



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Roadrunners . . .



We finished another year with the Desert Roadrunners. Patagonia was a nice relaxing time with Kay Hanson and Frank Urbina providing many great meals. We were also able to go into town and enjoy pizza and other fine foods in Patagonia. At our annual meeting we voted on the chapter moving to Escapees in lieu of being affiliated with FRVA. It was not an easy decision for some, as we have spent many years with FRVA. You may still belong to both FRVA and Escapees and there is nothing preventing you from belonging to both. We also voted to adopt the enclosed rally calendar for next year. The chapter wanted to return to Yuma and Patagonia for another season.

We also changed the January dinner to be held at the end of the New Year's rally. This allows those that attend the New Year's rally to extend a couple days and not have to return to Benson a week later. Ed White has also added some new locations for us to enjoy. Remember, if we are going to a state park you need to get your reservation in early. It can be transferred or returned real easy. We have not had trouble using all sites we reserve.

Connie and I will be traveling this summer and will miss the September rally. It will be held at a new park and looks like it is a great facility. We are now looking for wagon masters to help guide attendees. If you have never had the opportunity, please consider volunteering. We have many experienced members/ couples always ready to help and you will receive great satisfaction when you step up. Our chapter is for all 45 members and not just a few. When you attend a rally you will see how much fun we have.

We have several new members and look forward to having them join us in the upcoming rally year. Attending rallies is where you will meet new friends, visit new places, and just have fun. We will be traveling north to escape the heat, visit new chapters, and connect with family. We will see you next season.

Finally, I want to thank Bob and Kay Dahms for the support they have given me and the Desert Roadrunners. I know this is not goodbye and hope to see them in the future.

Jack Mayberry, President
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♥ Caring and Sharing ♥

We have good news from the Swarner house. Tonia will be leaving rehab soon after having been there for over a month. She is looking forward to being home, but she will still need home physical therapy and continue on antibiotics. Dave is home after a week in the hospital for what they thought was a bronchial infection. His doctor; however, said he had RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). RSV can be contagious if one comes in close contact with another who is coughing and/or sneezing.

Please continue to keep all our members who are dealing with health issues in your prayers. We urge all of you to stay healthy, happy, and safe during the summer months.

Kay Dahms

Congratulations to our Honorees . . .

J u n e	<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
	07	Don Owen	10	Marty & Elena Warner
	15	Barbara Reed	16	Jim & Marti Louzy
	16	Lyle Cantrell		
	17	Debra Anderes		
	29	Thomas Reed		
J u l y	<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
	16	Jamie Erickson Chuck Sweet	06	Scott & Shauna Bouchard
	17	Kathie McClellan	08	Frank & Teri Bessler Kyle & Chris Moulton
	23	Teri Bessler Dennis Kunkel	21	Dave & Lois Ehlers
	28	Kyle Moulton	24	Dan & Lisa Bartlet

*"You have succeeded in life when all you really want
is only what you really need."*

Vernon Howard

Source: Best Quotes From the Author, statustown.com

Proposed Rally Calendar

REVISED FINAL - RALLY CALENDAR
September 2025 - May 2026 Rally Schedule

DESERT ROADRUNNERS



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Desert Roadrunners 2025 – 2026 Rally Season

<http://www.desertroadrunners.org>

MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
September 2025	18 - 22	Roadrunner 2025-2026 Rally Season Kickoff	Western Way RV Resort (PA) 3100 S Kenny Road Tucson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
October	16 - 20	Wilcox Wine Festival	Fort Willcox RV Park (PA) 1765 W Fort Willcox Loop Willcox, AZ	Need Rally Masters
November	20 - 24	Tombstone, Monastery, Whitewater Draw	Lakes of St David 801 S Lee Street Lakes of St David, AZ	Patty & Dan Ryan Shaunna & Scott Bouchard
December/January	Dec 28 – Jan 4	Holiday/New Years Rally Celebration	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
January 2026	Friday, Jan 2 11:30	Annual Chapter Luncheon / Meeting	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave Benson, AZ	Chapter Board
February	19 – 23 Feb 26- March 3	Colorado River	River Sands RV Resort 49960 Ehrenberg Poston Hwy Ehrenberg	Need Rally Masters
March	5 – 10 March 4 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	Escapee Park Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	16 - 20	Camping under the Stars	Rusty's RV Ranch 854 The RV Way Rodeo, New Mexico	Need Rally Masters
May	14 - 18	Mariachi Festival Saturday, May 16	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson / Frank & Theresa Urbina

