



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



desertroadrunners.org

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Greetings Roadrunners . . .



January was a very busy month for the Desert Roadrunners. We started with the New Year's rally in Benson with many meals and a dance on New Year's Eve. We then returned for our annual meeting at the San Pedro City grill. Many past members were able to attend and we were able to catch up on what has been happening in their lives. We also were able to camp, attend dance, and relax to get ready for a new year. Our 2025-26 rally schedule was approved by the membership. We also approved new chapter by-laws and rules and regulations. Some have already signed up to be wagon masters in the new year. Join the crowd.

This month we will be heading south for a rally in McNeal, Az. The Whaley's and Urbina's have a full schedule lined up for us. I am still looking for help in Cottonwood for the April rally. Plans are to have several sightseeing trips, wine tasting, and dinner theater. The area has much to see and we plan on being very busy. Hope you can attend. We are also looking for help with the March rally. It's another great destination, but we need your input on selecting a hosting park (page 12). Again, hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, we extend a warm Arizona welcome to new members and look forward to rallying with you as we travel in and around the Grand Canyon State.

Jack Mayberry, President
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Caring and Sharing

The following note was recently received from Rita Moore.

It is with great sadness on my part to report the passing of former, long-time member Corky Boisvert on December 16, 2024. At present time the family has not decided on when they will hold services for her.

Don and I met Frank (pre-deceased) and Corky on our first trip with the Desert Roadrunners before becoming members. We went to Rocky Point, Mexico and they parked next to us. It wasn't long before Corky was knocking on the door and inviting us to participate in everything. We did not tow a car so they hauled us all over Mexico. At that point Don wanted to join the Roadrunners.

We went on to host many rallies with Corky and Frank; what fun we had. When they could no longer RV, they sold their coach to Dan & Lucinda Bonillas. They, in turn, are still enjoying it as Frank & Corky hoped they would.

Goodbye my friend, I know you are watching over all of us.

Forever in my heart, Rita Moore

May we, like Corky, all be remembered for the kindness displayed to others while journeying through life. Please continue to forward member news items to me (kdahms@mac.com) by the end of the month prior to publication.

Kay Dahms

Congratulations to our February Honorees . . .

Birthdays

07 Galina Erickson
11 Dan Bonillas
Kay Dahms
14 George Darby
18 Jim Louzy
21 Claire Williams
Carl Threatt
Teena Sweet

Anniversaries

10 Dan & Patty Ryan

"Paying attention is one of the kindest things we can do—for ourselves, for others."

– Sharon Salzberg (grateful.org, 1/28/25)

Treasurer's Update

The 50/50 drawing at the January annual meeting collected \$40.00 which the members voted to have donated to the Arizona Daily Sportsman's Fund which raises money so children from low-income households and active military families in Southern Arizona can attend summer camp at little or no cost to their families.

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Desert Roadrunners January - May 2025 Rally Season

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MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
February	20 - 24	Whitewater Draw - Sandhill Cranes & Shooting Sports	Double Adobe Campground 5057 W Double Adobe Rd, McNeal, AZ	Terry & Nancy Whaley Frank & Theresa Urbina
March	6 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort (480) 282-6014 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	10 - 14	"Biggest Little Town in Arizona"	Dead Horse Ranch State Park Red-Tailed Hawk Loop 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ	Jack & Connie Mayberry Need Co-rally Masters
May	15 - 19	Mariachi Festival Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson Frank & Theresa Urbina Dan & Kathie McCellan

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

Come early prior to rally or stay longer after official rally ends ... whatever works for your schedule
Calendar dates reflect official first & last day of rally (Typically 4-5 NIGHTS the 3rd weekend of the month)
RR Chapter - **Group reservations** (10 sites or more) are made by Ed to hold enough sites for rallies
Individual site reservations are then made by Roadrunner members to confirm individual sites

Ed White, VP Rally's (520) 508-3211

Jack Mayberry, President (520) 250-9155

January 29, 2025

Mr Ed's Rally Corner



Rally Corner Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com

Desert Roadrunners Rally Calendar September – May 2024-2025



We are calling out for Rally Masters.... Volunteer to be a CO-WAGON MASTER. **WE NEED YOU, every member**, to volunteer and help with **just '1' rally** to make our 2024-2025 rally season successful.

