



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Roadrunners . . .



We have a very important meeting coming up in Patagonia. The decision on how we will operate as a chapter will be decided. I hope many of you can make the meeting or make your wishes known to one of your officers.

We had a great time visiting Cottonwood, AZ and Wild Horse State park. Many visited the local area to include the train ride and Jerome. After visiting the Haunted Hamburger we were able to walk or ride around Jerome and visit the many shops. We were able to welcome new members and visit with many old members. Twelve coach owners signed up but a couple had to drop out. Fishing was good and a couple were able to put some in their freezer.

Patagonia will be our last outing for this camping season. I know many have plans to visit up North this summer including your president. I will not return in time for the September rally, but I know Ed will have a good first outing planned. If you are traveling this summer, travel safe and we will meet up next season.

Finally, we're going to need help filling a couple positions before the next rally year. Both Bob & Kay Dahms are retiring as editor and caring/sharing reporter respectively after the June newsletter is completed. They plan to remain members, but will be spending more time on church activities. If any Roadrunners have experience and/or are interested in serving the club in one of the above capacities, please let me know.

Jack Mayberry, President
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♥ Caring and Sharing ♥

According to Rita Moore, two former members have had health concerns. Tonia Swarner was in the hospital for bleeding from a leg surgery wound, but has since been transferred to Haven Rehab Center in Sierra Vista to continue her recovery. Fred Mansmith was just released from the hospital and is happy to be home. He had pneumonia and is still being treated for lung cancer.

Lois Ehlers texted me with an update on her unexpected trip to the hospital: "My leg is much better, but it apparently still has some infection, so it looks like I'll be getting more antibiotics." Dave is playing golf, so she figures he is doing well. Lois also said that they miss being a part of the RV family and think of us often. She added, "May the good Lord bless each and everyone of you."

Please keep these and other fellow roadrunners in your prayers for continued healing.

From the extended family news side . . .

Bob and I had to say good-bye to our miniature poodle, Lambeau, this past month due to failing kidney disease. Our long-time traveling companion would have been sixteen in July.

Best wishes to all for a beautiful, healthy, and safe summer.

Kay Dahms

Congratulations to our May Honorees . . .

Birthdays

02	Cheryl Walling
05	Theresa Urbina
18	Dave Ehlers
27	Lucinda Bonillas

Anniversaries

07	Mack & Joy Coker
25	Nick & Cathy DiPinto
27	Paul & Lisa Mitchell
30	Dan & Lucinda Bonillas
31	Jack & Connie Mayberry

*"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful,
we must carry it with us, or we find it not."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Source: grateful.org, Word for the Day, 4/17/25

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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Ed's Rally Corner



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



Desert Roadrunners Rally Calendar May 2025

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, 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 • WEST LOOP • 400 Patagonia Lake Rd, Nogales, AZ

MARICHI Festival - Saturday, May 17, 2025

Unfortunately, Patagonia is sold out of camping sites: Check daily with Patagonia State Park

Cancellations ABSOLUTELY DO OCCUR; SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE SECURED A RESERVATION THAT SOMEONE CANCELLED

Contact Kay (520) 396-0293 for 'members cancelled sites'

- *If anyone from the Desert Roadrunners cancels, we have NO ONE CURRENTLY on our wait list, we have been successful in exchanging and sites to accommodate members that did not have a reservation*
- *We are in the West Loop; if you can get a site in the park, reserve it! We may have a cancellation and can exchange sites.*

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- **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.

April 26, 2025

Proposed Rally Calendar

September 2025 - May 2026 Rally Schedule

DESERT ROADRUNNERS

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Desert Roadrunners 2025 – 2026 Rally Season

<http://www.desertroadrunners.org>

?????? = Events & Park locations under discussion & consideration

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	1 - 5	RMMA Rally	McGee Park 17 County Rd 5500 Farmington, NM	Need Rally Masters
	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	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, AZ	Chapter Board / Jack & Kay
February ???			??? RV Resort Phoenix Area	Need Rally Masters
March ???	5 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	??? Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	16 -20	Gazing at 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 / Dan & Kathie McCellan

March 26, 2025

April Rally Highlights (1 of 2)



From top left & clockwise: The Lizard Lounge took on a somewhat different look this month with the inclusion of a Sahuaro cactus suitable for lighting up after dark. Next, Jack Mayberry tends the grill in preparation for the welcome meal. Dead Horse Ranch State Park proved to be a great location with a variety of nearby activities to include fishing, touring, and dining out. At left, Roadrunners piled into the town shuttle bus for a visit to the historic and quaint little town of Jerome.

April Rally Highlights (2 of 2)



When not enjoying happy hour around the camp site, veteran rally participants and newcomers could be found taking in the sights and sounds of the Cottonwood area. At top left, Roadrunners enjoyed musical entertainment one night from an Elvis impersonator and his band. At lower left, Randy Bronson, Frank Urbina, & Dan Ryan contemplate their next move at an outdoor chess game. Finally, members were greeted by this gal reminiscent of "Ghost Riders in the Sky." If interested in hearing the popular song from years ago with Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash, click here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVyqjGoIUEE>).



