

# NEWS DRIFTS



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## July Rally @ Founders Park Irricana

Thursday afternoon saw the usual suspects gathering in Irricana at the Founders Park Campground. Greeted by the campground hosts, we were soon all parked and set up. It was great to see David and Marilyn Johnston join us, and Charter member Bob Bishop is becoming a regular again. We had a total of 8 coaches with the hosts Gerrit and Elsabé, and members Carr and Carol, Ray and Rosemary, Rod and Niki (new members), Bob and Cathy, and Stephen and Anne.

True to form, everyone was gathered on the shady driver's side of the Nel's coach, perfectly position to watch the Picks park the Club trailer in a back-in site. We, unfortunately for me, were the next to last to arrive having been delayed by negotiating a loan to pay for the fill of the empty diesel and propane tanks. Watching trailer parking is always good for a laugh by the spectators. But in my defense you can only see the top down view in the back-up camera, and can only see the trailer sides in the mirrors when it has gone too far off track — you know it is going straight when you can not see it.

After that bit of entertainment, with beverages in hand trading stories began, and after dinner on our own, we gathered around the fire. Fuel supplied by the Lucas' and Picks was soon providing warmth on a hot evening. Well one does have a fire for the flames not the warmth!



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### General Info

**Southern Alberta Drifters** is a registered chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association. Membership is open to any FMCA member in good standing.

All cheques, registration, and sign-up forms, should be sent by e-transfer to [southernalbertadrifters@gmail.com](mailto:southernalbertadrifters@gmail.com) or mail to our Treasurer:

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After the Friday morning breakfast of French Toast Bake, sausages and rhubarb/apple sauce, it was time to sit in the shade while Gerrit assembled his new ladder golf set, and the games began. A highlight of the day was Rod in his VERY Canadian shirt. It takes awhile to see all the logos on it from Tim Hortons to Moosehead beer to .... ! The hot but beautiful weather continued all day, so various groups formed in the shade. There was a gathering of the RV repair consultation group at Herberts' site ... the removal of a stripped awning arm bolt. By the time we had 4 'experts' in place to consult, it was removed and the replacement installed. AC issues led to David climbing up on his rig a number of times during the day ... turned out two of the fans and their mounting bolts had broken ... now waiting for parts.



At day's end it was time for the usual Friday "pot luck" and as always, all the participants outdid themselves. After dinner, Bob Lucas had us playing card bingo, and to the delight of his teammates, Ray had polished his technique winning the loonie and twonie pots rather than the dime and quarter ones of the previous Stirling Rally. *(Editor's note: It will of course be left unsaid that the Picks won a portion of the loonie AND twonie pots at both of the rallies — well they did act as bankers providing change for players, and the bank always wins?).*

Afterwards we had yummy ice cream bars, and David brought out his BioLite fire box. It is a really neat portable fire box with a battery fan system that soon had a smokeless fire going with lots of flames (unlike Gerrit's propane fire pit) and the fire lasted well into the evening.





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Saturday breakfast (is all we ever do is eat?) was eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage. The day continued with sitting and enjoying the sun. A short side group discussion on a caravan route for 2023 spontaneously occurred — more on this later as ideas firm up. It was then time for Nel's South African feast ... speciality sausage, buns, three salads and lots of wine to taste. Afterwards, fellowship continued well into the night with a nice fire going.





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Sunday was a cooler morning after a few hot days. After gathering for the farewell continental breakfast, we all got packed up and after saying our farewells, headed home. It was another beautiful day, and a pretty drive home with all the farmers' fields looking healthy and happy, and the canola fields in full glorious bloom, after all the rain we had previously followed by this hot spell.

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## Upcoming 2022 Events

**August 11 - 13**

**RV There Yet? Campground, Blackfalds**

- power & water & dump

*Organizers / Hosts:  
no host event*

**September 8 - 11**

**Centennial Park Campground, Claresholm**

- power & water & dump
- annual kite event, AGM, Elections for Vice President & Secretary
- discussion/planning for 2023

*Organizers / Hosts:  
Ron & Lane, & TBD*

## July Rally @ Founders Park Irricana

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Gerrit and Elsabé will be unpacking their motorhome to trade it in on a new-to-them larger fancier version. We are all looking forward to their "open house" to show it off at an upcoming rally!

The next event, August 11 - 13, is a "no host" rally at RV There Yet near Red Deer. It is self registration. Just call them up and register, mentioning that you are with the Southern Alberta Drifters group, and they will try and have all attendees close together. We had a great time at this campground last year. We understand there is a move on to find a mini-golf course so those in attendance can carry on the fierce rivalry that was evident at the event in Swift Current.

