

# ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS

November 2024



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## President's Message

Hello Roadrunners:

Hard to believe that Fall is here and for most of us the RVing season is almost over. We have had a few great outings over the past few months: Ruidoso NM, Dolores CO, Durango CO and Moab UT.

The Annual Campout, Blue Compass Dinner and Planning Meeting is coming up on November 8-11 at the Verde River RV Resort, hope to see you all there. If you have not booked think about signing up.

At the meeting we will Elect Officers, Collect Dues for next year, and Sign-up and Sell Tickets for our Christmas Party that is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Prescott Valley Elks Lodge.

Following the meeting Sunday morning we will have our annual Planning Meeting. I need you all to strongly consider being a Wagon Master and help coordinate a trip for 2025. Being a Wagon Master is not hard and without Wagon Masters planning trips, there will be less trips. If you are not up for being a Wagon Master, consider being a Co-Wagon Master and help out! We all need to help out as members.

As Winter is coming on don't forget to winterize your rigs.

Jerry Winters  
President

## No Longer RVing

We have cancelled our Camp Verde reservation after making a very hard decision to not travel with our trailer any more after enjoying it for 27 years all over the U.S.

Richard is 94, Therese is 91. It has gotten harder to get ready for trips, and do everything necessary once we get home. We know you'll understand.

We have enjoyed being with our Roadrunner friends these many years, and want to thank you all for the many happy memories and friendship.

We now have a 2003 Prowler Trailer, fully functioning and fully furnished with a new roof covering, for sale.

—Therese and Richard Abril



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## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is being held at Verde River RV Resort & Cottages at 1472 W Horseshoe Bend Drive in Camp Verde, AZ. Activities are planned for November 8-10. Most of us will be leaving on November 11. Check-in time is 11:00 am.

### Friday, Nov. 8—Happy Hour

4:30 pm  
Between Schultz and Winters site  
BYOB, Appetizers, Chairs and Badges

### Saturday, Nov. 9—Annual Blue Compass Dinner

Ray will be the main contact and coordinator between Campground, Blue Compass and Members  
At Upper Club House  
5:00 pm Happy Hour  
6:00 pm Dinner  
Wine, Steaks, Salad, Rolls and Cake  
Members to bring Plates, Utensils, Glasses and BYOB if you choose  
Bring Badges  
Everyone Help Clean Up

### Sunday, Nov. 10—Continental Breakfast

At Upper Club House  
Breakfast at 8:30 am  
Donuts, Coffee and OJ  
Members bring own Plates, Coffee Cups and OJ Glasses  
Members bring Badges

### Q4 Meeting

At Upper club House  
9:00 am  
General Agenda  
Raffle Tickets \$5 each and 50/50 Tickets \$5 each. Support the club and win a gift.  
Members bring Raffle Gift if Possible  
Members bring Veteran Donations if Possible. Brad Bean will be collecting items.  
Annual Dues Collection. Dues \$50 per rig.  
Christmas Party at Prescott Valley Elks Lodge on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ticket Sales \$25 pp  
(choice of Vegetable Lasagna, Roast Beef, Marry Me Chicken)  
Further details on Christmas Party to come.

### Year 2025 Trip Planning

At Upper Club House  
9:30/9:45 to 10:30 am

**Need Members to Bring ideas and to be Wagon Masters, no wagon masters no trips.**

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4:30 pm  
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BYOB, Appetizers, Chairs and Badges

## Along the River RV Park August 18-23, 2024

Eight RVs made the 2-day drive to Ruidoso, NM for this outing, and Shepherd's drove up to attend Sunday night's activities.

Sunday night was the Wagonmaster's dinner of chicken salad croissant sandwiches, veggie plates, chips, and cake for dessert.

Monday we went to the Inn of the Mountain Gods casino. A few people played casino games and won; a few people played casino games and lost. We separated into a few groups and had lunch at various restaurants in the casino.

Tuesday we toured the Smokey Bear Historic Park, museum, and gift shop in Capitan. We all met for lunch at the Smokey Bear Restaurant.

Wednesday we drove 95 miles to White Sands National Park. Enjoyed our time there then drove to Alamogordo for lunch. We stopped at PistachioLand on the way back to the RV park, bought some flavored pistachios, and of course took pictures of the large pistachio out front.

Thursday was a free day to entertain ourselves sleeping in, relaxing, doing whatever we wanted.

Friday we started the 2-day drive back home.

There were campfires every night, along with unexpected animal friends checking us out every day.

Co-Wagonmasters

Barbara & Adrian Geiger

Janis & Jim Bevier



## Dolores River Campground September 11-16, 2024

Ten rigs and a campground cabin with three members made up the entourage from the Roadrunners attending the outing at Dolores River Campground in Dolores, CO.

First, the bad news. Shirley Critelli fell and broke her hip while leaving a fishing dock the first morning. The dock should have been roped off. Shirley is now home after surgery in Durango. Her daughter came up that evening and has been taking charge of lining up rehab and care. Max and Linda Augustus must be commended for getting Shirley to the nearest hospital in Cortez. They stayed with her until she was transported to Durango. Our prayers go out for Shirley that her rehab and recovery go well.

Back to the outing. Dinner took place the first night at Montezuma's, a Mexican restaurant in town. Everyone attended and dinner got the outing off to a good start.

Daily activities were up to the attendees. The next scheduled event was the Wagonmaster dinner on Thursday evening that was held in the campground's roomy clubhouse. Pulled pork and pulled chicken headed the menu which was followed by a campfire next to the clubhouse.

Friday, many of us took a drive to Telluride where we rode the free gondolas over the ski area and into town. There was a Blues and Brews event

going on that really filled up the town but we were able to wander through a good-sized marketplace that was set up near the gondola station. That evening, we all enjoyed a happy hour and a propane fire between rigs.

