



# **ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS**

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## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE APRIL 2022**

Hello Road Runners,

Hope you all had a nice Fourth of July, are enjoying the Summer and are getting out and using your RV's. Always nice hearing about our members trips they have taken.

Our members have had a few Very Fun Trips: Verde River Resort, Buckskin St Park, Monument Valley, Durango and Happy Jacks. We are lean on trips for the remainder of the year with a Potential Trip to Rocky Point Mexico and our Annual Campout at Verde River Resort. So think about being a Wagon Master and Planning a Trip.

Affinity had their Anniversary Sales Weekend in mid-May and the club supported Affinity by Cooking and Serving at both sites for the 4 days. We had a Great Effort by the Club in manning both sites. Thank you all for supporting this.

We had our summer meeting on July 9 th at Affinity and it was very well attended and we

had a Great Potluck. We had 2 returning members Doug and Linda Yates and new members Mike and Kathy Lening.

The Annual Campout and Meeting is coming up in mid-November and will be held at the

Verde River Resort November 11 to the 14 th with many staying over until the 15 th . Sites

were blocked through mid-August so **BOOK NOW** after that it will be first come first served. The campground is very nice and during the Annual Campout and Meeting we will: Enjoy the Affinity Appreciation Dinner, Hold Annual Election (2 positions open Secretary and Membership, Please Consider Running) and 2023 Trip Planning (Start thinking about being a Wagon Master and Planning a Trip or 2). We will have our Raffle, 50/50 and don't forget to bring something for our Vets and Raffle Gifts.

Our Christmas Committee is hard at it finding a Venue and planning for a Great Christmas Party, tentatively in the 1 st half of December.

Have Fun, Go RV'ing and get Involved.

**Jerry Winters**

## NEWSLETTER EDITORS NOTES

As I try to keep everyone informed of what's going on in the club, trips that are coming up and any reports on trips that have been completed so please send me your info, pictures and thoughts and I will pass it on here.

I will publish articles of interest on RV's and camping in general. If you have something along those lines, please submit them to me at [charley.shipman@gmail.com](mailto:charley.shipman@gmail.com).

Please remember when responding for a specific trip communicate directly with the Wagonmaster not communications.

Raffle Prizes: As you know the raffle prizes are donated by the members and if you were one of the lucky raffle prize winners could you be so kind as to bring a raffle prize to the next meeting. That would help a lot. If you didn't win, better luck next time and bring one anyway. This is one of the ways our club raises money.

New Web Site and Face Book Page: We now have a new updated Web Site: <http://www.yavapairoadrunners.com>. The site will now be updated and managed by Ray Schultz so if you have news or pictures, send them to Ray. The site now has a Roadrunner email people can use to contact the Club, located under the "Contact Us" tab. The 5-year contract on the old site comes up for renewal this summer, which will not be renewed as the new site is more cost effective. The old site roadrunners97 will be going away. We now have a new Facebook page: Yavapai Roadrunners. All FB members will now be able to post to this site

## 2022 Roadrunners Calendar of Events

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wagon Masters</u>
January	8	Quarterly Meeting	Potluck Dinner
February	10-14 <del>23-28</del>	Lake Havasu Fireworks <del>Yuma</del>	Indra (FULL) <del>Meyers (Cancelled)</del>
March	3-7 24-29	Death Valley N.P. Verde River Resort	Shipman Shultz/Winters
April	11-14 20	Buckskin State Park Quarterly Meeting	Meyers Bring lunch @ Willow Lake
May	27-28 29-June 4	Monument Valley Durango, CO	Schultz Rosenfeld
June			
July	9 22-24	Quarterly Meeting Happy Jack Lodge	Potluck Dinner @ Affinity Zacharia & Rosenfeld
August	<del>22-28</del>	<del>Red River, NM</del>	<del>Geiger (Postponed to 2023)</del>
September	TBD TBD	Dead Horse Williams, AZ	TBD TBD
October	Mid Oct	Rocky Point, MEX	Winters
November	11-14	Verde River Resort	Annual Meeting
December	TBD	Christmas Dinner	Club Officers

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Dates listed are for day of arrival through date of departure

TBD = To Be Determined

Web page: [YavapaiRoadrunners.com](http://YavapaiRoadrunners.com)

Facebook - type in: Yavapai Roadrunners (to join)

## JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

We held our Third Quarter meeting at Affinity RV on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended by over 50 members. The potluck dinner was exceptionally good. There were lots of good raffle prizes (Thanks to everyone who brought them) We welcomed new members Kathy and Mike Lening! Thank you, Cindy Harding,(our Affinity rep.) for setting up everything for us! It is much appreciated!"





# MONUMENT VALLEY OUTING

## WAGONMASTERS: RAY AND TERESA SCHULTZ

Monument Valley, [May 27-29, 2022](#). Although the wind did not cooperate sometimes, we had a great outing! Six rigs arrived. Jerry & Gina Winters, Ron & Jerri Rook, Kevin & Sue Miller, Doug & Mary Meyers, Lee & Sally Rosenfeld, and Ray & Teresa Schultz Were in attendance.

