



ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE JANUARY 2024

Hello Roadrunners and Happy New Year

2023 was a busy year with many Trips and Activities. We went on some Great Trips: Tombstone, Buckskin, Durango, Williams, Red River, Rocky Point, Lake Powell Ballon Regatta, Annual Campout and Blue Compass Appreciation Dinner and Finished the year with a Great Christmas Party.

2024 has a Great Line up of Trips: Quartzsite, Apache Junction, Yuma, Buckskin, Kingman Street Races, Zion and Bryce, Ruidoso NM, Dolores CO, Durango CO, Rocky Point Mexico and Moab. A little of something for Everyone, make sure you book these trips before they sale out. A few of these trips are coming up quick and make sure you Winterize after the trips.

I would like to Thank our Members who have stepped up and Planned a trip as Wagon Masters.

I would also like to Thank our Members: on the Board, Planned the Christmas Party, Helped plan and work the Blue Compass Show and Worked on Support Function such as Communications, Club Merchandise, Sunshine Club, News Letter and Website, DJ to the RVers and helping with Raffles and collecting for our Local Veteran's

It is Great to be in a Club, but it takes Members to get involved. The more you get involved the better your experience will be. Everyone needs to GET INVOLVED. I remember my days in Little Legue, Dad went out on Maintenance Day and Mowed Lawns and Stripped the Fields, my mom and others set up and staffed the snack shack, that was not work but fun and got you more involved. That's why we join a

Club is to get involved. This year step up and help out: Board Member, Wagon Master, Support Staff, Committee Member. Help Out and contribute. The Club is only as Strong as its Members.

AS with many thing people leave and people join. New Blood is Good so let others know if they are interested joining and being a MEMBER.

Safe Travels and See you on the road.

Jerry Winters, President

NEWSLETTER EDITORS NOTES

As I close out my time as editor, I would like to thank everyone for you contributions and support. You have made the newsletter what it is. Janis Bevier will take over as publisher of this document. Please support her as you have me. Thanks again.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Web Site and Face Book Page: Web Site: <http://www.yavapairoadrunners.com>. The site is 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 old site roadrunners97 is gone. We now have a new Facebook page: Yavapai Roadrunners. All FB members will now be able to post to this site

Yavapai Roadrunners 2024 Calendar

			Wagon masters
January			
	13	Quarterly Meeting, 5 pm, Blue Compass, Potluck	
	15-19	Quartzsite	Rosenfeld/Gerro
February			
	15-20	Apache Junction	Schultz
	21-24	Yuma	Meyers
March			
	10	Gila Bend, Sonoran Desert RV	Minette/George
April			
	7 -11	Buckskin Mountain State Pk	Meyers
	17	Quarterly Meeting – noon, Goldwater Park, bring lunch	
May			
	3-5	Blue Compass Anniversary Sale	
	16-20	Kingman Street Drags	Schultz
June			
	TBD	Zion/Bryce	Winters/Rook
July			
	17	Quarterly Meeting – noon, Goldwater Park, bring lunch	
August			
	TBD	Ruidoso NM	Geiger
September			
	11-16	Dolores, CO	Grayson, Gerro
	16-20	Durango, CO	Rosenfeld
October			
	TBD	Mexico/Rocky Point	Geiger/Winters
	14-18	Moab	Schultz
November			
	8-12	Annual Meeting – Verde River Resort – officers	
December			
	TBD	Christmas Party	

Railside RV Ranch
August 14-18, 2023
Williams, AZ

Twelve rigs made the long journey (70 plus or minus miles) up to Williams. The weather cooperated, only raining during the night, so our day-time activities were not affected.

We were very impressed with this park. The management was more than accommodating to our needs. Their Clubhouse is a two-story building. Tables, chairs, refrigerators, tv, etc. on the first floor which is where we mainly hung out. The second floor had games: dart board, pool table, video games, etc. Outside one end of the building was a miniature golf course. The other side of the building had a group fire pit, with all the chopped wood ready for you to build your own fire. There was another building that had a hot tub, they called it a 'spa' area.

Wagon Masters provided a welcome dinner of ham, coleslaw, mac-n-cheese, applesauce and dessert, all to be washed down with bucket margaritas. Of course every afternoon also had a happy hour with more food and drinks. A special treat Thursday morning were Bloody Mary's courtesy of Jerry & Gina Winters; a great way to start the day with your vegetable drink!

