December 2024

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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

Tom Roubal, Editor

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DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

The dinner meeting will be **Tuesday December 3, 2024,** at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ.

Menu Choices are:

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
House Salad
or
Chicken Salad with Soup

Please send your selection by November 27th to email4cbrooks@gmail.com I will respond with 'Got It'. If you do not receive my response, I didn't get yours.

Payment is $23 per person, payable by check or Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to tucson.drifters@gmail.com by December 1st.

Checks will be accepted at the door made out to Tucson Drifters.

Please check in by 5:45.

President's Corner:

December 2024

Our next Dinner meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:30 PM at the "Barnfire Mesquite Grill". Hope to see you there!

At our November Dinner meeting, Jim Schultz, Alan Linaker and DeeDee Guizlo volunteered to be on the 2024 Audit committee. Their audit report will be presented at the April 2025 Dinner business meeting. Thank you 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!

A few Drifters will rendezvous at the Oasis RV Resort In Las Vegas, NV to ring in the New Year and attend some fun events, please join us there!

With the closing of 2024, comes the renewal of Drifters membership for 2025. For the $20 dues you continue to be a part of the best FMCA Chapter!

January 2025, no dinner meetings, or rallies are planned. Our next dinner meeting will be on February 4th, 2025.

January 1st the newly elected 2025 Drifters board members will assume their positions; I look forward to working with you.

Thank You to the departing 2024 Board members for your help and contribution. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may of assistance.

Bernie

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

TUCSON DRIFTERS RENDEZVOUS IN DECEMBER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The original New Year's rally was cancelled due to lack of participation and cost. Some interest has been shown to have a rendezvous get-together for the same period.

We are going to Las Vegas and attend the New Years Bash at the Oasis RV Resort $55.00 per person. This figure is for a party with a full dinner, drink ticket, party favors, and entertainment with a DJ for the evening. They will have an open bar as well.

For those who come in on the 29th of December we will be attending the show with the Texas Tenors at South Point for $45.00 per person (optional).

We are also suggesting that we attend an afternoon New Year's show with the Alley Cats and champagne drink to toast in the New Years at South Point Resort. This cost is $19.00 per person (Got a group rate) and it is a great show. We saw them years ago and what a show. At this time, I have two tickets left.

We thought we would also go to the Bellagio - Opus, Conservatory and Botanical Garden for their Christmas display. This is a free event at the hotel and a lovely one.

Some are going to the Sphere as well. If interested you would buy your own tickets. Call Ron Kuznicki @ 602-920-5227 for additional information on this event (optional).

Meals would be what we decide to do or not do. This would be your option. We suggest coming in no later than December 30th (Monday) and departing on January 2, 2025 (3 nights at appx. $86.50 per night). Must speak to Elaina English at the Oasis Resort @702-460-6472 for special rate and not the front desk.

Roubal's will provide and host continental breakfast on New Year's Day at their coach. Maybe a potluck for dinner or dinner out.

It's not where we go, it's who you go with!!! All events and meals would be a la carte. You would also make your own reservations at the resort, but I have made the reservations for the New Years afternoon celebration. Make your own reservations for the evening celebration if you choose to go.

Maybe you would only want to go to the Alley Cats show as your entertainment for the New Years and that would be fine. That would be a big reduction.

The only actual cost would be the RV park.

WHAT DO YOU SAY AND ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If interested contact Ruth Roubal @520-886-1955 or tucsonc21@aol.com or Kendra Kuehn @520-977-5874 or kkuehn@msn.com.

We can have our own fun and bring in the 2025 New Years with our Tucson Drifters family.

BALLOON GLOW AND BEYOND RALLY

Our November gathering was a delightful rally at the Desert Diamond Casino in Sahuarita, Arizona where we had 14 Drifters rigs. We had a wonderful potluck on Friday evening with BBQ pulled pork, furnished by Jeff and Bonnie Wenzen. What a treat with members furnishing all the goodies to go with it. Did anyone check out those delicious brownies from Suzi and Marv Bass? YUM, YUM was the word.

Saturday morning, we had a wonderful breakfast in the Casino at the casino grill. Everyone got to pick their own choice of breakfast, and it was plenty with large portions.