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

Come early prior to rally or stay longer after official rally ends ... whatever works for your schedule
 Calendar dates reflect the 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

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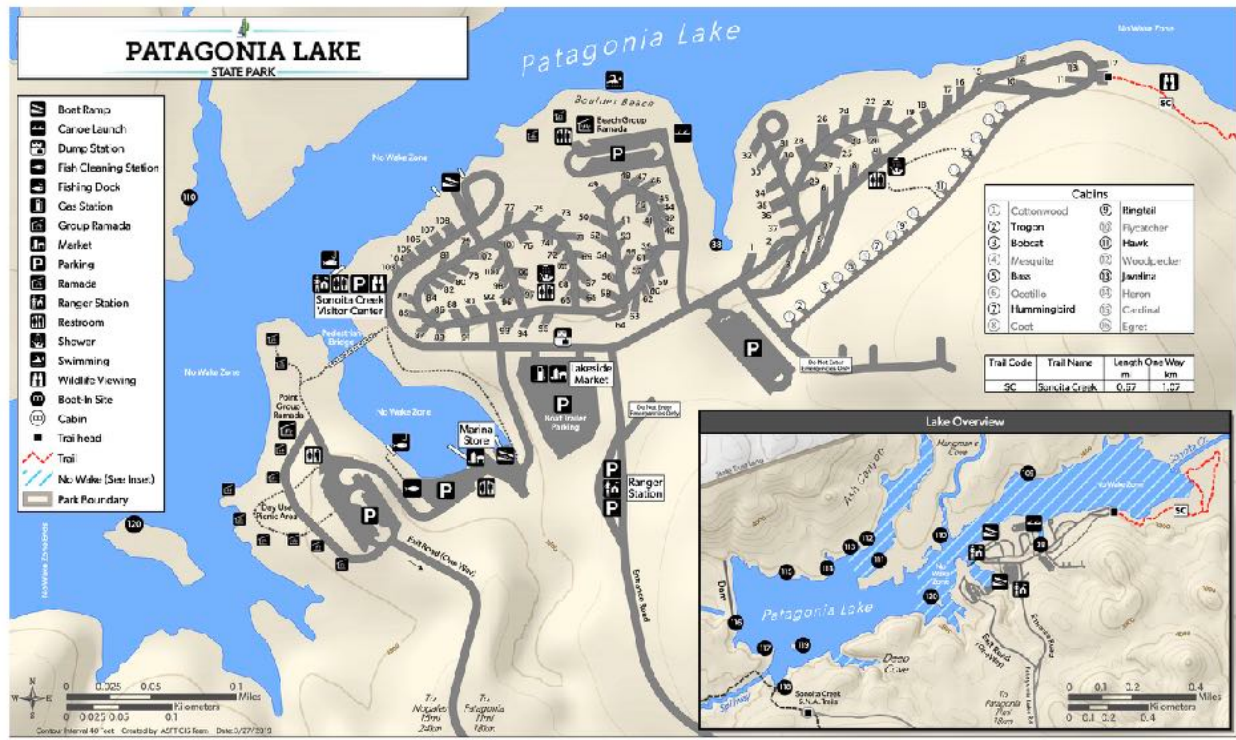
June 1, 2025

May Rally Highlights (1 of 4)



Patagonia Lake State Park is one of the Desert Roadrunners' favorite places to rally, relax, do some site-seeing, and close out the rally year. From top: Attendees can book on-line, but need to plan a year in advance. Upon arrival and check-in, the Lizard Lounge becomes the hub for meals, conversation, and hydration (under the watchful eye of Pedro the bartender).