We played tourists throughout the week and supported local establishments:

1. The Canyon Coaster ride was a blast for those who rode it.
2. The Raptor Ranch experience was a lot of fun. We each 'wore the glove' and had a hawk land on our hand. Really beautiful birds, so graceful. Going into each of the remaining Flintstone buildings was also fun and interesting; they were appropriately decorated inside.
3. Lunches at Fiesta Mexican Grill and Pine Country Restaurant were delicious, as was dinner at Grand Canyon Brewery.
4. Bearizona has new exhibits and animals.
5. The Grand Canyon is always cool.
6. There is always shopping in downtown Williams.
7. Trips were made to Flagstaff and Kaibab Lake campground.
8. And you can't forget at least one trip to Dairy Queen.

Some of us drove over to check out the new RV Country store in Bellemont where Camping World used to be. We were disappointed in that it really is more a repair and parts store, not so much an accessory store like Camping World that had everything you could imagine.

One activity we didn't know about, but we also enjoyed, was waving to the folks on the train going to the Grand Canyon every morning when they departed and every afternoon when they returned. And most of them waved back!

Mary & Doug Meyers Janis & Jim Bevier

(See our facebook page for pictures)

RED RIVER NEW MEXICO

GEIGER'S AND SCHULTZ , WAGONMASTERS

From September 24th to 29th 21 YRR made the almost 600-mile trip to Red River, New Mexico. The wagon masters, Geiger's & Schultz's, were joined by Minette's, Rook's, Winters, Grayson's, Bevier's, Augustus's, Peterson's, and Critelli. Our Sunday arrival was celebrated at the Red River Brewery with good beer and food. Monday the wagon masters served the group a taco bar followed by a campfire. On Tuesday we took a trip to Angel Fire to see the Vietnam War Memorial then headed to lunch in Taos. Thursday, we ventured to Cimarron to visit the Boy Scout Museum and tour Villa Philmonte, the summer home of the Phillips family that donated land to the Boy Scouts for Philmont Ranch. After the tour we enjoyed lunch at the historic Hotel St. James in Cimarron. On Friday it was time to start the 600-mile trip back home after 5 days of fun and fellowship.



ROCKY POINT MEXICO OUTING

WINTERS AND GIEGER'S , WAGONMASTERS

October 9-13th a group of Roadrunners went down to Mexico, Co wagon masters Geigers and Winters with members Bevier's, Graysons, Shirley Critelli and Jerri Rook. We had Great Weather, Water, Food, Drinks and Friendship. Tried some Tequilla Tasting and had A Bubba Gump Shrimp Night with 3 types of Shrimp and Margaritas. Most stayed at the Hotel adjoining the RV Park and right on the beach. Did some shopping and hit the Pharmacy's to get some cheaper options for some Rx's. Good time had by all.



PAGE /LAKE POWELL BALLOON REGATTA

NOVEMBER 2-6

CHARLEY AND DIANE SHIPMAN, WAGONMASTERS

Excitement filled the air when 70 balloons took off from the golf course at the Lake Powell Balloon Regetta 2023. Everyone in town was celebrating.

The Wagon Masters served a welcoming dinner of chicken tortilla soup, honey corn muffins, salad with fruits and a homemade dressing and topped dinner off with layered pumpkin bars with cinnamon cream. There was a fair off main street for several blocks going on Friday and Saturday as well as a band/concerts with plenty of seating to enjoy the beautiful weather that Page had this year. Plenty of activities in and around Page made the trip very enjoyable for all who attended. Happy hours were held daily plus a dinner at a local BBQ restaurant. Balloon Glow was held Saturday night. About 20 balloons lined the main street in town, starting showing off their true colors around 7pm. Sunday's take off was just as beautiful as the balloons floated around the city sky with the warm sun radiating their beautiful colors

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**QUARTERLY MEETING/ PLANNING SESSION
NOVEMBER 9-12TH
CAMP VERDE**

Friday: Happy Hour 4pm, At Camp site 327/328.

Saturday: Affinity / Blue Compass Appreciation Dinner Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30 Wine and Cheese provided by Affinity / Blue Compass RV / Dinner Prep 5:30 to 7:15 Steak Dinner provided by our Sponsor Affinity / Blue Compass RV /Side dishes and Desert by Club.

