



# DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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



Hello Roadrunners,

We are home after a great rally at Homolovi State Park in Winslow, AZ. We all stood on the corner watching the girl's go by and had our picture taken. We visited Meteor Creator and the Little Painted Desert. The Mayberrys were our Wagon Masters, with Frank Urbina and Kay Hanson filling in for The White's. Others all jumped in to help. Flap Jack Mayberry made us breakfast every morning with egg croissants, pancakes and other treats. We had lunch at LaPosada Hotel where the Harvey Girls used to serve lunch. A great time was had by all.

Our final rally of the season will be at Patagonia State Park in conjunction with the Mariachi Festival. While there we will hold election of officers and vote on next year's schedule. If you don't have a reservation but wish to attend the meeting, we will be serving a Pancake Breakfast for which you are

welcome to attend. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare enough food for everyone. (For more info on the meeting consult our rally agenda on page 9. You can also contact me at 520-744-4983 or [ritamoore110@gmail.com](mailto:ritamoore110@gmail.com)).

Marti Louzy will be collecting shoes for her Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO group). These shoes are sold by the pound to a company which then donates them to people needing shoes. The Group uses these funds to provide scholarship's to women for their education. You can help by going through your closet and donating ones you no longer need (both men's and women's shoes are welcome). If you are not attending this month's rally but wish to donate, please contact a member near you to bring them to Patagonia.

God be with you until we meet again.

Rita Moore, President  
520-744-4983

## Caring and Sharing

*As you probably recall, we sent out a prayer request earlier this month on behalf of the Ehlers family. Specifically, we learned that Dave fell and fractured his right (dominant side) upper arm. Rather than use a cast or have surgery, he has been advised that it may heal on its own if he's careful and doesn't use it.*

*Prior to Dave's incident, Lois developed an infection that has been affecting her ability to hear clearly. She is on antibiotics, but in light of the above, both she and Dave were unable to drive a vehicle for a while.*

*Meanwhile, Dave's son David was admitted to a hospital in Florida a second time for kidney failure. It is hoped that subsequent dialysis treatments will be able to remove the toxins before other organs are affected.*

*Prayer and get well wishes can be powerful gifts. May the collective concern of the Desert Roadrunner family comfort Dave, Lois and David during the healing process.*

Kay Dahms

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**“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope.” — Thomas Merton**

Source: [grateful.org](http://grateful.org), 4/11/24.

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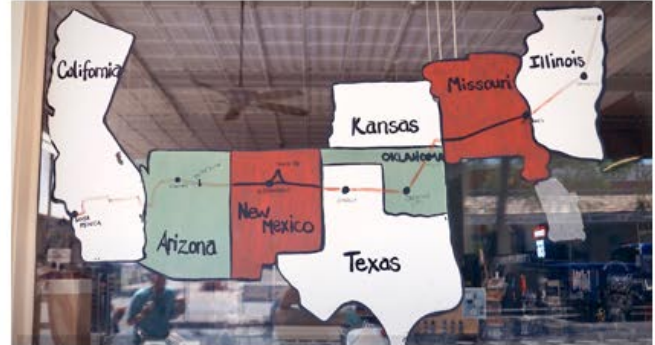
### Birthdays

05 Theresa Urbina  
13 John Lanza  
15 JoAnn Parker  
18 Dave Ehlers  
27 Lucinda Bonillas  
30 Judy Rolland

### Anniversaries

11 Stan & Janet Fetherman  
22 Jerry Collis/Carey Conzett  
27 Paul & Lisa Mitchell  
30 Dan & Lucinda Bonillas  
31 Jack & Connie Mayberry

## April Rally Highlights (1 of 3)



The May Rally was held at Homolovi State Park near Winslow, AZ which is located along the famous East-West highway known as Route 66. After checking in and having a welcome happy hour and dinner put on by Wagon Masters Jack & Connie Mayberry, Roadrunner attendees set out the next day for some amazing site-seeing adventures. The Mayberrys, along with Frank & Theresa Urbina, were observed "Standing on the Corner" with a local tour guide. The entire group is shown at left under the "Take It Easy" sign. Both of the above were lyrics in a song made famous by the Eagles back in 1972. You can find the full song by clicking here: <https://www.songfacts.com/lyrics/eagles/take-it-easy>