May Rally Highlights (2 of 4)



From left, Wagon Master co-hosts Frank Urbina and Kay Hanson along with Rick Urbina (Frank's brother in blue shirt), shown ready to serve a mouth watering entree of Dorados. The rally is often held during a local Mariachi festival so the theme and menu tend to reflect Mexican faire.

May Rally Highlights (3 of 4)

This month's rally photo collection was provided courtesy of Kay Hanson who reportedly offered a lifetime Desert Roadrunner membership to the Patagonia Lake Camp Host (El Rojo) at right. Besides campground site meals and happy hours, the group visited a colorful near-by restaurant know as the Velvet Elvis (below). Note: The last page in this series contains two of the group's popular recipes from the rally—one for Crockpot Lasagna and one for Chocolate Lasagna. Enjoy!



May Rally Highlights (4 of 4)

PATTY RYAN'S AMADO RALLY CROCK POT LASAGNA

- 1 pkg uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 lb hamburger
- 2 jars pasta sauces (marinara) of your choice
- 1 tub ricotta cheese
- 4 oz – 8 oz cottage cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup water
- 2-3 cups mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 small tub spinach



Seasonings of your choice: Italian seasoning, salt, pepper, garlic, red pepper flakes

Cook: *Note - option:* It is better if you simmer 1-2 hours, add 1 cup water and chill overnight.

Sauté butter & onion

Brown meat with seasonings in large skillet; drain

Combine meat with butter, onion & seasonings

Stir in pasta sauce and water.

Cheese & egg mixture - combine:

Ricotta cheese

Cottage cheese

1 egg

In a LARGE CROCK POT – layer (repeat 2-3 times):

Pasta Sauce

Uncooked Lasagna noodles (may need to break to fit in crock pot)

Cheese & egg mixture

Spinach

Mozzarella

Cover crock pot with lid and cook on high for 3 ½ - 4 hours (try not to over or under cook)

Check lasagna after 2 hours that the cheese is not burning on the edges)

Chocolate Lasagna – submitted by Donna Owens

- 36 regular Oreo's
- 6 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cold milk
- 12 ounces Cool Whip, divided
- 2 small boxes chocolate instant pudding (7.8 oz total)
- 3 1/4 cups cold milk
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips



Instructions

1. Butter a 9x13 dish and set aside.
2. Crush Oreo's in a ziplock bag with a rolling pin. Add melted butter into the bag and mix until combined. Press mixture into the bottom of the dish and place in the fridge for 5 minutes.
3. In a medium sized bowl, whip the cream cheese until fluffy. Add in 2 tablespoons of milk and sugar. Mix until combined. Stir in 1 cup of cool whip, then spread the mixture lightly over the crust. Place in fridge for another 5 minutes.
4. In a separate bowl, combine the pudding and milk. Whisk together until thick. Then spread over the top of the cream cheese layer. Place back in the fridge for another 5-10 minutes to allow pudding to set.
5. Once pudding has set, spread remaining cool whip on top and then sprinkle with chocolate chips. Place in the fridge for 3-4 hours before serving.

Voting Information Package (Page 1 of 3)

IMPORTANT: Desert Roadrunners Members – WATCH YOUR EMAIL: Below is an email you will be receiving for your individual member vote for our Chapter to become an Escapees RV Club Chapter and join as members.

Hopefully you have heard discussions regarding the Desert Roadrunners joining Escapees RV Club / Harvest Host.

Our Desert Roadrunner Chapter needs to belong to an RV organization like FMCA/FRVA or Escapees RV Club / Harvest Host for several reasons, mainly for liability organization and event insurance to cover chapter gatherings and activities & rallies.

