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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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Mark & Dee Dee Guizlo, 11/26

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

The October dinner meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024**, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Menu Choices are:

- ✓ 6 oz Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato & House Salad
- OR
- ✓ Chicken Salad with Soup

4:30 Business Meeting,
followed by 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.

Remember our Motto:

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



President's Corner:



Welcome to the Dinner Meeting for the 2024-2025 Drifters Season to be held Tuesday, November 5th at 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill".

Our Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be held following the Dinner Meeting. Voting for the candidates for the 2025 Tucson Drifters Board will be held during the Business Meeting.

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.

We celebrated the Drifters 25th Anniversary at the Catalina State Park Oct 3-6th. We had record breaking temperatures and had to alter some plans, but it was a fun and toasty rally!

Our Activity Planning Team has some interesting rallies planned for the season. They are looking for ideas as to where to go and what to do in December. With that in mind, rally hosts are needed to make the events a success. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

Happy Halloween,

Bernie

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2025 DRIFTERS BOARD

The Nominating Committee, Jan Spaeth, Carol Frizzell and Randi Maliszewski submitted the slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for the 2025 Tucson Drifters Board.

The candidates have agreed to serve on the 2025 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 5th Dinner Meeting.



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- Technical Advisor
Betsy Hansen - Member at Large
Tom Dimmick - Member at Large

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their efforts.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY UPDATE - CATALINA STATE PARK

We went to the original site of the 1st rally location 25 years ago this past October. Nothing like the weather 25 years ago, which was very cold. We had temperatures over 100 degrees this past month.



some activities.

We wish to thank Drew and Candace Kucy, for the wonderful meal they prepared for this celebration. The food was wonderful and enjoyed by all of our members. A big thanks to

In spite of this, we had a grand time with good food, good fellowship and even found time for



Paul Spaeth for the entertainment he provided for us that evening. What talent he has and the music was great.



We had an opportunity to play "QUEST" And our winning team was Bill and Betsey Hansen, Paul and Jan Spaeth and Clint and Carol Smith. You all did good!!!



Very exciting to have all three couples that are still with us as charter members that attended.

Clint and Carol Smith, Jim and Barbara Schultz and Tom and Ruth Roubal.

Clint Smith led us in a memorial for Bill Hohmann, who organized the Tucson Drifters club as he passed away April 5th, 2024. Thank you, Clint, for honoring and leading our group for Bill. Bill started a dynasty club in Tucson for the RV enthusiasts in our area.



One night several of us ventured forward on an evening hike led by a ranger at the state park to see the constellations in the sky. Very in- lighting and interesting. The future north star in the galaxy started to form, appx. same time of our first visit to Catalina State Park (25 years ago) according to the Ranger. Those who braved the unknown of the area that night were Jan and Paul Spaeth, Cheryl Dimmick and Tom and Ruth Roubal. WHAT A GOOD ADVENTURE WE HAD.

We had a wonderful time and wish all could have attended the rally. MAYBE IN 25 MORE YEARS WE COULD ALL DO THIS AGAIN?



Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning
Tucson Drifters RV Club (Charter Member)



TUCSON DRIFTERS' RALLIES 2024- 2025 SEASON.



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

1. November 15th 17th - DESERT DIAMOND BALLOON GLOW AND BEYOND RALLY - Green Valley

See separate article in newsletter for additional information and cost. IT IS A GO!!! So far, we have about 11 coaches attending. Dry camping at the Desert Diamond Casino. We do have several options to choose from. You can opt in or out for going to the Titan Museum due to excessive stairs involved in tour, chili cook-off with entertainment, car show and motorcycle show in Amado, or a trip to Tumacacori Mission which is a National Historical Park.

Rally Hosts: Ruth and Tom Roubal
Dee Dee and Mark Guizio
Suzi and Mark Bass

2. Dec/Jan - New Year's Rally In Las Vegas, Nevada. CANCELLED due to lack of participants.

3. February - Wilcox, Arizona, February 19th to 23rd. WHOPPING IT UP IN WILCOX.

Price is still up in the air but a good time will be had by all. They are planning a meet and greet on the first night with a catered dinner. Some of the other events that are being planned are a trip to the Amerind Museum and Texas Canyon, Territo Farm tour and lunch, Historic Downtown walking Tour in Wilcox and restaurant and catered meals.

Rally Hosts: The Amazing sisters -
Chris and Jo Helen Strawn

Dave and Jackie Di Palermo
Ted and Elizabeth Williams

4. March - Starlight, Starbright

Alan and Jen's Tucson Mountain retreat - Information and dates to be determined later. This will be dry camping.

