



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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



Hello Roadrunners,

Happy New Year to all who were unable to attend the latest rally. I want to thank Bob & Kay Dahms for planning a great schedule for us. The guest speaker Bob Nilson, from the Benson Visitors Center was excellent. I also want to thank Kay Hanson for all the decorations. As always, she out-did herself, and finally thanks to all the attendees who helped setting up the meals and breaking down. It is wonderful to have people who just jump in to help. All had an enjoyable time.

For your info we need a Nominating Chairperson to select members to hold an office and to check with the current officers if they wish to continue. My presidency expires on June 1, 2024 and Connie Mayberry no longer wishes to be National Director. Several of the current officers are willing to continue in their current position. Our election will be held at the March Rally. If you are interested in applying for any position, please let me know by email ritamoore110@gmail.com or call (520) 744-4983.

As a club we need people to step up to be Rally Masters. It is not hard, it does not have to be fancy, just something put together. Currently we are looking for Rally Masters for Yuma as the Biddle's had to withdraw due to health problems for David and their beloved dog. Remember it takes all of us to keep this club together. If you decide to be a Rally Master, contact Ed White (520) 508-3211 or myself at (520) 744-4983. **HELP WE NEED YOU!!! And we will be there to help you.**

I will not be at the January Rally-Luncheon as I will be in Quartzite's working for FMCA. Hope you all will participate. The food is good at the City Grill located at the San Pedro Golf Course. Have a great time. God keep you until we meet again.

Rita Moore (ritamoore110@gmail.com)

Caring and Sharing

Allow me to add my best wishes for the New Year to that already expressed by Rita!

The last week of 2023 was a challenging one for Dave Ehlers. After his latest chemo treatment he had an unexpected reaction which lasted for a couple days. He quickly bounced back; however, and was on the local golf course again later that week.

As Rita pointed out in her column, David Biddle has not been feeling well. Let's add him to our collective prayer to get well soon along with the family pet.

I haven't received any other reports of ailing members, but if you know of someone that could benefit from our prayer and caring spirit throughout the coming year, please let me know.

Kay Dahms

“It's not life's job to make me happy. It's my job to find the joy in life by observing and appreciating the small wonders and everyday miracles that are all around me, everywhere, every minute of my life.” — Paul Cotter

Source: grateful.org, 1/5/24

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Birthdays

14 Sharon Wilson
17 Linda Threatt
25 Diana Bronson
30 Andy Teach

Anniversaries

25 Carl & Linda Threatt

Holiday Rally Highlights 1 of 2



The Roadrunners traveled to Benson, AZ in late December and celebrated New Year's Eve with residents of San Pedro RV Park. From top left: Music was provided by the Cochise County Line Band. Next, both residents and Roadrunner members shared the dance floor. Photo at bottom left shows members ready to place their orders at the City Grille restaurant. Though a chilly day, four of our members (Dan & Patty Ryan, Randy Bronson, & Kay Hanson) participated in a golf outing at San Pedro Golf Course.

The next page shows members at the New Year's Eve party where attendees could be photographed with a framed "banner" saying goodbye to 2023 and welcoming 2024. Names can be found below each photo.

Holiday Rally Highlights 2 of 2



Andy&Joyce.jpg



Carl&Linda.jpg



Dan&Lucinda.jpg



Frank&Theresa.jpg



Randy&Diana.jpg



Terry&Nancy.jpg

Ed's Rally Corner



Rally Corner Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com
JANUARY message from Mr. Ed and tips for **LOOKING AHEAD**
for our 2023-2024 Desert Roadrunners Rally Season



With December rally behind us, we are now into our 2024 Rally Season. If you have made a reservation at the state parks – Patagonia & Homolovi:

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

- your name
- Site number
- Dates you reserved

Members make their own individual reservations - RESERVATIONS NOW!!!! All RV Park Reservations have been made under: Desert Roadrunners RV Club – Ed White

Discounts: Some RV parks offer week discounts.

Passport America (PA) parks are being utilized 4 times this rally year. If you are not a member, join It will pay for itself in 4-5 night stays.

AZ STATE PARK RESERVATIONS members make individual reservations and need to be made now. <https://azstateparks.com/>
If you have trouble using the State Parks website, calling the reservations desk is very efficient. If they are busy, you can leave your phone number and they call back in less than ten minutes.