May Rally Registration



DESERT ROADRUNNERS - PATAGONIA LAKE - WEST LOOP
400 PATAGONIA LAKE ROAD Park Ranger: (520) 287-6965

MARICHI FESTIVAL RALLY

Starts Thursday, May 15 – Monday, May 19, 2025

MARICHI FESTIVAL Saturday, May 17, 2025 Food & Wine Vendors



Wagon Masters:

Frank Urbina (520) 444-0063 urbina117@gmail.com & Theresa Urbina (520) 419-8235 turbina55@gmail.com
Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293 kayremily@gmail.com Dan McClellan/Kathie McClellan Dan: (925) 768-4671

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.

Roadrunner members, join us Friday for breakfast followed by our Year End Chapter Meeting.

Gates open at 4:00 am and close at 10:00 pm. Cost Per vehicle (1-4 adults): \$25.

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.

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| ☐ Thursday | May 15 | Rally 1 st night What is your site # _____ |
| ☐ Friday | May 16 | 8:30 Pancake B'fast & 10:00 Year End Chapter meeting |
| ☐ Saturday | May 17 | Mariachi Festival 9 am – 6 pm Food & Wine vendors |
| ☐ Sunday | May 18 | Dinner at Velvet Elvis at La Misión |
| ☐ Monday | May 19 | Rally ends – check out 12 noon |

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

- ☐ **Dinner at Velvet Elvis at La Misión: # Attending _____ Sunday, May 17 5:30**

Pre-order for Velvet Elvis at La Misión Pizza – Pre-orders will be taken at Patagonia

Pay individually at the Velvet Elvis at La Misión for food & drinks ordered.

MEMBERS RVing:

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

Saturday Fiesta Mexican dinner & Margaritas & Sangria _____ # Attending x \$8.00 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY FEE: \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

• ZELLE:

1. Send to tresturtle@gmail.com Road Runners &
2. scan or take picture of Registration form & and email to tresturtle@gmail.com

• MAIL: Make checks payable to Desert Roadrunners

Mail reservation form & check by May 5 to Desert Roadrunners Treasurer:

Terry Whaley 2096 Golf Links Road Sierra Vista, AZ 85 tresturtle@gmail.com (520) 559-3574

March 28, 2025

May Rally Agenda



DESERT ROADRUNNERS - PATAGONIA LAKE - WEST LOOP

MARICHI FESTIVAL RALLY

400 Patagonia Lake Road *Patagonia Lake Contact: (520) 287-6965*
Patagonia, AZ 85624

Thursday, May 15 – Monday, May 19, 2025

END OF 2024-2025 SEASON CHAPTER MEETING Friday, May 16

10:00

MARICHI FESTIVAL Saturday, May 17 9-6pm Food & Wine vendors

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

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

All activities: **The Lizard Lounge** - open area (sites #90 & #92)

Thursday May 15 **Lizard Lounge** - Bring your own table service, beverages, and chairs

5:00 PM **Happy Hour (BYO Booze & chair)**

5:30 Dinner provided by Hosts: Hamburgers, French Fries, potato salad & coleslaw.

Sign up to bring a side dish: potato salad - coleslaw or dessert - please contact Frank/Theresa

Friday May 16 **Lizard Lounge** **End of season Chapter Meeting** – (Park in sites #90 & #92)

ALL ROADRUNNER MEMBERS WELCOME pancake breakfast & Bloody Mary's Mimosas!!!

8:30 AM **Rise & Shine Pancake Breakfast Time** – (BYO Coffee, table settings & chair)

10:00 **End of 2024-2025 Season Chapter Meeting – Jack Mayberry & board** 50/50 drawing bring your \$\$\$

B'Day & Anniversary Dessert celebration

Open time: On your own time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing

2:00 – 4:00 pm **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes Prizes Prizes Prizes

4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB, table settings & chair)**

5:30 **BBQ & potluck** – bring your own entree for grilling & something to share

Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert, please contact Frank/Theresa

Saturday May 17 **Lizard Lounge**

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

9:00 am – 6:00 pm Mariachi Festival Down by the Lake Food & Wine Vendors

4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB) Tequila Tasting** (Bring your favorite Tequila), Margaritas & Sangria

5:30 **Authentic Mexican Dinner** (Tacos, rice & beans) – learn how to make tacos & guacamole

Sunday May 18 **Lizard Lounge & Velvet Elvis** at La Misión 335 McKeown Ave. Patagonia (520) 394-0069

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat – Crockpot Breakfast casserole (BYO Coffee, table settings & chair)**

Open time: On your own time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing

2:00 – 4:00 pm **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes Prizes Prizes Prizes

4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB)**

5:15 **Carpool to Velvet Elvis** at La Misión 335 McKeown Ave. Patagonia

5:30 **Dinner Velvet Elvis at La Misión at Wagon Wheel Saloon**

7-8'ish **Dessert & after dinner cocktails** at **Lizard Lounge**

Monday, May 19 **Lizard Lounge**

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat / Goodbye's & pastries (BYO Coffee & chair)**

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

March 18, 2025

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