Rally Hosts: Alan and Jen Linaker/Yanez
Bill and Betsy Hansen
Paul & Jan Spaeth
Joe and Randi Malisewski

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

The planned activities will be staying at the Meridian RV Resort in Apache Junction. The trips will be to the ballpark with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago Cubs (HOW ABOUT THOSE CUBIES), Hale Centre Theatre in Gilbert Arizona for a musical show called "ANYTHING GOES", an evening of entertainment and dinner at Barleen's Dinner Show. Dates are still being planned for either the last of March or the middle of April. These are the dates when the Chicago Cubs will be playing in Phoenix. We will be making the baseball game optional.

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

6. May - TBD

25-26 Rally Schedule

1. September/October 2025 CHAMA, NEW MEXICO - See separate article for this rally. DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT. September 10th thru October 3rd, 2025. They have as of now, 10 coaches signed up and only have room for an additional 5 coaches.

Rally Hosts: Paul and Jan Spaeth
Bill and Betsy Hansen
Alan and Jen Linaker/Yanez
Joe and Randi Malisewski



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

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 on the grounds of Desert Diamond Casino. We will have a evening with a fire pit and good fellowship.

November 16, 2024– Saturday

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

9:00 - 2:00 PM - (Optional) Chili Cook-off in Amado in morning with a car show and motorcycle show as well. Should you want to eat chili, there will be a cost to participate in the chili eating contest.

Lunch on your own.

2:00 PM- (Optional)

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). We have made this optional due to the number of steps involved in this activity. 55 steps down and 55 steps up and standing for 45 minutes. Included in rally fee but reduce the rally price by \$14.50 per person if not going. We do need a count as they will only take 25 per tour underground.



Another option, for those who want to forgo the Titan, is to visit the **Tumacacori National Historical Park**, just below Tubac. This park is FREE for those with National Park Pass. Across

the street is the Santa Cruz Spice store. There you can find bagged spices of all kinds, and many spice blends, plus Mexican candies and books highlighting Southwest culture and cooking.

4:00 PM - Happy hour in camp central. Bring your own drinks but snacks will be provided.

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. This will be in our own backyard at the Casino. 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 - - Sunday,

8:30 AM Breakfast in the casino (included in rally fee). Departure at your own leisure.

COST FOR THIS EVENT IS \$30.00 to \$59.00.

The \$59.00 includes tour of Titan Museum, 2 breakfasts, happy hour on Saturday and 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. The potluck we will have in camp central on the grounds of the Casino. Evening storytelling and good fellowship with members by a cozy fire pit.

REMEMBER IF NOT GOING TO TITAN MUSUEUM - DEDUCT \$14.50 PER PERSON FROM RALLY FEE. RALLY fee will be as low as \$30.00 per couple if not attending the Titan Museum.

Rally Hosts: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo, and Marv and Suzi Bass. Reservation sign-up sheet included. Please email me if you would be going for a heads up. Ruth Roubal tucsonc21@aol.com

DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

New Mexico Rally, September 10 – October 3rd, 2025

This is going to be a diverse and delightful rally! We will be spending 4 nights in the Truth or Consequences/Elephant Butte area, 6 nights in Albuquerque, 6 nights in Sante Fe, 3 nights in Chama, and 4 nights in the Bloomfield/Farmington area. While many tours and meals will be provided by the rally, there will also be numerous options and free time for participants. Below are some of the fun planned & optional activities for each area.

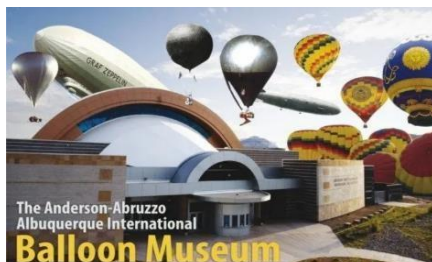
ELEPHANT BUTTE, SEPTEMBER 10-14 (4 NIGHTS WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY)

- ✚ Elephant Butte Lake Pontoon Tour
- ✚ Spaceport America Tour (Sir Richard Branson's Galactica Launch)
- ✚ Beautiful Resort Hot Springs in magical evening lighting
- ✚ Geronimo Springs Museum
- ✚ Sierra del Rio Golf Course
- ✚ Historic Villages & Ghost Towns
- ✚ Hiking, fishing, shopping
- ✚ Fun, unique dining options Historic El Cortez Theater



ALBUQUERQUE, SEPTEMBER 14-20 (6 NIGHTS, SUNDAY TO SATURDAY)