Sunday: Breakfast prep 7:30. Breakfast served 8:00 to 9:00 (bag Omelets, Donuts, Coffee and OJ) Meeting 9 to 9:15 Meeting, Raffle, Elections 9:15 to 10:00 Trip Planning 10 to 11. The current board was reelected to their respective positions. Happy Hour 4pm at Camp site 327 /328

QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting was called to order by Jerry Winters. Jerri Rook said the prayer over our group. Jerry W recited our club goals: have fun, get everyone involved, have more outings, recruit new members, and support Blue Compass (sponsor) and our local Vets. Old Business The minutes from our July meeting were delivered to the membership in July and there were no corrections or additions. Janis Bevier moved to accept; Mike Zacharia seconded. The membership approved. Pam Z gave a limited Treasurer's report mentioning income and expenses. The balance on October 31 was \$4503.47. Ray Schultz moved to accept, and Shirley Critelli seconded. Membership approved. Dan Grayson introduced new members Bob and Joanne Lacoss, and Ozzie and Cheryl Gerro. The membership sign-in showed 25 of 34 rigs were represented. New Busi-

ness Ray Schultz asked if someone would volunteer to publish the newsletter (Charlie Shipman is resigning), and Janis Bevier said she would take it on. All officers said they would stay in their positions for the next year. Jerry W discussed the By-laws changes that were sent out to the membership. The included 4 items are – 1. Dues are collected by either membership rep or Treasurer. 2. Change all reference from Affinity to Blue Compass. 3. Delete reference of Robert’s Rules of Order and change to a consensus format. 4. All volunteer positions report to officers. Dan Grayson moved to accept all proposals, Janis Bevier seconded. The membership voted to approve all by-laws changes. Jerry W gave an update on the Christmas Party. It will be at the Elks Lodge in PV on December 14, 2023 from 4:30 to 8:30. There is a choice of dinner – prime rib, mary me chicken, or vegetarian lasagna. There will be a no host bar and no outside liquor is allowed to be brought in. There will not be a gift exchange this year. Jerry W mentioned that 4 new couples will be joining our group in January. Volunteers Teresa Schultz has completed a photo album of outings through the Williams trip this August. Diane Grayson has been sending cards to members if there has been a family death or illness. Please remember to inform her if you know of someone affected. Sally Rosenfeld has plenty of hats, shirts, etc. Please contact her. Special thanks to Jerri Rook sending out all communications. And to Charlie Shipman for 3 years of newsletter publishing. Trip updates were given by Mary/Janis for Williams, Barb/Ray for Red River, Adrian/Jerry for Rocky Point, and Diane/Charlie for Page. All were well received. We are happy Sandy Aston and Larry Bisson have returned. Charley Shipman was the 50/50 winner .

(Minutes from Mary Meyers, Secretary)

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 14 TH AT THE
ELKS LODGE IN PRESCOTT VALLEY**

The party was a big success again this year thanks to the great food the Elk's Lodge provided . Thanks to the committee who organized it, Diane Grayson, Chris Sorensen, Audra Minette and Pat George. There were 47 members in attendance and Santa made an appearance too. Music was provided by Jarod Johnson.





LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

CAN A CROOK STEAL YOUR ENTIRE HOME?

The answer to that is an emphatic YES. The deed to your home can be changed to someone else's name without your knowledge and then sold. Refer to the AARP fraud watch article in their November newsletter. One member was a victim of attempted fraud on property he owns. Only an alert real estate agent prevented it. A person using his name tried to sell his property. The Yavapai County's Recorder's website allows anyone to change documents online. To help prevent this happening without your knowledge you can go to the County Recorders website to the self service page and select a tab called "FRAUD NOTIFY" Fraud Notify is a simple way to help you prevent from being the victim of property fraud. Register your name and when a document is recorded with your name on it, you will be notified via email. This gives you early warning of property fraud being committed in your name.

LAST LAUGH

Edible Bugs

A boy and his father were sitting around a campfire, each one enjoying a hearty bowl of soup. Looking at his dad curiously, the boy asked, "Hey, do you know if it's safe to eat bugs?"

The father blanched. "Why would you bring that up while we're trying to eat? Let's finish dinner first, and then you can ask me whatever you want."

After cleaning off their meal, the father sighed, patted his belly, and said, "So, what was this about bugs that you wanted to know?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy replied, washing out his bowl. "There was a bug in your soup, but it's gone now."

Thanks to our sponser Blue Compass RV Sales and Service for their continued support. Our liason is Gonzo Romero