



May 2026

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

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



Tom Roubal, Editor

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Join us on May 5, 2026, at Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ for our monthly gathering. Dinner Meeting is at 6:00 pm.



The menu selection is:

6 oz Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, and Salad
or
Chicken Salad

Please send your selection by April 28th to email4cbrooks@gmail.com

Payment is \$24 per person, payable by check or Zelle. Zelle payments are to be sent to tucson.drifters@gmail.com by May 1st. Checks will be accepted at the door made out to

Please check in by 5:45pm.

MAY DINNER MEETING



President's Corner:



We had our semi-annual Business Meeting at our April 7th Dinner meeting. The 2025 Audit Committee comprised of members De De Guizlo, Paula Arnold and Jim Schultz presented their audit report on the club's 2025 financial data, the club is in good financial health. Thank you, De De, Paula, and Jim for your help.

business meeting.

Jim Schultz, Jan Spaeth and Carol Frizzell are the 2027 Nominating Committee members to seek candidates for Officers and Directors for the calendar 2027 Tucson Drifters Board. Thank you for your help. Their report is due at the November

*Planning for the 2026/2027 Rallies is well underway, starting with the **Beautiful San Diego Rally**, October 9-12, 2026.*

This will be the last newsletter for this season. I wish you safe and happy summer travels, keep me posted on your adventures, which I hope will all be wonderful. Please contact me at bkuehn@msn.com if you have any suggestions or issues that I may be of assistance.

*October 5th Dinner meeting changes due to many of our members attending the **Rocky Mountain Ramble** in Farmington, NM and the **San Diego Rally**. The new dinner date has not yet been set.*

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Bernie and Kendra

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RALLY RAP-UP – PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK

What a great rally and we had so much fun with all the creativity of members like Bonne Wenzen, Jeff Wenzen, Fred Brooks & Cindy Brooks, Drew Kucy and Candace Kucy.

What a pleasure to see everyone having a good time and enjoying each other. This is what makes for a good club outing. My thanks to all of them for all the hard work.

Ron Kuznicki said it better than anyone and I will let his story say it all:

Thanks, the Patagonia rally hosts, Cindy & Fred Brooks, Candace & Drew Kucy, and Bonnie & Jeff Wenzen for a great rally.

We thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed pace and the hosts creativity. The Patagonia Lake State Park was a great venue with shaded spots with plenty of room between.

When the agenda listed a “dip” at the lake as the starting event I started looking for my Speedo swimming suit. Luckily for the rally attendees the “dip” turned out to be a delicious buffet of edible dips, not Ron in his speedo.

Bonnie is in the running for the Drifters Creativity Queen.

Since we were at a lake, she dreamed up a boat themed team competition complete with little tugboats that she made from all sorts of leftovers from her garage, she even decorated each boat with mermaids, fish, eyes & noses. She also defined the roles of the Captain, First and Second mates and purser. Even though the SS Titanic sank, I will cherish my captain’s hat as a memento of the voyage.

The leisurely pace of the next few days meant I got to sleep in until the afternoon activities.

The hosts provided ample info on places to go and see in the local area for our free time

On day 1, the guys lost the Senior Baseball game even though there were 3 men in the officials’ roles.



The ladies won 2 out of 3 games. Bonnie even played the typical ballpark organ background music to keep up our spirits and Cindy kept us furnished with nuts and other snacks. Following the baseball game was an all-American feast of hot dogs and brats and delicious apple pies from the “Pie Guy” Drew.

Day 2’s afternoon competition was an RV race game handcrafted by Fred. Fred even took the time to carve models of the different RV’s represented in the Drifters, such as Class A, Super C, Fifth Wheels, and even an Airstream, Sad to say, Team Newmar didn’t win. Dinner at Velvet Elvis was a pleasant surprise.

Day 3 was a free day, and we explored the Hummingbird sanctuary in Patagonia and returned in time for a dinner of some of Drew’s Stews. If “Pie Guy” gig doesn’t work out, I think Drew has a great plan” B” working. Jeff hosted the RV version of the Newlywed Game in the best tradition of Bob Eubanks.