Then come on out to Claresholm (September 8 to 11). Besides the kite flying and other games, this is our Annual General Business Meeting. The agenda will include the election of officers (Vice President and Secretary — both current incumbents will not be running), the appointment of a Membership Director, and the Alternate National Director. So it's a busy time to put the Club's executive in place going forward. This meeting is also the time to discuss any proposed amendments to the bylaws (if needed) — get these to Secretary Ray well in advance of the meeting, so he can include them in the meeting agenda. The Treasurer's report

will also be presented, and also any other business items that need to come before the membership for information and/or voting.

With all that "club operations" stuff out of the way (hopefully promptly), it will be time for the important stuff — the planning of rallies and the Caravan for 2023! We are here to have fun and enjoy the fellowship of our camp-outs/rallies with the minimum of bureaucracy after all! Bring your ideas for locations forward. New spots to visit and explore are always of interest, so be ready to discuss the pros and cons of any proposed locations.

As always, consider running for one of the open Executive positions (or volunteer someone else ... hee hee). We do need a new membership person, so think about taking this on, but as always we are all responsible to seek out new potential members.

Finally, think about hosting one of the yet-to-be-decided rallies in 2023. By yourselves, jointly ... however ... it doesn't have to be a fancy lots of work event, just the basics is great. See the 'Host Cheat Sheet' included with this issue ... as it points out, it's up to you how much you want to take on ... or not.

As your publishers will not be at the August event, please send us photos and commentary for another News Drifts issue.



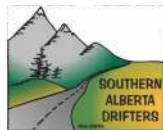
**Motivational Speaker: "You can do anything, you just have to wake up the lion inside of you."**

**The Lion inside me:**



## Host "Cheat Sheet" (aka - why re-invent the wheel)

1. Decide to be the Host !! Take on one of the planned weekends, or find another location and date that works.
2. Confirm the number of sites that have been booked by the Executive, If date and location have previously been arranged.
3. Develop a 'plan' for the weekend. Meals — do it yourself or group, or...?? ... if some of the food is to be provided, know the cost.
4. Develop the budget : campsite fee, food, overhead and confirm numbers with Treasurer (use Ron's spreadsheet! it helps).  
NOTE: events start on Thursday, but some members cannot come out until Friday (work etc), so a price for 3 days and for 2 days attendance has to be developed.
5. Advise Stephen and Anne of the details so they can complete the form (see sample below) to be circulated to the members.
6. Keep track of sign-ups so sites can be added (or dropped) if needed/possible.
7. Make arrangements to have the Club Trailer at the event if required. It can be picked up from Stephen & Anne's place.
8. Assign sites to attendees (size of rig, trailer close to cooking/gathering area, etc), and be there to help with parking.
9. If food or other supplies are needed, arrange to purchase and get reimbursed by Treasurer (keep all receipts).
10. If volunteers are needed to cook, or take on other tasks, just put the word out.
11. Enjoy the weekend and fellowship!



### Southern Alberta Drifters May Weekend Rally Registration Foothills Lions Campground - Black Diamond May 10th - 13th, 2018



#### Registration Cut-off Date : ????, 2018

The Foothills Lions Campground is located in the town of Black Diamond, on the banks of the Sheep River. The sites we have reserved are full hook-ups: 50 amp power, water, sewer, and wi-fi service.

We have **8 sites** reserved, and these are available on a **first come / first served** basis. If you want to be a part of this rally, make sure you get this form and your cheque in!

#### Organizers / Hosts: ??? ?i

##### Thursday May 10th

6:00 - 7:00 pm **???? Bring your own meal and eat together ???**

7:00 - 10:00 pm Social Mixer

##### Friday May 11th

4:00 - 5:30 pm Happy Hour

6:00 - 7:00 pm **Potluck hot Appetizers ... bring something substantial so it will be dinner (please bring enough for 6 people), dessert provided**

7:00 - 10:00 pm Social Mixer

##### Saturday May 12th

9:00 am **??? Breakfast ?? ??**

Events (if any) ??

4:00 - 5:30 pm Happy Hour

6:00 - 7:00 pm **Dinner ???potluck or provided or themed or???**

7:00 - 10:00 pm Social Mixer

##### Sunday May 13th **???? Breakfast ???**



### Southern Alberta Drifters

#### May Weekend Rally Registration - Foothills Lions Campground - May 10 to 13, 2018

Registration for coach w/2 persons: Full event (3 nights) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Weekend only (2 nights) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration per extra person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration \*\* for coach w/2 persons: add 10% to the event fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* (Note: late registration is an option only if spaces are still available, or if someone who signed up can no longer attend)

**TOTAL** (please make cheque payable to: Southern Alberta Drifters) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ PCode: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

• Please confirm attendance by email **ASAP** to the Wagonmasters **John and Donna Geib**

• And make sure to return this sign-up form with payment **by???** to:

**Note: non-refundable after ?????**

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