



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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



Hello Roadrunners,

Well, our coaches are all bright and shiny after returning from Yuma. We had a great rally thanks to Kay Hanson and Terry and Nancy Whaley. Every night we had a fire pit outside the rally room which many enjoyed. We enjoyed the tour of Martha's Garden Date Farm along with wonderful sandwiches and a Date Shake. Some went to Mexico for shopping for the day coming back with new cowboy hats and other trinkets.

Now we are looking forward to our Rally at San Pedro Park in Benson, AZ. This is held in conjunction with the FMCA Rally in Tucson. You can visit during the day on a Day Pass which is \$20 per day. The Urbina's and Whaley's

have some great activities planned so sign-up quickly.

I want to send a special thanks to Dave Ehlers for getting our sponsor to sign-up for another year. Thanks Dave, for your pursuit as it is hard to catch Devon Murphy. Also, to Terry & Nancy Whaley for co-hosting two rallies in a row and to Terry for chairing the Nominating Committee.

A reminder we will soon be starting another rally year and wagon masters are needed, so don't be afraid to sign up. We need new officers in some areas, if you are willing please contact Terry Whaley (520) 458-9798 or terrywhaley5@gmail.com. REMEMBER IT TAKES ALL OF US TO KEEP THIS CHAPTER WORKING.

May the Good Lord Bless You Until We Meet Again.

Rita Moore (ritamoore110@gmail.com)

Caring and Sharing

Not long after the February newsletter was distributed, we learned that Rita Moore was hospitalized for a suspected heart condition. Thankfully, it was a short one as tests revealed her heart is good (of course, we all knew that). She returned home with one prescription—to spend more quality time with Coco and Scooby Doo—in other words, to get some rest.

Your prayers for her full recovery were, and will continue to be, appreciated.

If you know of someone that needs care and prayers, please let me know.

Kay Dahms

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Birthdays

09 Bob Dahms
11 Connie Jones
17 Anne Stiles
30 Erwin Klasitter

Anniversaries

09 Randy & Kathy Richard

Yuma Rally Highlights (1 of 2)



The February Rally was held at the Desert Holiday RV Resort in Yuma, AZ. At top right, attendees enjoyed dinner at the resort Club House. From left are Terry & Nancy Whaley, Rita Moore, Jan & Ed White, Dan & Patty Ryan, and Connie & Jack Mayberry. One day the group had lunch at nearby Lutes' Casino Bar & Grill (lower left). Shown here are the owner, Bobby Lutes, Ed & Jan, Dan & Patty, and Rita. Finally, members took advantage of the proximity to Mexico and did some shopping at Los Algodones where Jack and Terry found cowboy hats while Nancy got a deal on the Kokopelli design serape blanket. Serape blankets are a popular purchase when traveling south of the border. Besides being decorative, they are versatile enough to use as a table cover, bedspread, or yoga mat, or wall covering.

Yuma Rally Highlights (2 of 2)



Yuma provides a great variety of things to do. At top left, Kay Hanson, along with Jack & Connie Mayberry, are shown touring Martha's Gardens where visitors can not only learn about growing Medjool dates, but also enjoy a date shake in their lunchroom after the tour. Fair weather also provided an opportunity for Patty, Dan, and Kay to get in a round of golf (top right). At bottom left, our chapter helped the Ryans celebrate their wedding anniversary. And, finally Rita shows her versatility by helping the Whites resolve a mechanical issue that came up during the week.



Rally Corner Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com
FEBRUARY message from Mr. Ed and tips for **LOOKING AHEAD** – book now your RV Park reservations for our 2023-2024 Desert Roadrunners Rally Season



March – May the road rise up to meet you...Happy St Paddy Day

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

- your name
- Rally/RV Park & Site number reserved
- Dates you reserved

Roadrunner Members make their own individual reservations – MAKE 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 a 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 waitlisted Roadrunner members*****

WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT WANT TO ATTEND BUT DON'T HAVE A RESERVATION 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.



Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – Saturday, March 24, 2024 **FMCA International RV Expo @ Pima County Fairgrounds**
 Due to high FMCA parking prices for International Expo we will park our RV's at San Pedro RV Park, car pool 30 minutes to the Pima County Fair grounds and purchasing at the gate, a FMCA RV Expo '\$20.00 Daily Pass'.