We have veteran members willing to help coach you every step of the way!!! Reference below and the Rally calendar in this month's newsletter. Members have volunteered, we need co-rally master's for several rallies.

To volunteer: Please contact the rally master's or Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com

Our Roadrunner Club Members make their own individual reservations – MAKE YOUR PARK RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!

- **NOTE: Due to rising cost of groceries, beginning September rally, our Roadrunner Rally fee is now \$15.00 per RV.**
- **All RV Park Reservations have been made under: Desert Roadrunners RV Club – Ed White**
- **AZ State Park reservations <https://azstateparks.com/> See Arizona State Parks Reservations info below**
- **Discounts:** Ask about discounts - Some RV parks offer weekly discounts.
- **Passport America (PA).** If you are not a member, join. It will pay for itself in a 4–5-night stay.

BOOK RV PARKS NOW! After you book a site, **PLEASE SEND**

Ed White an email efwhite64@gmail.com or a text message (520) 508-3211 with:

- Your name(s)
- Rally/RV Park & Site number reserved
- Dates you reserved



Thursday, February 20 – Monday, February 24, 2025 White Water Draw Sand Hills Cranes

Terry & Nancy Whaley (520) 559-3574 & Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 444-0063

Double Adobe Campground 5057 W Double Adobe Rd, McNeal, AZ

Note: Desert Roadrunners made \$25.00 per site deposit to hold 10 sites

Members reimburse the Roadrunners; include the \$25.00 deposit your Roadrunners registration



Thursday, March 6 – Sunday, March 10, 2025 RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at the Oasis Classic Car Show

Rally Masters needed; please volunteer

Desert Holiday RV Resort 3601 S 4th Ave, Yuma, AZ 85365 **Yuma AZ**



Make reservations NOW \$52.93 / nite Mar Communities / Registration (480) 282-6014

Refer to property: **Yuma AZ** 3601 S 4th Ave, Yuma, AZ 85365

- **If canceled 9 days or less before check-in date, the stay is non-refundable: 10 days or more 90% refundable.**
- **Don't Cancel:** Let Ed White or Kay Hanson know first; there may be a member wanting to attend that can take over your site reservation

Arizona State Parks Reservations at (877) MY-PARKS (877) 697-2757 or <https://azstateparks.com/reserve/>

PLEASE DON'T CANCEL IF YOU BOOK A RV PARK SITE OR AN AZ STATE PARK SITE PLEASE DON'T CANCEL

WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT WANT TO ATTEND BUT DON'T HAVE RESERVATION AND ARE ON OUR WAIT LIST!

*******Contact Ed White (520) 508-3211 or Kay Hanson, (520) 396-0293**



Thursday, April 10 – Monday, April 14, 2025 **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** **Cottonwood, AZ**

Jack & Connie Mayberry (520) 250-9155 & Need Co-Rally Masters

Dead Horse Ranch State Park • RESERVE RED-TAILED HAWK LOOP • 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ



Thursday, May 15 – Monday, May 19, 2025 **Patagonia Lake State Park** **Patagonia, AZ**

Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 444-0063 • Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293 • Dan & Kathie McClellan: Dan: (925) 768-4671

Patagonia State Park • RESERVE IN WEST LOOP • 400 Patagonia Lake Rd, Nogales, AZ

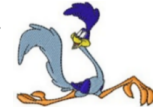
MARICHI Festival - Saturday, May 17, 2025

- **Make sure you travel with your U.S. passport/U.S. Passport Card & pet health & shot certificate:**
- **U.S. Passport:** Apply or renew now and make sure you **PACK** your passport for rallies near the Mexico border.
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>
- **Pet health & shot certificate: ALWAYS PACK** current health & rabies shot certificates.