Thanks again for the planning, creativity and execution of a relaxing rally in a great location.

Ron & Catherine Kuznicki

Ruth Roubal, VP of Planning

Kendra Kuehn, Associate VP of Planning

Tucson Drifters



HEY, WHAT'S UP NEWS!

Bruce & Adair Kelly are still traveling to Australia and New Zealand for an extended cruise for two months.

Dave DiPalermo still has issues with the regulation of his heartbeat that is beating too fast. We wish you the best in your next procedure.

Jen Yenez is doing great after her surgery. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Ruth Roubal is scheduled for knee surgery on the 29th of April (maybe). It was scheduled for the 15th of the month but due to mechanical issues at the hospital, surgery was postponed. Lisa our daughter is doing great but in a lot of pain but the Doctors feel they got all the cancer out. Waiting for the oncologist to confirm.

Dave & Jacqueline Di Palermo are getting another new puppy to be a buddy to their little one.

Jeff & Linda Salfen just bought a new RV to be able to travel with the Tucson Drifters and brought it to the Patagonia Rally for its madden voyage. Our club is so happy!!!

Candace Kucy has been having some issues with her ear and is undergoing extensive testing for it. We wish her well and recover soon.

Drew Kucy just had carpal tunnel surgery and is still having some issues with his hand. It did not stop him from making some excellent pies for the last rally.

We know many of you will be starting your summer journeys and wish you all a safe and sound trip. See you in the fall.

If you have an interest in having something, put in the HEY, WHAT' UP NEWS, let Ruth Roubal know @tucsonc21@aol.com.

TUCSON DRIFTERS 2026-2027 SCHEDULE

2026

October. We will be going to San Diego for an October Fest Rally. Nice RV Park, events and good food will be on tap for this event. Looking for my retired military members to help Ruth and Tom Roubal with this rally. This park also has casitas for those not wanting to take their RV or those without currently. The base price will be around \$499.00. This will include Lodging for 3 nights, 2 hr. boat trip around the bay, Brats and trimmings dinner, Italian dinner @ Little Italy, beautiful weather and maybe a special surprise treat to the Naval base North Beach for a view of the navy fleet and a trip to the movie theater on base. We will also be adding several a la carte items to this trip if you are interested, such as Ghost Tour and Seals Tour with the Ducks. We will be going to Old Town San Diego for a Mexican dinner and margaritas to die for. It should be a lot of fun.

November. We will be going to a casino for some fun and dry camping. Need to have rally host. It should be one of the easiest rallies of the season. Parking free at casino, potluck, breakfasts in casino, trip to an event and maybe a show if we can find one. I will help but due to possible 2nd knee surgery cannot do all the planning (Ruth Roubal).

December. We will again have a special party for our meeting at Skyline or Tucson Country Club. The theme will be Candy Land. A chance to dress up in elegant surroundings with views of Tucson surrounding our room.

2027

January. We go dry.

February. Lake Havasu, Arizona for the Winter Blast Pyrotechnics show and the Rockabilly Reunion in downtown Lake Havasu. Still trying to find accommodation for our coaches.



March. Still TBD

April. A Night at the Theater in Phoenix. Ruth and Tom Roubal are hosts for the rally but need additional participants to help. This rally will be exciting.

July & August. Jerry and Paula Arnold are planning the next long-range rally for the Tucson Drifters to Colorado (Peach Festival). Stay tuned.

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

OKTOBERFEST RALLY IN BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 9 - 12TH, 2026

October 9th – Friday - arrive at your leisure to the beautiful Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort at 825 E. Street, Chula vista, California 91910 - 619-489-3950

Escape to the epitome of upscale coastal living in southern California's newest oasis of relaxation and recreation. The resort offers an array of accommodation options including vacation rentals and RV sites. Enjoy Olympic size pool, spa and water features, restaurant, fitness center, events center, game room, dog park, and the promenade. This is a 5 plus star resort!!!

For those wishing to play golf (optional) the Coronado north beach military base. (Appx. Cost for 18 holes and cart (\$68.00) per person. Must come in a day earlier to participate in this event.