Arizona State Parks Reservations Desk at (877) MY-PARKS (877) 697-2757. 2024 Rally season

PLEASE DON'T CANCEL IF YOU BOOK AN AZ STATE PARK SITE PLEASE DON'T CANCEL
*****Contact Ed White to coordinate transfer of reservation to waitlistd Roadrunner members*****

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

AZ State Parks cancellation policy:

Reservations canceled **before 2:00 p.m.** the day prior to check-in all fees, except the \$3.20 non-refundable reservation fee, will be refunded to the original form of payment.

Reservation **canceled after 2:00 p.m.** the day prior to check-in, one night's fees and the \$3.20 nonrefundable reservation fee are forfeited.



Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – Monday, January 29, 2024 Annual Chapter Meeting & Luncheon & RV Tank Cleaning
San Pedro RV Resort, Benson, AZ Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293 kayremily@gmail.com &
Ed & Jan White (520) 508-3211 efwhite@gamil.com

NOTE: San Pedro RV Resort has a Passport America (PA)

Call for reservations under Desert Roadrunners 1110 S Highway 80 Benson, AZ (520) 586-9546

From Jct of I-10 & Ocotillo St (exit 304), S 0.5 mi on Ocotillo St to Bus 10, E 0.9 mi to SR-80, S 1.3 mi (R)



Thursday, February 15 – Sunday, February 18, 2024 RV Wash & Wax Desert Holiday RV Resort Yuma AZ
Need Rally Masters Call for reservations under Desert Roadrunners

NOTE: Desert Holiday RV Resort has a Passport America (PA) 6-night policy.

Rates are \$24.50 - \$26.00. Reservation fee is \$7 to \$15.00. Credit cards accepted.

If you book longer, they park you in a different category and section of the resort at a higher rate.

Ed & Jan White reservations are Arrive February 14 - Depart February 20.

Make reservations early. Right now, sites A-23, A-25 B-16 to B-23, C-16;17, C-20;22 sites are available.

If intending to cancel, please send an email to sales@marcompanies.com to request cancellation.

If canceled 9 days or less before check-in date, the stay is non-refundable; 10 days or more 90% refundable.

Mar Communities (480) 282-6014 Reference Ed White / Desert Roadrunners 3601 S 4th Ave, Yuma, AZ 85365

<https://marcommunities.com/community-detail/desert-holiday-rv-resort/?gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw98ujBhCgARisAD7QeAj2blzjEDHfTRqmJ-gcF9Vpw3 Trxbxs4vjuY8SC3812Zmgw07feKYaAu4GEALw wcB>



Thursday, April 18 - Monday, 22, 2024 Standin' on the Corner Homolovi State Park Winslow, AZ 86047

Ed & Jan White (520) 508-3211 efwhite@gamil.com Jack & Connie Mayberry (520) 250-9155 emayberrt@comcast.net

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 AZ-87, Winslow, AZ 86047

[\(https://azstateparks.com/reserve/homolovi/camping/\)](https://azstateparks.com/reserve/homolovi/camping/)



Thursday, May 16 – Monday, 20, 2024 MARICHI FESTIVAL RALLY Patagonia Lake State Park Patagonia, AZ

Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293 kayremily@gmail.com Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 768-4671 furbina@cox.net

MARICHI Festival is Saturday, May 18, 2024

Patagonia State Park - **RESERVE IN WEST LOOP** 400 Patagonia Lake Rd, Nogales, AZ 85621

Arizona State Parks Reservations Desk at (877) MY-PARKS (877) 697-2757 OR

<https://azstateparks.com/reserve/#Patagonia-lake/camping>

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 1, 2024

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Roadrunners 2023 – 2024 Rally

MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
January 2024	24 - 29	Annual Chapter Luncheon/ Meeting RV Tank Cleaning Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson AZ	Chapter Board
	Friday Jan 26 11:30	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave The Benson, AZ	Chapter Board
February	15 - 19	RV Wash & Wax	Desert Holiday RV Resort (PA) 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ 85365	RALLY WAGON MASTERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
March	19 - 24	Roadrunner Rally Attend FMCA International RV Expo at PC Fairgrounds using Daily Pass	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Teresa & Frank Urbina / Nancy & Terry Whaley
	20 – 23	FMCA International RV Expo FIESTA DEL SOL Daily Pass \$20	Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Rita Moore
April	18 - 22	Standin' On-The-Corner Route 66	Homolovi State Park East Loop Winslow, AZ	Ed & Ja 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 & Teresa Urbina

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

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 3rd weekend of the month)
 Come early prior to rally or stay longer after official rally ends ...whatever works for your schedule