Saturday during the day was open. Some fishing took place along with other trips to places like Mesa Verde and other beautiful sites around the area.

We gathered in the clubhouse again that evening for a potluck dinner. It has been said many times and it is still true – we have some great cooks in the club! After dinner, we had a White Elephant event that produced lots of laughs. Be sure to ask Sally Rosenfeld about her penguins. We had another campfire after the event.

Sunday, after a free day, we had dinner at the Dolores River Brewery where we enjoyed their craft brews and some darn good pizza. We then again retired to a rig where we talked and enjoyed ourselves into the evening.

Monday morning, during a rainstorm, we all prepared our rigs and headed on to Durango, certain parts North, or home.

Ozzie and Cheryl Gerro, along with Dan and Diane Grayson want to thank all attendees for being great sports.

We all wish Shirley the best, also.



## Spanish Trail RV Park October 14-18, 2024

Two rigs made it to this event in Moab, UT. We visited Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Lots of hiking and awesome views. Weather was good except for the last day.

A lasagna dinner was served.

—Ray and Theresa Schultz



## A Brief Comment on Moab, UT

FYI - For those who have not been to the Moab region, my comments assume dry terrain.

Perfect time of year for trip (October). Trees were turning in the canyons and cool weather. Hiking in the summer would be very limited due to temperature and sun exposure.

Their peak time is March thru October.

There are typically three key focus points: Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and off road exploring.

**Arches National Park** requires a reservation for entry time. We hit all the sites. We added Tovar Arch which is mainly a dirt road but good out to the site and it is a 1.5 mile hike to the arch. There is a second way but it is 4WD and gets you within ¼ mile. There are not a lot of people in this area.

**Canyonlands National Park** is actually three areas: Islands in the Sky, Needles, and the Maze. Islands in the Sky is just north of Moab and the most popular. It is bounded by the Green River and Colorado River and where they join. Needles is about 40 miles south closer to Montecello and 35 miles in. The Maze should be considered - isolated / self sustain - it is about five hours from Moab, dirt roads, 4WD and go prepared for trails that are not mapped and no resources.

I do have maps and Funtrek for Moab 4-wheel drive trails if someone is curious.

Moab has things for both A and B types. Rent Jeeps or ATV's for off-road. Schafer Trail was fun. Go for hikes, bike trails.

— Rich Taylor

## AZ-RV316 Endorsement

Adrian Geiger referred this RV Repair facility to me recently so I took my rig over to have them look at a generator issue that Galpin RV could not address. They fixed it.

I am not just recommending them because they fixed the generator. I was impressed with the courtesy and follow-up that they demonstrated. As the flyer (picture below) says, they also do body work.

I would highly recommend this outfit to anyone. They are worth the trip to Humboldt.

—Dan Grayson



## Social Media Information

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 that people can use to contact the Club, located under the "Contact Us" tab.

Facebook page: Yavapai Roadrunners  
All Facebook members are now able to post to this site.

## Newsletter Editor's Notes

This newsletter contains articles submitted by our members. Please send to me any articles you think would be of interest to our membership. My goal is to distribute the newsletter quarterly, during the week before our scheduled Quarterly meeting.

Please send your articles to me at my email address noted on the membership roster, at any time.

— Janis Bevier

### **Club Officers:**

President, Jerry Winters  
Vice-President, Ray Schultz  
Secretary, Mary Meyers

Treasurer, Barbara Geiger  
Communication, Jerri Rook  
Membership, Dan Grayson

### **Committee Chairmen:**

Newsletter, Janis Bevier  
Sound Tech, Lee Rosenfeld  
Special Projects, Sally Rosenfeld

Sunshine, Diane Grayson  
Veterans Project, Brad Bean  
Webmaster, Ray Schultz

### **Blue Compass RV:**

Liaison, Shelly Kern  
Liaison, Gonzo Romero

## 2024 Roadrunners Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date*</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wagon Master(s)</u>
January	13 15-19	<u>Quarterly Meeting 5:00 pm @ Blue Compass</u> @ Willow Creek Rd Prescott location Shady Lane RV Park, Quartzsite, AZ	Potluck dinner Rosenfeld/Gerro
February	15-20 22-26	Meridian RV Resort, Apache Junction, AZ Caravan Oasis RV Park, Yuma, AZ	Schultz/Minette/George Meyers
April	7-11 17	Buckskin Mountain State Park, Parker, AZ <u>Quarterly Meeting 12 Noon @ Goldwater Lake</u>	Meyers BYO Sack Lunch
May	17-19 16-20	Blue Compass RV, PV Home and Garden Show Sunrise RV Park, Kingman, AZ to attend the Kingman Street Drags	Any Available Schultz
June	3-7	Railside RV Ranch, Williams, AZ	Winters/Rook
July	20	<u>Quarterly Meeting 5:00 pm @ Blue Compass</u> @ 6850 East State Route 69 in Prescott Valley	Potluck dinner
August	18-23	Along the River RV Park, Ruidoso, NM	Geiger/Bevier
September	11-16 16-20	Dolores River RV Park, Dolores, CO Alpen Rose RV Park, Durango, CO	Grayson/Gerro Rosenfeld
October	14-19	Spanish Trail RV Park & Campground, Moab, UT	Schultz
November	8-11 10	Annual Meeting <u>Quarterly Meeting</u> followed by 2025 Planning Meeting @ Verde River RV Resort & Cottages on Horseshoe Bend Drive, Camp Verde, AZ	Club Officers
December	12	Christmas Dinner Party 5:00 pm @ Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley	Pat George & Volunteers

\* Dates listed are for day of arrival through date of departure