Oktoberfest rally for golfers starts on October 8, Thursday or anyone wanting to come early. Come in at your leisure. We will select a restaurant that evening for dinner. Members will pay directly for their meals.

October 9, Friday - official start of rally. - arrive at your leisure!

8:00 am - golfers leave for north beach naval base golf course. You will be driven by a member of our rally team that is retired military or DoD member to golf course. We are limiting this venue to the 1st 10 rally members that sign up. 5 members to a team. Beautiful course with 3 holes overlooking the ocean (same views as pebble beach golf course that is a short drive down the coast). Lovely club house for lunch if you desire. Best scoring man and best scoring woman prizes.

4:00 pm - Oktoberfest dinner of brats and trimmings. Weather permitting Top Gun will be shown on outside tv at camp central or club room. Bring your own drinks and plate setting.

OR

5:30 pm -after dinner possible trip to north beach naval base for an outside viewing of the big naval fleet ships in port and evening movie in their grand theater.

October 10th - Saturday -

11:00 am- delicious clam chowder soup, scrumptious Caesar salad and piping hot rolls served at camp central for lunch. Bring bowls, drinks and flatware.

12:15 pm - leave for boat trip at the pier.

1:00 am - 2-hour boat trip around the beautiful San Diego Bay (included).

3:30 pm - drive to old town San Diego for dinner @ Casa De Reyes Mexican restaurant located at 2754 Calhoun St. (big meal portions for sharing. Stipend \$35.00 per couple (included). This is not just a restaurant. It's a dining experience that combines delicious food, great drinks and a lively atmosphere.

4:00 pm - be at restaurant for dinner.

6:45 pm - optional ghost tour in old town San Diego. For those not participating in this venue, feel free to explore the area.

October 11th - Sunday

9:30 am - continental breakfast at camp central or club house.



11:00 am- leave for point loma, the farthest end point of the United States. See location where the military cemetery was the site of the filming of Top Gun. We will travel to this venue in our cars and please carpool. Need America the beautiful park pass.

Free afternoon to explore Balboa Park and take in the free organ concert in Spreckels amphitheater 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. 2005 pan American plaza e. Rd (Spreckels organ pavilion), a relaxed and fun way to enjoy one of San Diego's most iconic venues.

Or
2:00 pm - optional duck tour out of seaport village.

4:30 pm - little Italy for an Italian experience @ Philippi's pizza grotto. 1747 India St., downtown San Diego. You will think you are in Italy for this venue. We will be having family-style spaghetti and meat sauce, meatballs and salad for our tables. Drinks & wine are on your own. Free parking at restaurant.

October 12th - Monday - leave for home by 11:00 am.

Full cost - \$499. 00 for rally fee without options. This includes 3 night lodging in a 5 star resort, 2 outside dinners at restaurants and the Oktoberfest meal at RV resort- camp central, little Italy (Phillips) and Casa De Reyes in old town are the selected restaurants, 1 continental breakfast, 1 clam chowder lunch, 2 hour boat trip of San Diego bay, a visit to point loma, a visit to balboa park and possible trip to north beach naval base for a movie.

Optional items: a la carte

1. Golfing per person \$69.00 (18 holes and cart). Coronado, north beach navy base. Limited to 10 people (subject to change).

2. Haunted Ghost Tour by Bus of old town after dinner included. You will see the following stops, which is a 2-hour tour. Cost \$48.00 per person (need 10 people).

- a. Drive by the Whalen house.
- b. Entrance to the Villa Monte Zuma house.
- c. Entrance to the Hortan Grand Hotel
- d. Entrance to the Davis/Horton house

e. Old Town graveyard.

3. Seal tour on the ducks. Leaves out of seaport village close to dinner restaurant. \$45.00 and Free parking with tour.

\$52.00 per person (need 10 people).

