



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Roadrunners . . .



We have just returned from a great week in Benson for our annual Christmas and New Year's celebration. We were able to walk home after a night of dancing and meeting new fellow campers. I want to thank Rita, Kay, and Frank for planning great meals, entertainment, and gift exchange. (How timely that we would receive a new set of axle supports—otherwise known as Jack's Jacks, below). We have another outing planned at the San Pedro RV Resort this month for our annual chapter meeting and luncheon. One of the items we will be discussing and voting on will be the proposed schedule for 2025-2026 (see page 8). Several will be camping there prior to the meeting and all are invited to attend.

The February outing will be at the Double Adobe Campground in McNeal, AZ. The Whaleys and Urbinas are planning some special activities and more fun for all attending. We are still in need of wagon masters for future rallies. If you are unable to help this year, perhaps you can plan on co-hosting one for next year after Ed's proposed schedule is adopted. Thank you for being members of the Desert Roadrunners chapter. We look forward to attending a rally with you in the future.

Happy Holidays & Travels,

Jack Mayberry, President
emayberry@comcast.net



Caring and Sharing

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Helen Grube who was killed in a tragic head-on car accident near her home in Blakeslee, PA on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Helen & Gus Springer (her traveling partner who pre-deceased her in February of 2023) made a lasting impact on all of us when they arrived at San Pedro RV Resort for our Christmas - New Years celebration two years ago with their good friends from Tennessee, Connie & Darly Wiede. They joined immediately and rallied with us during their annual west coast RV trips thru Tucson when we were at the Lakes of St David. Gus was rushed to the Benson hospital and was diagnosed with cancer. The doctor told him to go home immediately, but he refused because Dave and Tonia Swarner needed help. Dave also ended up in the Benson hospital on the same RV rally and needed assistance getting their 5th wheel home. Gus, as sick as he was, jumped right in to hook up and drive their truck & trailer back to Swarner's home in Sierra Vista.



They were an amazing fun loving couple and became fast fun friends of the Roadrunners. We always looked forward to their annual trips to rally with us. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers as they now grieve the loss of both Helen (<https://www.moloneyfh.com/obituaries/helen-grube?sfnsn=mo>) & Gus (<https://www.poconorecord.com/obituaries/psom0423510>).

Regarding other Roadrunners, Frank Bessler is scheduled for back surgery on or about January 17th and Lois Ehlers has been dealing with terrible back pain. We hope they will both be getting relief soon.

May the prospect of a New Year provide members with safe, healthy, and happy travels.

Kay Dahms

Congratulations to our January Honorees . . .

Birthdays

3 Shaunna Bouchard
14 Sharon Wilson
17 Donna Owen
 Linda Threatt
20 Clayton Suitt
25 Diana Bronson
30 Andy Teach

Anniversaries

25 Carl & Linda Threatt

“When you recover or discover something that nourishes your soul and brings joy, care enough about yourself to make room for it in your life.”

– Jean Shinoda Bolen (grateful.com, 11/11/24)

Treasurer's Update

Rally fees and registration forms can be sent to me at the following address. Fees (including annual dues) may also be sent in using Zelle as outlined in the December newsletter.

Terry Whaley
Treasurer
(520) 559-3574
tresturtle@gmail.com
2096 Golf Links Road, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Mr Ed's Rally Corner



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

Desert Roadrunners Rally Calendar September – May 2024-2025



We are calling out for Rally Masters.... Volunteer to be a CO-WAGON MASTER. **WE NEED YOU, every member** to volunteer and help with **just '1' rally** to make our 2024-2025 rally season successful.

We have veteran members willing to help coach you every step of the way!!! Reference below and the Rally calendar in this month's newsletter. Members have volunteered, we need co-rally master's for several rallies.

To volunteer: Please contact the rally master's or Ed White (520) 508-3211 efwhite64@gmail.com

Our Roadrunner Club Members make their own individual reservations – MAKE YOUR PARK RESERVATIONS NOW!!!