January 29, 2025

Proposed Rally Calendar

Proposed September 2025 - May 2026 Rally Schedule
submitted by Ed White, VP Rally's (520) 508-3211



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PROPOSED Desert Roadrunners 2025 – 2026 Rally Season

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MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
September 2025	18 - 22	Roadrunner 2025-2026 Rally Season Kickoff	Western Way RV Resort or Catalina State Park Loop B Tucson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
October	1 - 4	RMMA Rally	McGee Park Farmington, NM	Need Rally Masters
	3rd weekend? 23 - 27	Wilcox Festival	Fort Willcox RV Park (PA) 1765 W Fort Willcox Loop Willcox, AZ 85643	Need Rally Masters
November	20 - 24	Tombstone, Monastery, Whitewater Draw	Lakes of St David	Need Rally Masters
December/January	28 – 2	Holiday/New Years Rally Celebration	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
January 2026	15 - 19	Annual Chapter Meeting Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
	Friday Jan 16 11:30	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave Benson	Chapter Board / Jack & Kay
February	19 - 23		RV Resort Phoenix Area	Need Rally Masters
March	5 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	16 -20	Gazing at the Stars	Rusty's RV Ranch Rodeo, NM	Need Rally Masters
May	14 - 18	Mariachi Festival Saturday, May 16	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson / Frank & Theresa Urbina / Dan & Kathie McCellan

January 16, 2025

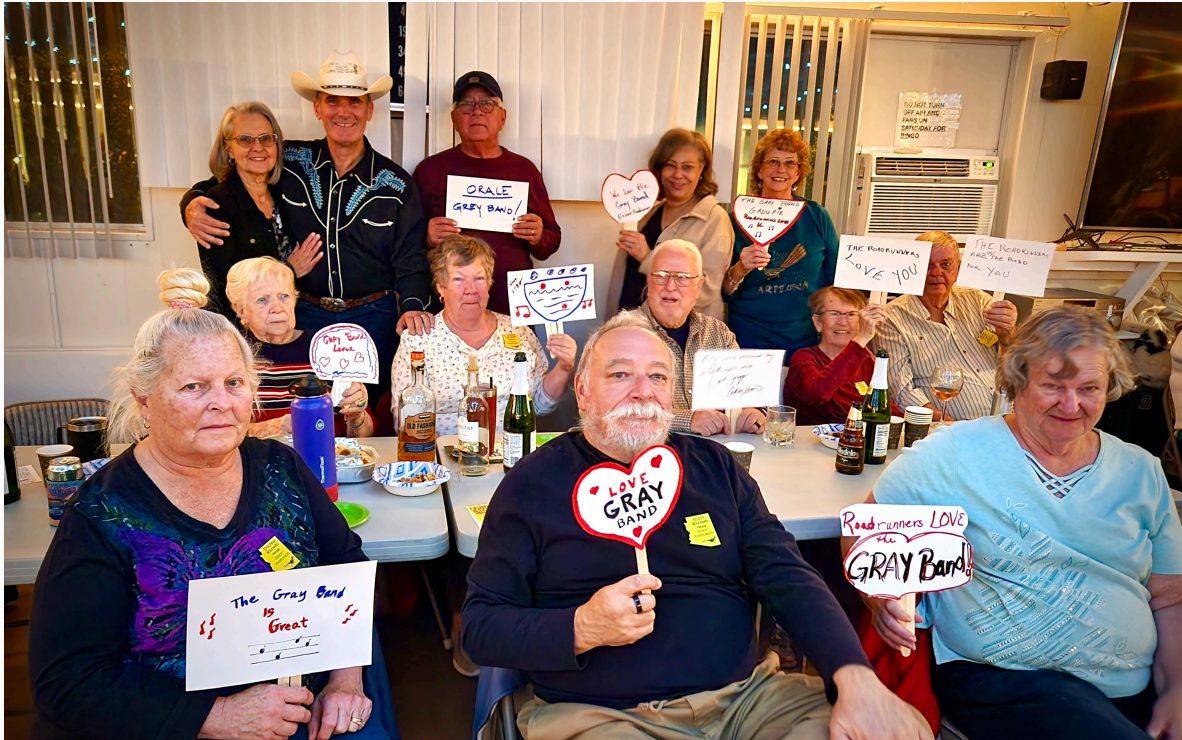
January Rally Highlights (1 of 2)



Attendees who rallied at San Pedro RV Park in Benson in January enjoyed a side trip to a unique brewery in Tombstone, AZ featuring live music by The Gray Band.