Several Roadrunner members attended an Escapees RV Club rally in Tucson at the Pima County Fairgrounds. They were able to attend a Escapees RV Club / Harvest Host meeting and meet with several Escapee members and staff members. Everyone found their visit to be an upbeat, positive, supportive and refreshing experience.

At the May Patagonia Rally - End of Season Desert Roadrunners Chapter meeting, an active discussion took place on the current state of FMCA/FRVA and the Desert Roadrunners Chapter joining Escapees RV Club / Harvest Host.

During the discussion, several members voiced their disappointment in recent years with FMCA/FRVA. Several long-term members have not renewed, or others are not renewing their membership to FMCA/FRVA. At the end of the discussion, a motion was made and 2nd, 16 members voted unanimously to join Escapees RV Club.

- FMCA/FRVA increased yearly membership to \$99
- FMCA/FRVA & RMMA rally fees are over \$600+ with very little to offer at rally
- FMCA/FRVA disappointed with leadership's decisions and the officers have fallen short of expectations
- FMCA/FRVA does not offer any benefits that are not available through other organizations

Escapees RV Club is very similar to FMCA/FRVA, an RV membership club founded in 1978 by the Peterson/Carr family with a big focus on community, support, and events for RVers. Members enjoy discounts at over 1,500 participating campgrounds, Escapees RV Parks, Partner campgrounds, as well as Co-Op RV parks. Recently, Escapees RV Club has partnered with the Harvest Hosts family. Escapees and Harvest Hosts will continue to operate as separate entities, ensuring that the unique identities and strengths of both communities are preserved.

Escapees Membership Fee:

- ✓ **1st YEAR FREE!!!** First year free for all Desert Roadrunner members to join Escapees
- ✓ 2nd year Escapees renewal yearly membership will be \$49.95.
- ✓ At present, 8 Desert Roadrunners members have dual membership in Escapees / Harvest Host and FMCA/FRVA.
- ✓ If you currently are a Escapee member, you will receive a one-year FREE extension

Additional information, visit www.escapees.com/harvest-hosts-transition and reference the attached Escapees RV Club flyer.

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This is a Desert Roadrunner Chapter Vote. We need everyone to vote!!!

ACTION: PLEASE RESPOND TO THE SPECIAL EMAIL TO VOTE YES OR NO FOR THE DESERT ROADRUNNERS CHAPTER TO JOIN ESCAPEES RV CLUB / HARVEST HOST.

☐ YES – JOIN ESCAPEES RV CLUB / HARVEST HOST

With your YES vote, *I / we (each member of the Desert Roadrunners)* agree and authorize The Desert Roadrunners Chapter to release *my/our* personal contact & RV information to Escapees RV Club. This individual member information will be used to create your membership in the Escapees RV Club and a member of the newly formed Escapees Desert Roadrunners Chapter.

☐ NO – DO NOT WANT TO JOIN ESCAPEES RV CLUB / HARVEST HOST

For Desert Roadrunner official records, please comment on the no reason:

Looking Ahead

The Desert Roadrunner Board is excited about the future and the possibilities this Escapees / Harvest Host acquisition can bring to our Chapter. Making a change would be an opportunity for the Desert Roadrunners to join a successful organization like Escapees RV Club / Harvest Host. Escapees / Harvest Host offer similar discounts and services to FMCA/FRVA. The bonus, Escapees / Harvest Host offer discounts at their over 1,500 RV Parks, Partner campgrounds, as well as Co-Op RV parks. With this change, we will continue to support and grow our Desert Roadrunners RV Chapter, providing more opportunities for unique camping experiences for our members.

- Badges: Will continue using our current Desert Roadrunner Badges. Members can easily modify their current badges or purchase new ones at the same price of \$15.00.
- Jackets/jean shirts: Will continue to use our current jackets with no modifications.

We look forward to this *new opportunity* for the Desert Roadrunners and hope to bring even greater value to our RV adventures!

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact any of us.