- > **NOTE:** Due to rising cost of groceries, beginning September rally, our Roadrunner Rally fee is now \$15.00 per RV.
- **All RV Park Reservations have been made under:** Desert Roadrunners RV Club – Ed White
- **AZ State Park reservations** <https://azstateparks.com/> See Arizona State Parks Reservations info below
- **Discounts:** Ask about discounts - Some RV parks offer week discounts.
- **Passport America (PA).** If you are not a member, join. It will pay for itself in a 4-5 night stay.

BOOK RV PARKS NOW!

After you book a site, PLEASE SEND

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

- > your name(s)
- > Rally/RV Park & Site number reserved
- > Dates you reserved

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 A RESERVATION AND ARE ON OUR WAIT LIST!

*****Contact Ed White (520) 508-3211 or Kay Hanson, (520) 396-0293



Thursday, April 10 – Monday, April 14, 2025 **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** **Cottonwood, AZ**
Jack & Connie Mayberry (520) 250-9155 & **Need Co-Rally Masters**

Dead Horse Ranch State Park • RESERVE RED-TAILED HAWK LOOP • 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ



Thursday, May 15 – Monday, May 19, 2025 **Patagonia Lake State Park** **Patagonia, AZ**

Frank & Theresa Urbina F: (520) 444-0063 • Kay Hanson (520) 396-029 • Dan & Kathie McClellan: Dan: (925) 768-4671

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

MARICHA Festival - Saturday, May 17, 2025

- **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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Current Year Rally Calendar



Special **THANK YOU** For your Sponsorships



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3735 E. Irvington Road
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Desert Roadrunners January - May 2025 Rally Season

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MONTH	DATES	SPECIAL EVENT	LOCATION	RALLY MASTERS
January 2025	16 - 20	Annual Chapter Meeting Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Jack & Connie Mayberry & Kay Hanson
	Friday Jan 17 11:30 7-9 pm 'Gray Band'	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon Music Michael & Christi Hargis	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave, Benson San Pedro RV Park Club House	Chapter Board / Jack & Kay
February	20 - 24	Double Adobe Campground	Double Adobe Campground 5057 W Double Adobe Rd, McNeal, AZ	Terry & Nancy Whaley Frank & Theresa Urbina
March	6 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort (PA) 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	10 - 14	"Biggest Little Town in Arizona"	Dead Horse Ranch State Park Red-Tailed Hawk Loop 675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd, Cottonwood, AZ	Jack & Connie Mayberry Need Co-rally Masters
May	15 - 19	Mariachi Festival Saturday, May 18	Patagonia Lake State Park West Loop Patagonia, AZ	Kay Hanson Frank & Theresa Urbina Dan & Kathie McCellan

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

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

Calendar dates reflect 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

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

Jack Mayberry, President (520) 250-9155

January 2, 2025

"The World is a book and those who do not travel

read only one page."

- Attributed to theologian & philosopher St Augustine of Hippo

December Rally Highlights (1 of 2)



The site of our December Rally was San Pedro RV Resort in Benson, AZ. Some of the activities available to attendees were golfing (top right: Kay Hanson, Patty and Dan Ryan, and Dave Ehlers); meal preparation (lower left: Rita Moore, Theresa and Frank Urbina, and Kay Hanson); and a holiday gift exchange (lower right: with Ed and Jan White)—and of course that's where the term White Elephant came from).



December Rally Highlights (2 of 2)



The rally meeting room was ideal for meals and the above photo shows our amazing pot luck buffet line. When not dining, the group can sit around tables (below) to discuss the day's activities, plan for tomorrow, and share RV maintenance problems and how respective members resolved the issues.