## April Rally Highlights (2 of 3)



*Birthday celebrants Pat Ryan and Kay Hanson were on hand to share cake cutting duties at one of the evening events. The ambitious rally agenda included side trips to the painted desert (top right), a meteor crater—being admired by Carl & Linda Threatt (mid-left), and the La Posada hotel and restaurant where Theresa and Connie posed under the venue sign (above). Amazing sunsets like the one at left graced the RV park each evening.*

## April Rally Highlights (3 of 3)



*Happy hours provide a great way for Wagon Masters to pass along specifics and/or changes to the rally agenda. Participating in the April outing were (clockwise from front left): Marti Louzy, Donna Owen-friend of Louzys, Jim Louzy, Diana Bronson, Carl & Linda Threatt, Rita Moore, Dan & Patty Ryan, Randy Bronson, Connie Mayberry, Nancy & Terry Whaley, Jack Mayberry, Joyce Newell & Andy Teach, and Theresa & Frank Urbina.*

# ELECTION OF 2024-2026 OFFICERS

The present Desert Roadrunners Executive Board of Directors positions will terminate on 31 May, 2024. President, Rita Moore asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Terry Whaley volunteered as Nominating Chairman. Sharon Wilson and Kay Hanson volunteered to complete the requirement for 3 Nominating Committee Members. The Nominating Committee has received nominees to fill the positions for our new Board of Directors. The nominees will be presented, and an election of new officers will be held at the Patagonia Rally Meeting in May. Members can also present to the Nominating Committee other nominees prior to the day of membership voting at the Patagonia. All members are welcome to join us Friday, May 17 at 8:30 Pancake Breakfast and 10:00 Chapter meeting for the election of officers. The new Board of Directors will take office on the first of June 2024.

Desert Roadrunners Nominees slate of 2024-2026 Officers for election:

President	Jack Mayberry
1st Vice President - Rallies	Ed White
2nd Vice President - Membership	Kay Hanson
Treasurer	Terry Whaley
Secretary	Rita Moore
FMCA National Director	Rich Wilson
FMCA Alt. National Director	Jack Mayberry

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## PATAGONIA LAKE RALLY **MARICHI** FESTIVAL & WINE TASTING Thursday, May 16 – Monday, 20, 2024



### Wagon Masters

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**IT'S FIESTA TIME!!!!** In this newsletter is the registration and agenda for Patagonia Rally. Due to the popularity of the **MARICHI** Festival, the park is sold out. Our Desert Roadrunner's members made individual site reservations last May 2023.

- **if you have a reservation** and decide you will not attend: **DO NOT CANCEL**. We have members that want to attend and take your reservation/site.
- **if you do NOT have a reservation** and want to attend, we have a waiting list for possible cancellations. Also, check **daily** between now and the rally for park cancellations:

Arizona State Parks Reservations Desk

<https://azstateparks.com/reserve/#Patagonia-lake/camping> or call  
(877) MY-PARKS (877) 697-2757

# Desert Roadrunners



## Desert Roadrunners 2024 – 2025 Rally Season

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MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	WAGON MASTERS
September 2024	TBD	Grand Canyon & Route 66	TBD Williams, AZ	
October	17 - 20	Wilcox Wine Festival	Wilcox	
October	23 - 27	RMMA Ramble Farmington, NM	McGee Park, San Juan County Fairgrounds Farmington, NM	
November	21 - 25	Tombstone 'The Town Too Tough To Die'	Tombstone Territories RV Park 2111 E. Highway 82 Huachuca City, AZ	
December/January	28 – 2	Holiday/New Years Rally Celebration	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	
January 2025	16 - 20	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	
	Friday Jan 17 11:30	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave Benson, AZ	
February	TBD	TBD	TBD	
March	6 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at the Oasis Classic Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort (PA) 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	
April	17 - 21	" Biggest Little Town in Arizona"	Dead Horse Ranch State Park 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ	
May	16 - 20	Mariachi Festival & Wine & Beer Tasting Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	