January Rally Highlights (2 of 2)



Two of the Gray Band performers, Michael & Christy Hargis (back row, left) pose with rally attendees who offer favorable reviews with their signs. Another event while RVing at San Pedro was a Pampered Spa Day put on by Kay Hanson's daughter, Tricia Pacheco (below). Recipients of the special treatment were Rita Moore, Nancy Whaley, and Theresa Urbina. A fourth Roadrunner was Nancy Darby (not pictured).



Annual Meeting/Luncheon Highlights (1 of 2)



This year's annual luncheon was held on Friday, 1/17/25 at the City Grill Restaurant in Benson, AZ. Following the meal our annual meeting was conducted by president Jack Mayberry. Besides a review of past minutes and current treasury, members had an opportunity to approve a new set of ByLaws along with a Proposed Rally Schedule for the 2025-2026 Rally Year.



Annual Meeting/Luncheon Highlights (2 of 2)



Desert Roadrunner Chapter Rules & Regulations

1. The Desert Roadrunners Chapter is an affiliate Chapter of RMMA (Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association) and FRVA (Family RV Association) formally FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association)
2. Desert Roadrunners members must be and remain members in good standing of FRVA.
3. Desert Roadrunners organizational rally year is September 1 through May 31 of the following year.
4. The Nominating Committee Chairman is elected by the membership in January at or after the annual meeting.
5. Election of officers is held in May in election years.
6. Desert Roadrunners elected Governing Board of officers' term of office is for 2 years; June 1 to May 31 for 2 years.
7. Chapter meetings are held as deemed necessary during Chapter functions by the President or Executive Board.
8. The Chapter will conduct a 50/50 Drawing at Chapter meetings with 50% of the monies going to worthy causes determined by those in attendance.
9. The Chapter Annual dues will be Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year.
Dues are due September 1st of each year. A late fee of \$10.00 is assessed after December 1.
Members who are two (2) months in arrears will be dropped from the active Chapter roster.
10. The Chapter rally schedule will be presented and approved by the membership at the January annual luncheon.
11. Desert Roadrunners rally fees are \$15.00 per coach. Additional rally fees may be assessed to cover the costs of rallies.
12. The Chapter official name tag will be worn from the first day through the last day of each rally.
13. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend Chapter functions. Sponsors of guests are expected to ensure fees associated with the function are paid. After two visits guests are expected to join the Chapter.
14. Quiet Time: Members will observe quite time rules established by the RV Park.
15. Smoking or vaping is not allowed at any indoor or outdoor club functions.
16. Pets are not allowed at any indoor or outdoor club functions.
17. Members are expected to leave the RV park/facilities cleaner than they were found.
18. Desert Roadrunners Chapter will pay \$500.00 for the National Director to attend the FRVA Governing Board meetings. If the National Director is unable to attend, the funds will be paid to the Alternate National Director or elected delegate.

February Rally Registration



DESERT ROADRUNNERS FEBRUARY RALLY

Double Adobe Campground
5057 West Double Adobe Road
McNeal, AZ 85617
(520) 364-4000



Thursday, February 20 - Monday, February 24, 2025

Wagon Masters: Terry & Nancy Whaley Terry: (520) 559-3574

Frank Urbina & Theresa Urbina

F: (520) 444-0063 urbina117@gmail.com & T: (520) 419-8235 turbina55@gmail.com

Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Terry Whaley by February 10, 2025

Pilot & Co-pilot Name(s) _____ FMCA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

MEMBERS: Make your individual site reservation: Double Adobe Campground (520) 364-4000

Reservations are under **Desert Roadrunners / Terry Whaley**

Daily rate \$47.00 The chapter paid \$25.00 deposit per site to reserve. Add \$25.00 below to your reservation to reimburse the Chapter.

Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

____ Thursday, February 20 Check in 2:00 pm
____ Friday, February 21
____ Saturday, February 22
____ Sunday, February 23
____ Monday, February 24 Check out 11:00 am

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

Desert Roadrunners charge a per RV rally fee: **Rally Fee \$15.00** \$ _____ 15.00

Double Adobe Campground Deposit reimbursement to RR – pre-paid by Roadrunners \$ _____ 25.00

Annual Dues for 2024-2025 **are past due** - If not previously paid - \$15.00: \$ _____

(\$10.00 past due late fee charged after January 1)

TOTAL RALLY FEES: \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: **Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Terry Whaley by February 10**

• **ZELLE:**

1. **Send** to tresturtle@gmail.com Desert Road Runners
2. **Note field add:** Your name, rally fee or dues
3. **Scan or take picture** of Registration form & and **email** to tresturtle@gmail.com

• **MAIL:** Make checks **payable** to Desert Roadrunners

Terry Whaley 2096 Golf Links Road Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
tresturtle@gmail.com (520) 559-3574

January 4, 2025

February Rally Agenda



DESERT ROADRUNNERS FEBRUARY RALLY



Double Adobe Campground
5057 West Double Adobe Road
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(520) 364-4000

Thursday, February 20 - Monday, February 24, 2025

Wagon Masters: Terry & Nancy Whaley Terry: (520) 559-3574
Frank Urbina & Theresa Urbina Frank: (520) 444-0063

NOTE: Roadrunners **Lizard Lounge** Activities will be at the office or at Wagon Master(s) RV site

Thursday, February 20 Check in 3:00 pm

- 4:30 Happy Hour - bring light snacks (BYOB)
5:30 Chili with trimmings provided by the Wagon Masters (BYO table service)

Sign up to bring a dessert - Please contact Wagon Masters to volunteer

Friday, February 21

- 8:00 Morning Coffee Chat – pancake breakfast (BYO Coffee)
9:00 Trap and Skeet shoot, it is \$9.00 per 25 birds. Take your own guns. Skeet shooting only.
9:30 – 1:00 *Open time: Lunch/shopping in Bisbee/site seeing in local area*
4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
5:00-6:00 Dinner provided by Med A Vac and presentation (BYO table service)

Sign up to bring a dessert - Please contact Wagon Masters to volunteer

Saturday, February 22

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries (BYO Coffee)
9:30 - 1:00 Go to the Whitewater Draw wildlife Preserve and observe the cranes
1:00 - 4:00 *Open time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing on your own*
4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
5:00 - 6:00 Dinner at **Thirsty Lizard Bar & Grill**. A Culinary Gem in McNeal
Order from the Menu- Comfort food including burgers and tacos
5838 W Double Adobe Road McNeal, AZ

Sunday, February 23

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries (BYO Coffee)
9:30 - 1:00 *Open time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing on your own*
1:00 - 4:00 **Bisbee Mine Tour**
4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
5:30 Spaghetti dinner provided by Wagon Masters (BYO table service)

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Monday, February 24 Check out 11:00 am

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries say farewells (BYO Coffee)

Depart – safe travels – see you next month!!!!

January 30, 2025

March Rally Update

YUMA RALLY UNDER CONSIDERATION: Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Monday, March 10, 2025

We voted last year & this year 2025-2026 to return to Desert Holiday RV Resort that offered Passport America (PA) 50% off and a Club House for our use for our March Wash & Wax & Car Show rally.

The Corporation, MARS Properties, that owns Desert Holiday RV Resort, only allows reservations to be made each January for the year. When Ed White, our VP – Rally's, called to confirm our March rally reservations, they informed him they no longer honor Passport America (PA) and they now have a additional \$15.00 registration fee. They also confirmed that once we arrive at the RV resort we could request use of the Club House.

Current Fees are \$50.00 a night (plus tax and a \$15.00 registration fee)

The Roadrunner Board is now taking the following options into consideration.

1. Pay the \$50.00 a night at Desert Holiday RV Resort but get a confirmation in writing we definitely have use the Club House during our rally: Thursday, March 6 – Monday March 10.
2. Select another park that may or may not have a Club House for our use
In contacting other YUMA PA Parks:
 - Most RV Parks **do not** offer PA discount in March
 - RV parks that offer PA:
 - 1st 2 nights @ \$25.00 50% discount
 - additional nights \$50.00 no discount
 - Other RV parks only offer
 - 1 night 50% discount \$25.00
 - additional nights \$50.00
 -
3. Cancel Yuma and go to another location that hopefully has a Club House and as a bonus we can have our RV's washed & waxed.

Ed is researching options. We need your input of what you, our Members want to do. if you have any ideas or suggestions, please get in touch with him.

Mr. Ed (520) 508-3211
efwhite64@gmail.com

2/2/25

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