Annual Chapter Luncheon-Rally Registration



Desert Roadrunners Annual Chapter Luncheon & Rally

COME TO ONE OR BOTH EVENTS

LUNCHEON: Friday, January 17, 2025, 11:30

RALLY DATES: Thursday, January 16, 2025 - Monday, January 20, 2025

Benson City Grille (at San Pedro Golf Course)
926 N Madison Ave, Benson, AZ 85602 520-586-2525

Roadrunner Board Contacts: Jack Mayberry (520) 250-9155 & Kay Hanson (520) 396-0293

***** RSVP NOW for attending ANNUAL CHAPTER LUNCHEON (Order off menu – Amazing Fish Fry Friday)**

Friday, January 17 Luncheon @ Benson City Grille

Send an email RSVP by January 10, 2025 to: desertroadrunnersrvclub@gmail.com or kayremily@gmail.com

OR complete this form, take a picture and text or send to Kay @ (520) 396-0293 or email kayremily@gmail.com

1. # ___ attending luncheon
2. Pilot & Co-pilot Name(s)
3. Contact - Cell Phone #
4. PRE-ORDER FISH FRY BASKET ___ # of baskets

*****Members RVing & attending Rally send Roadrunner registration form & fee to Terry Whaley by January 10, 2025**

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

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


MEMBERS RVing - San Pedro RV Resort: Reservations under Desert Roadrunners
Good Sam 10% Passport America 50% off (Not a member, join. It pays for itself in a 4-5-night stay)
Call & make Your Individual RV site reservation by calling:

San Pedro RV Resort at (520) 586-9546
1110 S Highway 80 Benson, AZ 85602
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 - Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

_____ Thursday	January 16	(Check in – 1 st evening of Rally)
_____ Friday	January 17	11:30 am Annual Club Luncheon/Meeting 7-9 pm Music Michael & Christi Hargis 'Gray Band' San Pedro RV Park Club House
_____ Saturday	January 18	Golf
_____ Sunday	January 19	
_____ Monday	January 20	(Check out – last morning of Rally)

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

[] **Golf** _____ # of players **Saturday, January 18** San Pedro Golf Course Tee Time: TBD 10'ish 

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

(Members attending Annual Luncheon only, there is no rally fee)

TOTAL RALLY FEE: \$ _____ 15.00

RVING AT San Pedro RV Resort PAYMENT OPTIONS: Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Terry Whaley by January 10

• **ZELLE:**

1. Send to tresturtle@gmail.com Desert Road Runners
2. Note field add: Your name, rally fee or dues
3. Scan or take picture of Registration form & email to tresturtle@gmail.com

• **MAIL:** Make checks payable to Desert Roadrunners

Terry Whaley 2096 Golf Links Road Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
tresturtle@gmail.com (520) 559-3574

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Proposed Rally Schedule for 2025-2026 (For consideration at Annual Meeting)

Proposed September 2025 - May 2026 Rally Schedule
submitted by Ed White, VP Rally's (520) 508-3211

Will be reviewed & voted on at Annual Luncheon
January 17, 2025 11:30
San Pedro Golf Course - Benson City Grill

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PROPOSED 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	Catalina State Park Loop B Tucson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
October	TBD	Wilcox Festival	Fort Willcox RV Park 1765 W Fort Willcox Loop Willcox, AZ 85643	Need Rally Masters
November	20 - 24	Need to get members input	Lakes of St David ????	Need Rally Masters
December/January	28 – 2	Holiday/New Years Rally Celebration	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
January 2026	22 - 29	Annual Chapter Meeting Rally	San Pedro RV Resort (PA) 1110 AZ-80 Benson, AZ	Need Rally Masters
	Friday Jan 23 11:30	Annual Chapter Meeting / Luncheon	Benson City Grille 926 N Madison Ave Benson	Chapter Board / Jack & Kay
February	19 - 23		RV Resort Near Quartzsite & Blythe ????	Need Rally Masters
March	6 - 10	RV Wash & Wax & Midnight at The Oasis Classic Car Show	Desert Holiday RV Resort (PA) 3601 S 4th Ave Yuma, AZ	Need Rally Masters
April	23 -27		Show Low, AZ	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

February Rally Registration



DESERT ROADRUNNERS FEBRUARY RALLY

Double Adobe Campground
 5057 West Double Adobe Road
 McNeal, AZ 85617
 (520) 364-4000