- ✚ Acoma in the Sky Pueblo & Haaku Museum
- ✚ Sandia Peakway Tram & Restaurant on Mountain Top
- ✚ National Museum of Nuclear Science & History Tour
- ✚ Sandia Casino & Resort: Entertainment, Dining, Gambling
- ✚ Albuquerque Old Town
- ✚ International Balloon Museum
- ✚ Petroglyph National Monument
- ✚ Sandia Golf Club
- ✚ Turquoise Museum



SANTA FE, SEPTEMBER 20-26 (6 NIGHTS, SATURDAY TO FRIDAY)

- ✚ Historic Chimayo, lunch, shopping, exploration
- ✚ Sante Fe Old Town
- ✚ El Rancho de las Golondrinas
- ✚ Village of Cerillos
- ✚ Farmers' Market & Art Fair
- ✚ Tumbleroot Brewery Tour
- ✚ Sante Fe Food Tour
- ✚ International Folk Art Museum Meow Wolf Art Gallery



CHAMA, SEPTEMBER 26-29 (3 NIGHTS, FRIDAY TO MONDAY)

- ✚ Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad trip through fall colors Fun RV Park, former RR yard with RR artifacts on river Ghost Ranch Tour & Lunch. At the Ranch:
 - ✚ Bus tour of Georgia O'Keeffe's painted landscapes
 - Viewing of Georgia O'Keeffe's summer residence
 - Archeology Museum Tour on Site
 - Paleontology Museum Tour on Site
 - Active Excavation of Dinosaur Fossil Bed on Site
 - Fossils of New Dinosaur breed found only on this Site



BLOOMFIELD, SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 3 (4 NIGHTS, MON-FRI)

- ✚ B-Square Ranch Private Tour (very nique!)
- ✚ Salmon Ruins National Monument & Heritage Center
- ✚ Animas River Walk Trail (biking or walking)
- ✚ Aztec Ruins National Monument
- ✚ Pinion Golf Course
- ✚ San Juan Trout Fishing
- ✚ Arches & Archeology Tours
- ✚ Chaco Canyon Tour
- ✚ Navajo Museum of Arts & Culture





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		
Date:	3-6 October	15-17 November		
Place:	Catalina State Park	Desert Diamond Casino		
Host:	All Drifters on Board!	Roubal, Guizlo, Bass		
February 2025		March 2025	April 2025	September/October 2025
Title	TBD	Alan/Jen's Starlight Starbright Rally	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	Drifting Through the Land of Enchantment
Date	TBD	TBD	TBD	9/10-10/3
Place	Willcox, AZ	Alan/Jen's Tucson Mountain Retreat, Tucson, AZ	Phoenix, AZ	New Mexico
Host	Strawn, DiPalermo, Williams	Linaker/Yanez, Hansen, Spaeth, Malisewski	Roubal, Kuznicki, Williamson, Kuehn	Spaeth, Hansen, Linaker/Yanez, Malisewski

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



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 \$30.00 or 59.00. - IF NOT GOING TO TITAN MUSUEUM - DEDUCT \$14.50 PER PERSON FROM RALLY FEE. The \$59.00 fee 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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Make checks payable to:	Tucson Drifters						
Mail To:	Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 w. Killarney Tucson 85736						



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DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

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Total rally costs are \$2,500 per couple, \$1,950 per single.

Of this amount, \$678 will be paid directly to 2 RV Parks. The balance of \$1,822 is paid to the Drifters per couple, \$1,272 for a single.

Names		
Cell Phones		
Emails		
Emergency Contact	Name:	Phone:
Motorhome	Length	Slides

Paid to Tucson Drifters (Deposit is non-refundable, balance is largely refundable.)

	Due Date	Amount, 2 people	Amount/Date Paid
Deposit	November 1	\$100	
Second Payment	December 15	\$700	
Balance	March 15	\$1,022	

****Single Person: Deposit \$100, Second Payment is \$700, Balance is \$472**

Paid by Participant Directly to RV Park

Pay to Provider:	Deposit Amount Due	Balance Due at Check-In
Cedar Grove RV Park	\$48 by Nov 15	\$144 on Sept. 10, 2025
Santa Fe Skies RV Park	\$0	\$486 on Sept. 20, 2025

**Cedar Cove RV Park. Elephant Butte. Contact Mary Cox, (575) 744-4472. Sites under Tucson Drifters for Level 1. Cost per night is \$47.42, all inclusive. Sites are large pull-through, full hook-ups. Deposits refunded with 48 hours' notice.*

Rally Hosts are Bill & Betsy Hansen, Alan Linaker & Jennifer Yanez Randi & Joe Malisewski, Jan & Paul Spaeth

Make checks payable to Tucson Drifters or use Zelle.

Mail checks & Registration Forms to Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 W. Killarney, Tucson, 85736

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