Following breakfast many of our members took off to the Chili Cook-off in Amado with a large classic car show, a holiday vendor fair and a daylong music festival. Some of our members then took off to Tubac, for some interesting food and shopping.

Later in the afternoon, a large group attended the Titan Missile Museum. We walked in the footsteps of the crews who served at this historic missile site and journeyed through time to stand on the front line of the Cold War.

This is one-of-a- kind museum that gave us a rare look at the technology used by the United States to deter a nuclear war. If you have never had the opportunity to view this museum, we highly recommend it.

The evening was spent watching the Balloon Glow

with food trucks, live entertainment and a lot of fun.

Sunday morning, we again headed to the Casino for our last breakfast together on this rally.

We all had a great time, in a good location with a green belt behind us for our camp central. Our fire pits were wonderful. Thanks to Paul Spaeth, Jeff Wenzen and Tom Roubal for providing these fire pits for our comfort.

For those of you who did not attend, you might consider it next year. This type of rally proved to be very popular and was very inexpensive.

Thanks to Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo, Marv and Suzi Bass and Tom and Ruth Roubal for helping and hosting this rally.

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning

UPCOMING TUCSON DRIFTERS' RALLIES FOR 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.

DEC/JAN - NEW YEAR'S RALLY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. CANCELLED due to lack of participants.

FEBRUARY - WHOOPING IT UP IN WILCOX
Wilcox, Arizona
February 19th to 23rd.

Your hosts - Chris & JoHelen Strawn, Ted & Elizabeth Williams, and Dave & Jacqueline DiPalermo - hope you will join them for family fun in Wilcox, 3 sister style. Come and relax and have fun with us in the chilly February weather. We will be exploring all that Wilcox has to offer such as antique shopping, exploring local history, tasting the local cuisine, The Amerind Art Museum and Research center, The Tirrito Farm includes a tour of their farm, winery and brewery.

The rally cost is $250/couple or $125/single. Plus $60.00 for lodging at the Elks Lodge ($15 dollars a night for water and 30 amp). It is not included in the Rally price, and it is paid directly to the Elks Lodge. Contact rally hosts for additional information on payments.

Planned activities are as follows:

Wednesday 19th:

5:00 pm Meet and greet at Elk Lodge Dining Room

6:00 pm Dinner provided. Soup, bread butter, and dessert. Bring a bowl with your place setting.

7:00-9:00 pm Card Bingo with prizes

Thursday 20th:

8:00 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast provided in the Elk Lodge Dining room. Bring your own coffee or tea.

10:00 am Amerind Museum Art Gallery and research center.

Lunch on your

Activity Suggestions:

Lee's Pecan farm

Apple Annie's Country store

6:00 pm Dinner at the Railroad Dining Car (Tex Bar-B Que). The dining car is reserved for Tucson Drifters. The meals are self-pay. The meal portions are large.

Friday 21st:

8:00 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast provided. Bring your own coffee or tea.

11:00 am Tirrito Farm, winery and brewery tour and lunch included. This is an open vehicle tour. Wine and beer tasting is self-pay. Vegetarian options are available if you let us know when you register with JoHelen. NO OPEN TOE SHOES Allowed.

6:00 pm: Dinner at the Lodge will be included. Bring your own drinks.

7:30 -9:00pm: Games LRC. Please bring 4 dollars in quarters per person if you wish to play LRC. Other games and Diamond painting will be available.

Saturday 22nd:

8:00 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast provided. Bring your own coffee or tea.

This is a free day.

Here are some suggestions: Walking Tour of Wilcox; Rex Allen Museum; Wine tasting downtown Wilcox; The Chiricahua Regional Museum and research center; Twin Lakes Golf Course; Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Museum; Wilcox Playa's dry bed lake for bird watching; Chiricahua National Monument; Fort Bowie; Antique Shopping; Friendly Book Store; Bear's vintage Buffalo Sisters Trading Post and Wilcox Trading Post.

5:00 pm Hang out at the Elk Lodge Dining room: finish craft and happy hour before meal. Bring

your own beverage or you can purchase drinks in the Elks lodge.

6:00 Pizza and Salad provided. Bring your own place setting.

7:00 -9:00 Games such as Farcle and swoop or golf.