Thursday, February 20 - Monday, February 24, 2025

Wagon Masters: Terry & Nancy Whaley Terry: (520) 559-3574
 Frank Urbina & Theresa Urbina

F: (520) 444-0063 urbina117@gmail.com & T: (520) 419-8235 turbina55@gmail.com

Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Terry Whaley by February 10, 2025

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

MEMBERS: Make your individual site reservation: Double Adobe Campground (520) 364-4000

Reservations are under **Desert Roadrunners / Terry Whaley**

Daily rate \$47.00 The chapter paid \$25.00 deposit per site to reserve. Add \$25.00 below to your reservation to reimburse the Chapter.

Check the rally dates / NIGHTS you will be attending:

- ___ Thursday, February 20 Check in 2:00 pm
- ___ Friday, February 21
- ___ Saturday, February 22
- ___ Sunday, February 23
- ___ Monday, February 24 Check out 11:00 am

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

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

Double Adobe Campground Deposit reimbursement to RR – pre-paid by Roadrunners \$ 25.00

Annual Dues for 2024-2025 **are past due** - If not previously paid - \$15.00: \$ _____

(\$10.00 past due late fee charged after January 1)

TOTAL RALLY FEES: \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: *Please send this reservation form & rally fees to Terry Whaley by February 10*

• **ZELLE:**

1. **Send** to tresturtle@gmail.com Desert Road Runners
2. **Note field add:** Your name, rally fee or dues
3. **Scan or take picture** of Registration form & and **email** to tresturtle@gmail.com

• **MAIL:** Make checks **payable** to Desert Roadrunners

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February Rally Agenda



DESERT ROADRUNNERS FEBRUARY RALLY



Double Adobe Campground
5057 West Double Adobe Road
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Thursday, February 20 - Monday, February 24, 2025

Wagon Masters: Terry & Nancy Whaley Terry: (520) 559-3574
Frank Urbina & Theresa Urbina
Frank: (520) 444-0063 urbina117@gmail.com

NOTE: Roadrunners **Lizard Lounge** Activities will be at the office or at our *RV site*.

Thursday, February 20 Check in 3:00 pm

- 4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB & table service) bring light snacks
- 5:30 Chile with trimmings provided by the Wagon Masters,

Friday, February 21

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pancake breakfast (BYO Coffee)
- 9:00 Trap and Skeet shoot, it is \$9.00 per 25 birds. Take your own guns. Skeet shooting only.
- 9:30 – 1:00 Open time: Shopping in Bisbee or in area.
- 4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
- 5:00-6:00 Dinner by Med A Vac and presentation

Saturday, February 22

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries (BYO Coffee)
- 9:30 - 1:00 Go to the White Water Preserve and observe the cranes.
- 1:00 - 4:00 Open, site seeing on your own
- 4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
- 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner at Thirsty Lizard Restaurant. Order from the Menu. This is a neighborhood Restaurant

Sunday, February 23

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries (BYO Coffee)
- 9:30 - 1:00 Open time: Lunch/shopping/site seeing on your own
- 1:00 - 4:00 Bisbee Mine Tour
- 4:30 Happy Hour - (BYOB)
- 5:30 Spaghetti dinner provided by Wagon Masters
BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (BYOB & table service)

Monday, February 24 Check out 11:00 am

- 8:30 Morning Coffee Chat – pastries say farewells (BYO Coffee)
Depart – safe travels – see you next month!!!!

December 20, 2024

DESERT ROADRUNNERS CONTACT LIST

	ELECTED BOARD	MEMBERS	
Jack Mayberry	President		emayberry@comcast.net
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Terry Whaley	Treasurer		terrywhaley5@gmail.com
Rita Moore	Secretary		ritamoore110@gmail.com
Rich Wilson	FMCA National Director		rwshwilson@gmail.com
Jack Mayberry	Alt FMCA National Director		emayberry@comcast.net
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Kay Dahms	Caring & Sharing		kdahms@mac.com

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