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

Rita Moore, President (520) 744-4983

December 30, 2023



Desert Roadrunners Annual Chapter Luncheon & Rally

LUNCHEON: Friday, January 26, 2024 11:30

Benson City Grille (at San Pedro Golf Course)

926 N Madison Ave, Benson, AZ 85602 520-586-2525

Plus

Rally Dates: Thursday, January 24, 2024 - Monday, January 29, 2024

Wagon Masters: Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293, Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com & Roadrunner Board

Send RSVP for ANNUAL CHAPTER LUNCHEON and if attending Rally fee to Dave Ehlers by January 20, 2024

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

RV Make & Model: _____ Length: _____ Slides: _____

1. ATTENDING ANNUAL LUNCHEON RESERVATION: Order off menu

Friday, January 26 Luncheon @ Benson City Grille # attending: _____

2. MEMBERS RVing - San Pedro RV Resort:

Call & make Your Individual RV site reservation by calling:

San Pedro RV Resort at (520) 586-9546

Reservations under Desert Roadrunners - booked Thursday, January 24 - Monday, January 29

Daily Rate - \$48, Good Sam \$43.20, Passport America \$24 all plus tax

San Pedro RV Resort - DIRECTIONS TO RV PARK:

1110 S Highway 80 Benson, AZ (520) 586-9546

From Jct I-10 & Ocotillo St (exit 304), S 0.5 mi on Ocotillo St to Bus 10, E 0.9 mi to SR-80, S 1.3 mi (R)

Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

- _____ Wednesday January 24 (Check in – 1st evening of Rally)
- _____ Thursday January 25
- _____ **Friday January 26 Annual Club Luncheon/Meeting**
- _____ Saturday January 27
- _____ Sunday January 28
- _____ Monday January 29 (Check out – last morning of Rally)

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

_____ **Golf** _____ # of players **Saturday, January 27** San Pedro Golf Course Tee Time: 9:54 & 10:03
\$49.00/with cart

MEMBERS RVing Desert Roadrunners charge a per RV rally fee: **Rally Fee \$10.00** \$ _____ 10.00
(Members attending Annual Luncheon only, there is no rally fee)

TOTAL RALLY FEE: \$ _____ 10.00

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 1/2/2024

Desert Roadrunners February Rally

Desert Holiday RV Resort

3601 S. 4th Avenue

Yuma, AZ 85365 480-282-6014

Rally Dates: Thursday, February 15, 2024 - Monday, February 19, 2024

Mail this Roadrunner Rally reservation form & check by January 25, 2024

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

RV Make & Model: _____ Length: _____ Slides: _____

MEMBERS RVing - Desert Holiday RV Resort:

Call & make Your Individual RV site reservation by calling:

Desert Holiday RV Resort at (480) 282-6014

Reservations under Desert Roadrunners or Ed White

Daily Rate - Passport America \$24 - \$27.00 plus registration fee & tax

Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

_____ Wednesday	February 14	Early arrival check in
_____ Thursday	February 15	(Check in – 1 st evening of Rally)
_____ Friday	February 16	
_____ Saturday	February 17	
_____ Sunday	February 18	
_____ Monday	February 19	(Check out – last morning of Rally)

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

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

TOTAL RALLY FEE: \$ _____ 10.00

Make checks *payable* to Desert Roadrunners

Mail this Roadrunner Rally reservation form & check by January 25, 2024 to:

Dave Ehlers 7438 E Navigator Lane Tucson AZ 85756-9147 520.490.8210 daloeh@yahoo.com

1/25/2024

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We are happy to recognize Freedom RV of Tucson, AZ for underwriting some of our activities and providing fun raffle items used by the Desert Roadrunners each year. The business has also provided quality RV service to many of our members. (<https://www.freedomrvaz.com>)

MEMBER “FSBO&A”

As an added benefit to members we have added this new category called For Sale By Owner & Announcements (FSBO&A). Specifically, this is an invitation to submit RV and related items you no longer need 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 along with your contact information. Although narratives can be part of an email message body, photos should be sent as attachments (preferably using “jpg” format) and addressed to the editor (digitalrancher@gmail.com). Inputs for each newsletter are requested by the end of the previous month—in other words February newsletter items should arrive no later than January 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.

One of our members is planning on downsizing to a smaller rig this year. If you know of anyone in the market for a great, low mileage Class A diesel, you can find photos, features, and contact information here: www.my4saleitems.com

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