



# DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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April 2024

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## RV'ing with President Rita & Co-pilots Coco and Scooby Doo



Hello Roadrunners,

We have just finished the San Pedro/FMCA Rallies. I worked two mornings at the FMCA Rally checking in the volunteers. Then seven of our ladies attended the Ladies Luncheon but we did not win a door prize. Kay Hanson and I went in early to help set up the tables and put out the food. They had 991 registered coaches. Dan and Patty Ryan camped at the rally as they had never been to one before; it might be their first and last. We will let them tell you about it.

The Urbina's and Whaley's were our hosts at San Pedro RV Park. There were only six coaches, but we had a great time. We had doughnuts, pastries, eggs, bacon, pancakes, and homemade burritos for breakfast. Frank found Arena Bar & Grill where they served us Tacos on Monday night, Thursday night the group went back there for Pizza and entertainment. The group went to Mescal Movie Studio which they have been upgrading for new movies and TV. The last night we were there we went to dinner at the Mescal Bar and Grill, they also have entertainment on various night. A BIG THANKS to the Urbina's and Whaley's.

Terry Whaley has been working hard on getting officers for our election in May at Patagonia. If you are interested in nominating someone for an office, please contact Terry.

Our next rally will be filled with lots of food and activities. Looking forward to seeing you in the Winslow, AZ area.

God be with you until we meet again.

Rita Moore, President

## Caring and Sharing

*Several days ago, I received a text message from Lois Ehlers and learned that she had been dealing with a cold for a couple weeks and was subsequently diagnosed with an inner ear infection. She is now on antibiotics and could use our prayers for early healing.*

*As you'll recall, Frank Bessler had surgery early last month. We continue to hope that it was successful and it has provided relief from the pain he was experiencing.*

Kay Dahms

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**“Darkness deserves gratitude. It is the alleluia point at which we learn to understand that all growth does not take place in the sunlight.” — Joan Chittister**

Source: [grateful.org](http://grateful.org), 3/7/24.

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### Birthdays

03 DeeDee Hoeft  
06 Patty Ryan  
11 Kay Hanson  
Connie Jones  
24 Paul Mitchell  
29 Marianne Lanza  
30 Toni Hebllich  
Ed Fickes

### Anniversaries

21 Wally & Toni Hebllich  
28 Jack & Connie Jones

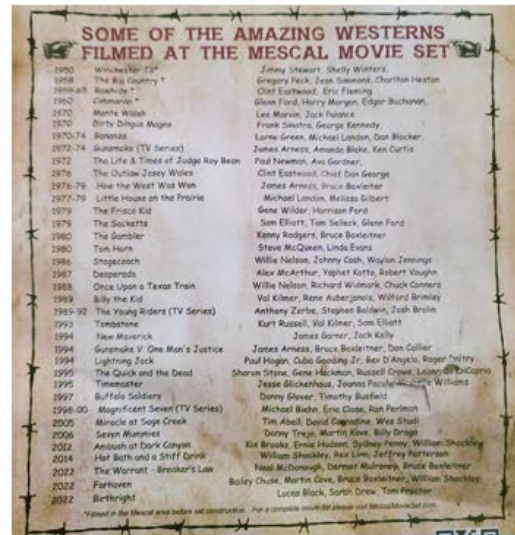
## Benson Rally Highlights (1 of 3)



*The March Rally was held at San Pedro RV Park in Benson, AZ (top left). Besides a welcome happy hour and meal, attendees got some exercise assembling a portable shade structure. Due to unseasonably cool late afternoon temperatures one night, all gathered in the Whaley's coach to dine (lower left). Also, as Rita, Terry, and Dan can attest, it's a great reason to have a versatile chapter jacket when RVing in AZ.*



# Benson Rally Highlights (2 of 3)



One of the group's outings was to tour the Western Movie Set at nearby Mescal. The "bullet hole" photo of Frank Urbina (middle left) provides a mysterious look and suitable pose for any of the adjoining westerns filmed there. Lastly, with three levels of close supervision, Dan Bonillas succeeded in helping Rita remove her tow bar.