Upon arrival, we had happy hour followed by a welcome dinner of Arizona Chili with tortillas, margaritas, and of course desert (cheesecake!).

The next day we all went on a tour in the back country of Monument Valley given by a local who was great and informative. He even took us to a residence and let us check out a hogan. Very cool as he explained the construction and how they are heated and cooled. At the end of the day, happy hour! With an awesome view of Monument Valley from our campsites at Goulding's RV Resort. Then the next day onto Durango, CO!







# **DURANGO COLORADO OUTING**

## **WAGON MASTERS: LEE AND SALLY ROSENFELD**

Durango outing May 29-June 4. Five rigs made it to this fantastic event. Ron & Jerri Rook, Kevin & Sue Miller, Doug & Mary Meyers, Lee & Sally Rosenfeld, and Ray & Teresa Schultz.

Sunday arrival we were treated to a happy hour with plenty of food and margaritas!

After a day of relaxing and exploring on Monday, we were again treated to a great happy hour with plenty of food and of course, margaritas!

Tuesday some minor repairs were made to a couple of the rigs. Loose mud flap, torn truck bed cover, and burned-out taillights. We have some talented people in this club!

Wednesday was the highlight with a train ride on the Durango-Silverton train. After a 3.5-hour train ride (the scenery did not disappoint!) we spent about three hours in Silverton having lunch and visiting shops. A neat little town. Then on the bus back to Durango (glad we did that!) The 1900's style steam engine passed by the campground a couple of times each day blowing its whistle and smoke pouring out of its stack. I felt that it took you back in time.

The next day Lee and Sally rented the pavilion on site and served a smoked Santa Maria Style Tri Tip with rolls. It did not disappoint! We all shared a dish.

The following days were spend going downtown Durango visiting shops and eating places and of course the natural beauty of Colorado! And did not miss any happy hours!

Alpen Rose RV Park, a little north of Durango, is a very nice RV park. quiet, clean, shade, and a small restaurant on site. A huge dog park at least two or three acres. A very big thanks to Lee and Sally Rosenfeld for planning this outing. It was a nice touch having the Keurig coffee make out every morning so we could have coffee. And perfect weather (well almost)!

**Submitted bt Ray Schultz**



# GREAT PLACES TO CAMP

## UTAH

Utah is home to five incredible National Parks, known as the Mighty Five

They include:

Bryce Canyon National Park

Arches National Park

Canyonlands National Park

Zion National Park

Capitol Reef National Park

All are accessible from here in Arizona and if you haven't visited all of them you should.

## HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR CAMPER, RV, OR TRAVEL TRAILER: STEP-BY-STEP

Empty and clean your freshwater, gray water, and black water holding tanks at your local dump station. Do not simply dump your gray water or black water wherever you please – doing so poses health risks.

- Drain your hot water heater. You'll want to ensure your hot water heater unit is cold and not under pressure.
- Drain all of your pipes. Seattle campers may want to try an air compressor set to no more than 50 psi. As the compressor is running, walk around the outside and open the water valves one-by-one.
- Find and open the low-point drain lines. Doing so will ensure that all water is removed from your system.
- Close all valves and drains.
- Bypass the hot water heater to avoid filling it with antifreeze unnecessarily. If you don't already have a bypass on your hot water heater, you should install one now.
- Using the tube attached to your water pump (you can install one if your system doesn't yet have this feature) pump non-toxic RV antifreeze through your water lines. Amounts vary depending on the size and complexity of your lines.
- Turn on your water pump and, starting with the faucets closest to the pump, open the hot and cold water valves and let them run until you see pink. When the antifreeze begins to flow, close the valves and move on to the next one. Continue this pattern until all the faucets have antifreeze coming from them. Watch the level in your antifreeze bottle and replace it with a new one before it runs dry.
- Flush the toilet until you see antifreeze.
- Turn off the pump.
- If you have an external city water inlet, remove the screen and press the valve until you see antifreeze.
- Replace the screen.
- Pour 2-3 cups of antifreeze down each drain and into the toilet and flush it into the holding tanks.
- Turn off the hot water heater's electric heating element if it has one.
- Winterize other appliances according to manufacturer directions.

## LAST LAUGH

### Family Campers

It was late in the day when a fully loaded minivan pulled into the only remaining campsite.

As soon as it stopped, the doors flew open and four children jumped out.

They began to unload gear and worked feverishly to set up the tent. Next, the boys ran to gather firewood while the girls and their mother set up the camp kitchen area.

The camper in the space next to them marvelled to the children's father, "I've never seen such teamwork nor a camp that was ready so quickly. I'm impressed."

The father turned to the neighbour and nodded sagely.

"I have a system," he said. "No one goes to the bathroom before the camp is set up."

Thanks to our sponser Affinity RV Sales and Service for their continued support.

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