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

Come early and/or stay longer - members like to extend their trip beyond official rally dates

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

Calendar dates reflect official first day of rally & last morning of rally (Typically 4-5 NIGHTS the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<http://www.desertroadrunners.org/>

May 3, 2024



**DESERT ROADRUNNERS - PATAGONIA LAKE - WEST LOOP**  
 400 PATAGONIA LAKE ROAD Park: (520) 287-6965  
**MARICHI FESTIVAL & WINE TASTING RALLY**



Starts Thursday, May 16 – Monday, May 20, 2024

**MARICHI FESTIVAL & WINE & BEER TASTING** Saturday, May 18, 2024

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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.

**Join us Friday for breakfast followed by our Chapter Meeting.** Gates are open from 4:00 am and close at 10:00 pm. Cost Per vehicle (1-4 adults): \$15-\$20. 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.

- Wednesday May 15 Come early - check in 2:00 **What is your site #** \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday May 16 Rally 1<sup>st</sup> night-
- Friday May 17 8:30 Pancake B'fast & 10:00 Chapter meeting
- Saturday May 18 Mariachi Festival 9 am – 6 pm
- Sunday May 19 Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon
- Monday May 20 Rally ends – check out 12 noon

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

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- Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon: # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, May 19 5:30**

**Pre-order for Wagon Wheel Saloon** – We will be sending out a separate email for you to pre-order your dinner. This helps the restaurant plan for us. Pay individually at the Wagon Wheel Saloon for food & drinks ordered.

**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 reservation form & check ASAP to Roadrunner Treasure:**

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5/13/2024





## DESERT ROADRUNNERS - PATAGONIA LAKE - WEST LOOP

**MARICHI FESTIVAL & WINE TASTING RALLY**  
400 Patagonia Lake Road *Patagonia Lake Contact: (520) 287-6965*



**Thursday, May 16 – Monday, May 20, 2024**

**MARICHI FESTIVAL & WINE / BEER TASTING** Saturday, May 18, 2024 9-6pm

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

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

### Thursday May 16 *Lizard Lounge*

5:00 PM **Happy Hour (BYO Booze & chair)** open area (sites #90 & #92) or better known as *The Lizard Lounge*  
5:30 *Dinner provided by Hosts: Sloppy Joes, French Fries, potato salad & coleslaw.*  
*Bring your own table service, beverages, and chairs*

### Friday May 17 *Lizard Lounge*

*ALL ROADRUNNER MEMBERS WELCOME pancake breakfast & Mimosas!!! & attend our Desert Roadrunner End of season Chapter Meeting – (Park in sites #90 & #92)*

8:30 AM **Rise & Shine Pancake Breakfast Time – (BYO Coffee, table settings & chair)**  
10:00 **End of Season Chapter Meeting** New Officers 2024-2026 voting, 50/50 drawing,  
B'Day & Anniversary celebration

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

2:00 – 4:00 **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes *Prizes Prizes Prizes*  
4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB, table settings & chair)**  
5:30 **BBQ – bring your own entree for grilling & something to share** (vegetable, salad, side dish, garlic bread)  
*(Let Frank/Theresa or Kay know what you plan to bring so we don't have duplicates)*

### Saturday May 18 *Lizard Lounge*

8:30 AM **Morning Coffee Chat & pastries (BYOCoffee & chair)**  
*9:00 am – 6:00 pm Mariachi Festival and Wine Tasting*  
4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB)** *Tequila Tasting (Bring your favorite Tequila), Margaritas & Sangria*  
5:30 **Mexican Dinner** (Tacos, rice & beans)

### Sunday May 19 *Lizard Lounge & Wagon Wheel Saloon* 400 Naugle Ave (520) 394-2433

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 **Games** - Challenge cornhole, horseshoes *Prizes Prizes Prizes*  
4:30 PM **Happy Hour (BYOB)**  
5:15 **Carpool to Wagon Wheel Saloon** 400 Naugle Ave. Patagonia  
5:30 **Dinner at Wagon Wheel Saloon**

### Monday, May 20 *Lizard Lounge*

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

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

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## 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](mailto: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.

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Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!



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**#peointernational**

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