## Benson Rally Highlights (3 of 3)



*Other activities planned by co-wagon masters Frank & Teresa Urbina and Terry & Nancy Whaley included a visit to the Arena Bar, a side trip to the Pima County Fairgrounds to join in festivities at the FMCA Convention luncheon (top right), a golf outing at San Pedro Country Club, and another dining out opportunity at the Benson City Grill. From the looks of things, members were kept busy and enjoyed the Rally—especially the three golfers Dan, Kay, and Frank who renewed a long standing rivalry between their respective Tucson high schools (Pueblo and Tucson High). Go Tigers!*



# ELECTION OF 2024-2026 OFFICERS

The present Desert Roadrunners Executive Board of Directors positions will terminate on 31 May, 2024. President, Rita Moore asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Terry Whaley volunteered as Nominating Chairman. Sharon Wilson and Kay Hanson volunteered to complete the requirement for 3 Nominating Committee Members. The Nominating Committee has received nominees to fill the positions for our new Board of Directors. The nominees will be presented, and an election of new officers will be held at the Patagonia Rally Meeting in May. Members can also present to the Nominating Committee other nominees prior to the day of membership voting at the Patagonia. All members are welcome to join us Friday, May 17 at 8:30 Pancake Breakfast and 10:00 Chapter meeting for the election of officers. The new Board of Directors will take office on the first of June 2024.

Desert Roadrunners Nominees slate of 2024-2026 Officers for election:

President	Jack Mayberry
1st Vice President - Rallies	Ed White
2nd Vice President - Membership	Kay Hanson
Treasurer	Terry Whaley
Secretary	Rita Moore
FMCA National Director	Rich Wilson
FMCA Alt. National Director	Jack Mayberry

Respectfully submitted Nominating Committee:

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## Desert Roadrunners 2023 – 2024 Rally Season

MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
April	18 - 22	Standin' On-The-Corner Route 66	Homolovi State Park East Loop Winslow, AZ	Ed & Jan White / Jack & Connie Mayberry
May	16 - 20	Mariachi Festival & Wine & Beer Tasting Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson / Frank & Theresa Urbina

*ALWAYS REMEMBER DISCOUNTS when booking:* FMCA - 10% PA = Passport America MIL = Military Discount GS = Good Sam

Come early and/or stay longer - members like to extend their trip beyond official rally dates

RR Chapter - **Group reservations** (10 sites or more) are made by Ed to hold enough sites for our rallies  
*Individual site reservations* are then made by members to confirm individual sites

Calendar dates reflect official first day of rally & last morning of rally (Typically 4-5 NIGHTS the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month)  
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Ed White VP Rallies (520) 508-3211

Rita Moore, President (520) 744-4983

March 24, 2024

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## Desert Roadrunners 2024 – 2025 Rally Season

MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	WAGON MASTERS
<b>September 2024</b>	19 - 23	Grand Canyon & Route 66	Grand Canyon Railway RV Park Williams, AZ	
October	17 - 20	Wilcox Wine Festival	TBD	
October	23 - 27	RMMA Ramble Farmington, NM	McGee Park, San Juan County Fairgrounds Farmington, NM	
November	21 - 25	Tombstone 'The Town Too Tough To Die'	Tombstone Territories RV Park 2111 E. Highway 82 Huachuca City, AZ	
December/January	28 – 2	Holiday/New Years Rally Celebration	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	
<b>January 2025</b>	16 - 20	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	
	Friday Jan 17 11:30	<b>Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon</b>	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave Benson, AZ	
February				
March	TBD	RV Wash & Wax & Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort (PA) 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	
April	17 - 21		Dead Horse Ranch State Park 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ	
May	16 - 20	Mariachi Festival & Wine & Beer Tasting Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	

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**Standin' on the Corner - Desert Roadrunner Rally**  
**Homolovi State Park - East Campground**  
**I-40 Exit 257, 1.5 mi. N on Hwy 87 Winslow, AZ**  
**Park Contact (928) 289-4106**



**Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Monday, April 22, 2024**

**Rally Masters: Ed & Jan White (520) 508-3211 efwhite@gamil.com &**  
**Jack & Connie Mayberry (520) 250-9155 emayberry@comcast.net**

***Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Dave Ehlers by April 8, 2024***

Pilot & Co-pilot Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

RV Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Slides: \_\_\_\_\_

**Homolovi State Park - RESERVE SITE IN EAST CAMP GROUND, if full West is close.**  
 Arizona State Parks Reservations Desk at (877) MY-PARKS (877) 697-2757 I-40 Exit 257, 1.5 mi. N on Hwy 87, Winslow, AZ 86047  
<https://azstateparks.com/reserve/homolovi/camping/>

**Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday April 18 (Check in – 1<sup>st</sup> evening of Rally)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday April 19
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday April 20
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday April 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monday April 22 (Check out – last morning of Rally)

Come early or stay longer: Indicate dates / NIGHTS if extending your stay:  
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\_\_\_ Golf \_\_\_ # of players TBD

**MEMBERS RVing:** Desert Roadrunners charge a per RV rally fee: **Rally Fee \$10.00** \$ 10.00

**TOTAL RALLY FEE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Desert Roadrunners**  
**Mail reservation form & check by to Roadrunner Treasure:**  
**Dave Ehlers 7438 E Navigator Lane Tucson AZ 85756-9147 520.490.8210 [daloeh@yahoo.com](mailto:daloeh@yahoo.com)**

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*All Homolovi State Park activities will be at **Our Roadrunner Lizard Lounge ????? Site #:***

*\*\*\* Remember to bring your own table service, chair and drinks (BYOBooze) \*\*\**

**Thursday, April 18**

- 4:30 Welcome Happy Hour - *(BYOB & Table service)*
- 5:30 Taco in bag Meal provided by Wagon Masters *(BYOB & Table service)*

**Friday, April 19**

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – Egg Sandwich *(BYO Coffee)*
- 10:00 *Standing on the Corner*
- 12:00 Lunch at LaPosada Hotel & Grounds
- 4:30 Happy Hour *(BYOB)*
- 5:30 Hot Dogs provided by Host, bring side dish *(BYOB & Table service)*

**Saturday, April 20**

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – Pancakes *(BYO Coffee)*
- 10:00-12:00 Meteor Crater
- 12:30 Lunch on own, maybe back to Winslow
- 1:30- Little Painted Desert County Park
- 4:30 Happy Hour *BYOB*
- 5:30 Dinner, Brats provided by host, bring a side dish *(BYOB & Table service)*

**Sunday, April 21**

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat-Pastries Provided *(BYO Coffee)*
- 10:30-4:30 Trading post or Rock Art Ranch, Visitor Center, Hubble Trading Post & Warehouse, Hopi & Navajo Arts & Crafts, 9-11 Garden  
Lunch on own
- 5:30 Dinner, turkey provided, Bring side dish and table service  
Celebrate Birthday and Anniversaries

**Monday, April 22**

- 8:30 Farewell Morning Coffee Chat

**Safe Travels**

**3/25/2024**



**DESERT ROADRUNNERS - PATAGONIA LAKE - WEST LOOP**  
**400 PATAGONIA LAKE ROAD Park: (520) 287-6965**  
**MARICHI FESTIVAL & WINE TASTING RALLY**



Starts Thursday, May 16 – Monday, May 20, 2024

**MARICHI** FESTIVAL & WINE & BEER TASTING Saturday, May 18, 2024

**Wagon Masters:**

Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293 kayremily@gmail.com & Frank/Theresa Urbina (520) 444-0063 fburbina@cox.net

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

RV Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the dates you will be attending the Patagonia Lake Fiesta Rally:

- CAMP SITE RESERVATIONS – WEST LOOP:** All reservations should have been made last year with the State Parks reservations Center at (520) 586-2283 or on line: <https://azstateparks.com/patagonia-lake>
  - If you made reservations and can't attend, **PLEASE DON'T CANCEL**, we have members that want to attend.
  - If you did not make reservations and want to attend, **DAILY CHECK** to try making a reservation.  
*If no sites are available, check with Kay Hanson if she has available sites.*
- DAY USE/ATTENDANCE ONLY:** You are welcome to join in any of our rally Fiesta of events - if you would like to attend any event complete this registration form so we know you are coming & have you in our count.