Desert Roadrunner Rally @ San Pedro RV Resort, Benson, AZ

Terry & Nancy Whaley (520) 458-9798 terrywhaley@gmail.com Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 768-4671 furbina@cox.net

Call for reservations under Desert Roarunners (Passport America) 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, 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 emayberry@comcast.net

Homolovi State Park - **RESERVE SITE IN EAST CAMP GROUND, if full West is close.**

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

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Desert Roadrunners 2023 – 2024 Rally Season

MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
March	19 - 24	Roadrunner Rally Using Daily Pass Attend FMCA International RV Expo at Pima County Fairgrounds	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Theresa & Frank Urbina / Nancy & Terry Whaley
	20 – 23	FMCA International RV Expo FIESTA DEL SOL <i>Daily Pass \$20</i> Wednesday, March 21 <i>Ladies Lunch \$15</i>	Pima County Fairgrounds 11300 S Houghton Rd Tucson, AZ	Rita Moore / Roadrunner Board
April	18 - 22	Standin' On-The-Corner Route 66	Homolovi State Park <i>East Loop</i> Winslow, AZ	Ed & Jan White / Jack & Connie Mayberry
May	16 - 20	Mariachi Festival & Wine & Beer Tasting Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park <i>West Loop</i> Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson / Frank & Theresa 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

February 27, 2024



**FMCA International RV Expo &
Desert Roadrunner Rally @ San Pedro RV Resort**



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**San Pedro RV Resort, 1101 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)**

**Rally Masters: Nancy & Terry Whaley (520) 458-9798 terrywhaley@gmail.com
& Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 520-4440063 furbina@cox.net**

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

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

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

San Pedro RV Resort, 1101 S Highway 80, Benson, AZ. (520) 586-9546 Sherry
Reservations under Desert Roadrunners - Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Sunday, March 24, 2024
Daily Rate - \$48, Good Sam \$43.20, Passport America \$24 all plus tax

Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

- _____ Tuesday, **March 19**
- _____ Wednesday, **March 20**
- _____ Thursday, **March 21** *FMCA LADIES LUNCHEON @ FAIRGROUNDS*
- _____ Friday, **March 22**
- _____ Saturday, **March 23**
- _____ Sunday, **March 24**

(Check out – last morning of Rally)
Thanks for coming see you at the next rally!

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

_____ **Golf** _____ # of players **Day Friday 22, 2024 San Pedro Golf Course Tee Time: 10:40 \$49.00/with cart**

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

RMMA LADIES LUNCHEON @ FAIRGROUNDS \$15.00 \$ _____

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**



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Frank & Theresa Urbina (520) 520-444-0063 furbina@cox.net**

_____ Tuesday, March 19, (Check-in – first evening of Rally)

4:30 Welcome Happy Hour BYOB

5:30 Hamburgers and Hot dogs provided by Rally Masters (Bring your table service)

_____ Wednesday, March 20

8:30 Morning Coffee Chat ~ Pastry BYOB

9:00 On Your Own

4:30 Happy Hour BYOB

5:30 SkyMed Presentation by Dave Luchini, dinner provided (Pizza and Wings and salad)

_____ Thursday, March 21

8:30 Morning Coffee Chat ~ Pancakes Provided Rally Masters

9:00 On Your Own

FMCA LADIES LUNCHEON @ FAIRGROUNDS. *Pry pay\$15.00.*

4:30 Happy Hour BYOB

5:30 Potluck (Bring your table service)

_____ Friday, March 22

8:30 Morning Coffee Chat ~ Pastry BYOB

9:00 – 5:00 On Your Own

10:40 Golf at San Pedro (two tee times scheduled, sign up early

5:00 Dinner at the VFW (Price and menu TBA)

_____ Saturday, March 23

8:30 Morning Coffee Chat ~ Pastry BYOB

9:00 On your own

Evening Schedule TBA

_____ Sunday, March 24

8:30 Morning Coffee Chat ~ Pastry BYOB

(Check out – last morning of Rally)

Thanks for coming, see you at the next Rally!



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



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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 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 *(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, Meat provided by host, bring a side dish *(BYOB & Table service)*

Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat
- 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, Meat provided, Bring side dish and table service
Celebrate Birthday and Anniversaries

Monday, April 22

- 8:30 Farewell Morning Coffee Chat

Safe Travels

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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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