Finish diamond painting craft.

Sunday 23rd:

Goodbye and safe travels home.

MARCH - STARLIGHT, STARBRIGHT

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

Bill and Betsy Hansen
Paul & Jan Spaeth
Joe and Randi Malisewski

APRIL - TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!! RESCHEDULED FROM LAST APRIL

HOW ABOUT THOSE CHICAGO CUBBIES PLAYING THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS?
"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLPARK WITH SOME
HOT DOGS AND CRACKER JACKS"

Join us for our end of the year rally this year March 28th and departing On March 31, 2025. We will be staying at the Meridian RV Resort in lovely Apache Junction overlooking the beautiful Superstition Mountains for 4 days and 3-night stay. We have planned a very exciting end of the season rally for this year.

Friday 28th of March: Arrive at your leisure to the "Meridian" RV Resort in Apache Junction @ 1901 S. Meridian Rd.

3:00 PM - Let's Get Together - Bring your own drink and we will supply a snack.

4:00 PM - Potluck at Camp Central - what you bring is what we eat.

6:00 PM - Leave for the Hale Centre Theater in Gilbert, Arizona @ 50 West Page Ave. We will see the Broadway Show “ANYTHING GOES". Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter. Set sail on a hilarious and romantic adventure abort the S.S. American with Anything Goes. The classic musical was filled with mistaken identities, madcap antics and toe-tapping tunes by Cole Porter. Join a colorful cast of characters as they navigate love, laughter and intrigue on the high seas. Packed with unforgettable songs like "I Get a Kick Out of You' and You're the Top". This timeless production promises an evening of pure entertainment and Broadway magic in a theater, in the round. Show time is @ 7:30 PM with free parking nearby the Hale Theater.

Saturday 29th: Continental Breakfast in Camp Central @ 9:00 A.M. Bring your own beverage.

10:30 AM- Optional for those that are interested in going to the Goldfield Ghost Town in Apache Junction located @4560 Mammoth Mine Rd. A visit here is all about discovering the history of the place, experiencing life back then, and enjoying fun activities. People walking around in period costumes give an authentic feel to the town. Spend time soaking in the ambience of the Wild West and maybe lunch at Mammoth Steakhouse and Saloon with sandwiches, burgers, fries, steak and more. Entrance is free but tours are extra. Appx. 10-minute drive

10:30 AM- Optional for those that are interested is one of the largest Swap Meets in Arizona located at 10550 E. Baseline, Mesa, Az. 85209. Appx 10-minute drive from Meridian Resort. No cost and most of the swap meet is covered. Hours of operation is 7:30 AM to 4"00 PM.

3:30 PM - Ice Cream social in camp central.

5:00 PM - Leave for Barleens Dinner Theater. Appx. 15 minutes from Resort. As they say at Barleens, “Life is short. Eat dessert first!" So, they start your meal with their decadent Barleens Chocolate Cake. Meal consist of: Entree of succulent slow-roasted beef, Fire braised chicken tenders, Signature pork ribs, Creamy Yukon, Gold mashed potatoes with classic pan gravy, steamed Parisian carrots, Fresh, crisp salad, and Whole wheat dinner roll. Drinks that come with the meal are coffee, tea and lemonade. The show will be "*Rockin and Rollin through the years*" with top notch entertainers. Wine and drinks are available for an additional cost.
Located at 2275 E. Old West Highway, Apache Junction, Az, 85119. Phone number is 480-982-7991.

Sunday 30th - 9:30 AM - Continental Breakfast in Camp Central. Bring your own beverage.

11:30 - (Optional event) Drive into Mesa to the train station, where we will take the train to Chase Field, the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks (train is across the stadium). We will be in our section at the ballpark where we will be in all you can eat seats with a menu of D-Back hot dogs, popcorn, potato chips, peanuts and Pepsi soda products. We will have wider seats with additional leg room, club level access including private bars and lounges. These will be semi-private spaces. Free parking at the train station in Mesa. We will be buying your train tickets to the Ballpark and back.

We will also be treated to the Chicago Cubs playing the Arizona Diamondbacks. Game starts @ 1:10 PM and should last until appx. until 3:30 PM. You can leave at any time and return to the Resort via the train from Chase Field to the starting point in Mesa where your car will be.