**Join us Friday for breakfast followed by our Chapter Meeting.** Gates are open from 4:00 am and close at 10:00 pm. Cost Per vehicle (1-4 adults): \$15-\$20. You can park at one of our sites (#90 & 92). Note: Sometimes campers arriving before 12 noon on the day of arrival will be charged the park entrance fee. Ask if you can just park in the store parking lot until check in time.

- Wednesday May 15 Come early - check in 2:00 **What is your site # \_\_\_\_\_**
- Thursday May 16 Rally 1<sup>st</sup> night-
- Friday May 17 8:30 Pancake B'fast & 10:00 Chapter meeting
- Saturday May 18 Mariachi Festival 9 am – 7 pm
- Sunday May 19 Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon
- Monday May 20 Rally ends – check out 12 noon

Come early or stay longer: Indicate dates / NIGHTS if extending your stay:

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- Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon: # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, May 19 5:30**

**Pre-order for Wagon Wheel Saloon** – We will be sending out a separate email for you to pre-order your dinner. This helps the restaurant plan for us. Pay individually at the Wagon Wheel Saloon for food & drinks ordered.

**MEMBERS RVing:**

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TOTAL RALLY FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 10.00

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**Mail reservation form & check by May 1, 2024 to Roadrunner Treasure:**

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*PLEASE BRING EZ-UP (Pop Up Canopy), Chairs & Games*

*Tequila tasting – bring your favorite tequila to taste to compare which tequila is everyone’s favorite!*

**Thursday May 16** *Lizard Lounge*

5:00 PM **Happy Hour (BYOBooze & chair)** open area (sites #90 & #92) or better known as **The Lizard Lounge**  
 5:30 *Dinner provided by Hosts: Sloppy Joes, French Fries, potato salad & coleslaw*  
*Bring your own table service, beverages, and chairs*

**Friday May 17** *Lizard Lounge*

*ALL ROADRUNNER MEMBERS WELCOME pancake breakfast & Mimosas!!! & attend our Desert Roadrunner*  
*End of season Chapter Meeting – (Park in sites #90 & #92)*

8:30 AM **Rise & Shine Pancake Breakfast Time – (BYOCoffee, table settings & chair)**  
 10:00 **End of Season Chapter Meeting** New Officers 2024-2026 voting, 50/50 drawing,  
 B'Day & Anniversary celebration

*Open time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing on your own*

2:00 – 4:00 **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes *Prizes Prizes Prizes*  
 4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB, table settings & chair)**  
 5:30 **BBQ – bring your own entree for grilling & something to share** (vegetable, salad, side dish, garlic bread)  
*(Let Frank/Theresa or Kay know what you plan to bring so we don't have duplicates)*

**Saturday May 18** *Lizard Lounge*

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat & pastries (BYOCoffee & chair)**  
*9:00 am – 7:00 pm Mariachi Festival and Wine Tasting*  
 4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB)** *Tequila Tasting (Bring your favorite Tequila), Margaritas & Sangria*  
 5:30 **Mexican Dinner** (Tacos, Tamales, rice & beans)

**Sunday May 19** *Lizard Lounge & Wagon Wheel Saloon* 400 Naugle Ave (520) 394-2433

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat – Crock pot Breakfast casserole (BYOCoffee, table settings & chair)**  
*Open time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing on your own*  
 2:00 – 4:00 **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes *Prizes Prizes Prizes*  
 4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB)**  
 5:15 **Carpool to Wagon Wheel Saloon** 400 Naugle Ave. Patagonia  
 5:30 **Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon**

**Monday, May 20** *Lizard Lounge*

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat & pastries (BYOCoffee & chair)**

**Adios** – depart for your Casa – travel safe ..... See you in September!

March 24, 2024



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