against the night sky.

There will be various activities for all, including live music, food vendors and sometimes even tethered balloon rides.

November 17, 2024 - 8:30 AM - Sunday, Breakfast in the casino (included in rally fee). Departure at your own leisure.



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2024-2025 - *A Work in Progress*

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



October 2024		November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Title:	25 th Anniversary Rally	Balloon Glow & Beyond	New Years in Las Vegas	
Date:	3-6 October	15-17 November	Dec 28, 2024 – Jan 2, 2025	
Place:	Catalina State Park	Desert Diamond Casino	Oasis RV Resort	
Host:	All Drifters on Board!	Roubal, Guizlo, Bass	Katz, Raymond, Kuznicki	
February 2025		March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
Title			Take Me Out to the Ball Game	
Date	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Place	Wilcox, AZ	Palm Springs & Indio, CA	Phoenix, AZ	Prescott, AZ
Host	Strawn, DiPalermo, Williams	Roubal, Spaeth, Nickerson/Baldrige, Kuehn	Roubal, Kuznicki, Williamson, Kuehn	Linaker/Yanez, Hansen, Spaeth

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



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

TUCSON DRIFTERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY AND CELEBRATION

October 3-6, 2024

Catalina State Park

11570 N. Oracle Rd.

Tucson, Az. 85737



Name:							
Phone:		Cell:		Email:			
Motorhome:		Length:		No. Slides:			
Pets:							
\$79.00 FOR FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. PAYABLE TO TUCSON, DRIFTERS							
Rally Cost:	2 Persons	\$ 79.00					
Deposit Due Date:	August 15	\$25.00					
Final Payment Due Date:	Sept 15						
Number wanting to participate in Ranger led Rally Hike []. Space limited.							
You will have an additional fee of \$20.00 per night for 3 nights (total \$60.00). Pay at the entrance for overnight camping upon entrance to the state park. Pay at entrance.							
MUST RSVP FOR SATURDAY'S GRAND PICNIC IF NOT ATTENDING THE WEEKEND RALLY							
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Rally Hosts:	All Drifters on Hand						
Make checks payable to:	Tucson Drifters						
Mail To:	Cheryl Dimmick, Treasurer, 16230 W. Killarney Ave, Tucson, AZ 85736						



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



Balloon Glow and Beyond November 15-17, 2024 Desert Diamond Casino/Sahuarita, Arizona



This is a dry camping experience at the Desert Diamond Casino. Arrival on Friday the 15th- Depart Sunday on the 17th. We'll enjoy potluck dining, a wonderful excursion to the Titan Missile Museum, hot air balloons at the Balloon Glow event at the Casino. There will be various activities for all including live music, food vendors, and perhaps a tethered balloon ride (no guarantee).

COST FOR THIS EVENT IS \$59.00 - This includes a tour of Titan Museum, 2 breakfasts, happy hour on Saturday and a Fabulous Balloon Glow for two people. Parking for our RV's will be in the Casino's parking lot and is free. We will all park together.

Full Payment is Due November 5, 2024.

Name:							
Phone:		Cell:		Email:			
Motorhome:				Length:		No. Slides:	
Pets:							
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Rally Hosts:	Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo, and Marv and Suzi Bass. Ruth Roubal tucsonc21@aol.com						
Make checks payable to:	Tucson Drifters						
Mail To:	Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 w. Killarney Tucson 85736						



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR IN LAS VEGAS December 29, 2024 + January 2, 2025



Join you fellow Drifters in Las Vegas to ring in 2025.

We will spend 4 days/5 nights (December 29th to January 2nd) the beautiful Oasis RV Resort. Located near the heart of Las Vegas, Oasis Resort offers a “Casablanca” theme with outstanding amenities including an adult only pool and an 18-hole natural grass putting course.

Highlighting our trip will be the “Sphere Experience” which will be a visit first to The Atrium where you can interact with an AI robot named Aura, view holographic sculptures and much more. After touring the atrium, we will enjoy a film – “Postcard from Earth” which was commissioned specifically for the Sphere. It is described as part sci-fi part documentary utilizing the Sphere’s advanced technologies. It is an experience best described as IMAX on steroids.

We will bring in the New Year with a party hosted by the RV resort which will include Food, a DJ, Cash Bar and Fun celebrating with your fellow Drifters (More details as they become available from the resort).

Additional activities are being planned, including a New Year’s Day brunch. As these events are worked out, updated information will be announced. There will be ample free time for touring, gambling, and relaxation.

This rally will be limited to 9 coaches plus the rally hosts. We will be taking reservations for 3 “waiting list” coaches with a \$300 deposit (refundable ONLY IF no spot becomes available).

The total cost for the 5day/4 nights will be \$790.00.

Name(s)	1	2	Coach Length
Cell Phone(s)	1	2	
Email(s)	1	2	
Emergency Contact	Name		Phone

Rally Fee Total - \$790.00

	Due Date	Amount	Amount Paid / Date
Deposit (Non-refundable) *	May1	\$300.00	
First Payment	July 1	\$200.00	
Second Payment	November 1	\$200.00	
Balance Due	December 1	\$90.00	

***Due to pre-purchase and non-refundable requirements of venues NO REFUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED**

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters
Mail Checks to: Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 w. Killarney Tucson 85736

Your Rally Hosts Mike & Julie Katz, Jim
& Mary Ann Raymond & Ron and Irene
Kuznicki