6:00 PM - Pizza party in Camp Central. Bring your own beverage. Pizza for all, salad and dessert.

In the evening, we will enjoy fellowship with our Tucson Drifters family and play Senior Baseball for a roaring competition among us all.

Monday March 31st - Continental Breakfast in Camp Central @ 9:00 AM. Bring your own beverage.
Check out prior to 11:00 AM from Meridian RV Resort.

The cost of this exciting and thrilling rally will be: $495.00 inclusive for two people. The cost of optional (Not attending Ballpark game) will be $395.00 inclusive for two people. Sunday afternoon will be on your own. If one would like to go and another not - subtract $50.00.

This rally takes the place of our April rally. No rally in May due to our long rally in September 2025
Rally Hosts: Ruth & Tom Roubal
Ron and Catherine (Irene) Kuznicki
Sandy & Dale Williamson
Bernie & Kendra Kuehn

25-26 RALLY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 CHAMA, NEW MEXICO - See separate article below 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 1 coach.

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

DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

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

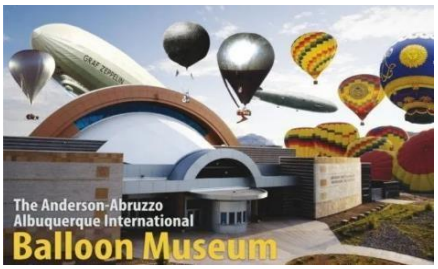
This is going to be a diverse and delightful rally! We will be spending 4 nights in the Truth or Consequences/Elephant Butte area, 6 nights in Albuquerque, 6 nights in Sante Fe, 3 nights in Chama, and 4 nights in the Bloomfield/Farmington area. While many tours and meals will be provided by the rally, 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 OId 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:	**25th Anniversary Rally**	**Balloon Glow & Beyond**	**TUCSON DRIFTERS RENDEZVOUS**	
Date:	3-6 October	15-17 November	29 December	
Place:	Catalina State Park	Desert Diamond Casino	Oasis RV Resort	
Host:	All Drifters on Board!	Roubal, Guizlo, Bass	Roubal, Kuehn	

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	September/October 2025
Title	**Whooping It Up in Wilcox**	**Alan/Jen's Starlight Starbright Rally**	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	**Drifting Through the Land of Enchantment**
Date	Feb 19-23	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

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Where: Wilcox Elk Lodge @#2131,
Our contracted cost at Elks is $15 dollars a night for water and 30-amp service. Lodging is **not** included in the Rally price. The Elks have their own payment and refund policy.

How to Pay: You will need to email me at johelenaimetti@gmail.com with your name and email address. I will forward your information to the Lodge Host. She will send you a link to your email address for you to register and pay. This is a special pricing. You cannot pay at the Lodge.

Rally Fee: $250/couple or $125/single (Includes non-refundable amount $125/couple, $62.50/single)

First Payment Due December 15th, 2025, $125/couple and $62.50/single. _____.

Final Payment Due January 15th, 2025, $120/$62.50_____.

Name:							
Phone:		Cell:			Email:		
Motorhome:			Length:			No. Slides:	
Pets:							

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Rally Hosts:	JoHelen Strawn, Elizabeth Williams and Jacqueline DiPalermo
Make checks payable to:	**Tucson Drifters**
Mail To:	Cheryl Dimmick, 16230 w. Killarney Tucson 85736

Rally payments can be made by check or Zelle.
Send Zelle payments to tucson.drifters@gmail.com.

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

DRIFTING THROUGH THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT!

New Mexico Rally, September 10, 2025 to October 3, 2025 (23 Nights)

This is going to be a GREAT rally! Your hosts are having a blast with this one. 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 Farmington area. While many tours and meals will be provided by the rally, there will also be numerous options and free time for participants. A sampling of tours includes a historic Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway ride through Chama's striking fall colors, a tour of Spaceport (Sir Richard Branson's launch), a tour of the City in the Sky in Albuquerque, historic villages in Sante Fe, and an exploration of the Aztec Ruins National Monument in Farmington. A detailed itinerary will be provided separately!

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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