4. Extra day for staying at resort is \$124.03 in rv. - 2- or 1-bedroom cottages \$239.85

PRICING AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2026 *A Work in Progress*

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January		February		March		April	
Title:	RMMA/ Reg 3 Rally	Hearts & Stars Rally	Tillo Ranch Rally- anceled	Patagonia Rally			
Date:	12-30/1-1	Feb 12-15	20-22	8-12			
Place:	Hope, AZ	Benson, AZ	Tucson, AZ	Patagonia, AZ			
Host:	Ridley	Guizlo & Schultz	Linaker "Posse"	Brooks, Wenzen, & Kucy			
May		June		July		August	
Title	NA	NA	NA	NA			
Date							
Place							
Host							
September		October		November		December	
Title	NA	Beautiful San Diego	Casino	Candy Laker Express			
Date		9-12	TBD	1			
Place		San Diego, CA	Green Valley	Skyline CC			
Host		Roubal, Kuehn, Kuznicki, Schultz	Need Rally Host	Hansen, Roubal, Toscano, DiPalermo, Kuehn, & Strawn			

visit our website with our own club's name as the URL: www.TucsonDrifters.org

TUCSON DRIFTERS RALLY DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

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RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

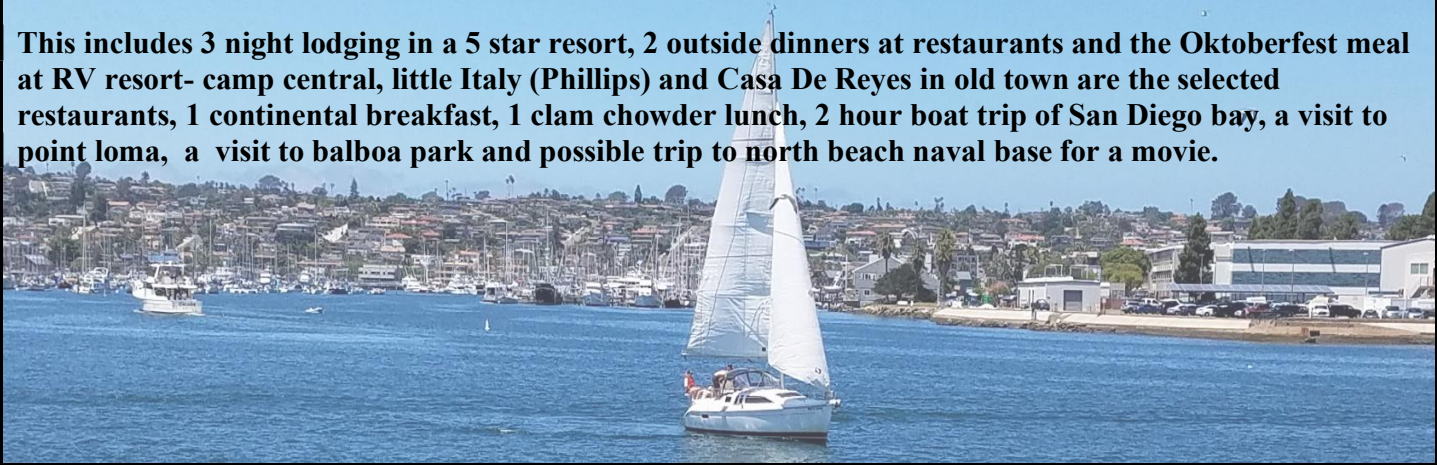


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Name:					
Phone:					
Motorhome:		Cell:		Email:	
Pets:		Length:		No. Slides:	
Basic Rally Cost: \$499.00		Deposit of \$135.00 Due Feb 20, 2026		Balance Due: May 15, 2026	
Optional/Additional Per Person Costs:		Golf \$69.00*	Ghost Tour \$48.00	Seal Tour \$52.00	
*Golf Option will require arrival at the RV Park a day early at a cost of \$124.03.					
Note: The RV Park also rents cottages for those without an RV. The cost for a cottage is \$239.85 per night.					
Contact your Rally Host if you are considering this option.					
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Rally Hosts: Tom & Ruth Roubal, Bernie & Kendra Kuehn, Helen Baldrige and Bill Nickerson					
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