Sincerely

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See next page for additional Information.

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Join an Escapees Chapter – Build Your RV Community!

What Are Escapees Chapters?



Escapees Chapters are **local and regional groups** within the Escapees RV Club, designed to **foster friendships, build community, and support fellow RVers** through social gatherings, rallies, and shared experiences. Whether you are a full-time traveler or enjoy seasonal adventures, joining (or starting!) a chapter is the perfect way to **connect with like-minded RVers**.

Why Join an Escapees Chapter?

Stay Connected & Make Lifelong Friendships

- Meet fellow **Escapees members** in your region or on the road.
- Participate in **rallies, campouts, and social gatherings**.
- Enjoy a **supportive community** that shares your passion for RVing.

Fun & Engaging Activities

- Attend **chapter rallies, potlucks, and special events**
- Explore **group travel opportunities and destination meetups**.
- Join in on **volunteer projects** to give back to the community.

Local & Regional Support

- Get **insider tips** on the best camping spots and RV-friendly services.
- Connect with Escapees members who **understand your lifestyle**.
- Access **Escapees resources** to make life on the road easier.

Why Start an Escapees Chapter?

Strengthen the Escapees Community

- **Unite fellow RVers** in your area by organizing events and meetups.
- Create a **close-knit group** while still enjoying the larger Escapees network.

Exclusive Chapter Support & Benefits

- **Dedicated Escapees staff support** for chapter leaders.
- Promotion in **Escapees Magazine, newsletters, and social media**.
- Access to **Escapees event planning resources** to grow your chapter.
- **Peace of mind with event insurance** to cover chapter gatherings and activities – at no cost to the chapter!
- **Professional CPA assistance** to produce and file annual **990 tax returns** for your chapter – at no cost to the chapter!

Keep Traditions Alive While Expanding Opportunities

- RV club chapters looking for a new home can **transition seamlessly into the Escapees network** while keeping their traditions intact.
- Escapees offer a **welcoming, flexible structure** that allows chapters to **maintain their identity** while benefiting from **club-wide support and resources**.

How to Get Involved

✓ Join a Chapter

1. Find a chapter near you at www.escapees.com/chapters.
2. Attend an event and meet fellow members.
3. Get involved and start making memories!

✓ Start a Chapter

1. Reach out to Escapees for **guidance and support** in forming a new chapter.
2. Gather fellow Escapees members who share your enthusiasm.
3. Host your first meeting or event - we will help you spread the word!

 **Contact us today to find or start a chapter!** Email: chapters@escapees.com

Escapees Chapters – Where the Road Meets Friendship!

Treasurer's Update

Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. It makes it difficult for the wagon masters to plan when they do not know how many are planning on attending.

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Member "FSBO&A"

As a benefit to members and when space is available, we are re-visiting this area called For Sale By Owner & Announcements (FSBO&A). Specifically, this is an invitation to submit RV and related items as well as to feature general interest public service announcements. Photos are welcome, but as a minimum request you provide a description of the item for sale, contact information, and web site link if applicable. Although narratives can be part of an email message body, photos should be sent as attachments (preferably in "jpg" format). Inputs for each newsletter are requested by the end of the previous month—in other words September newsletter items should arrive no later than August 31st. Disclaimer: Please note that this service is offered as a convenience to members and that no product or service warranties are being offered or implied by the Desert Roadrunners.

Desert Roadrunner down-sizing and recently listed a low mileage 35 ft diesel pusher with optional toad—both in extraordinary condition. It is currently on the market with National Vehicle Marketing, a listing service which promotes sales of recreational vehicles and boats across the US.

Besides hosting your photos and features on their web site, for one fixed fee, they arrange to have identical listings published through partners such as RV Trader, EBay, & several other services. Moreover, they also can help buyers arrange items like an inspection, financing, and transportation.

For additional details on the above services and view one member's rig, visit (<https://nationalvehicle.com/rv-details/2016-winnebago-forza-34t/175865/>).



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