



# NEWS DRIFTS



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## 2022 Rally Plans and Stuff

Well, spring is here so it's time to return to Canada from your warm winter hideaways down south, or head out to your storage spot and dust off the rig. 2021 may not have been the year we all planned and hoped for, but that is behind us and it is time to plan and prepare for fun and fellowship at our 2022 rallies.

The list and dates of the rallies is included later in the newsletter. Check it out and plan on coming out when you can.

The big event planned for this summer is the Caravan in June. It includes stops in Stirling, Cypress Hills, and Swift Current Saskatchewan for the Windscape Kite Festival. More details on this will be out soon by email, and on the new club website.

Speaking of websites, Carr McLeod has done a **fantastic** job of getting it up and running. Check it out at [www.southernalbertadrifters.ca](http://www.southernalbertadrifters.ca). It will have the most current info. Send any fun photos and items to Carr for possible inclusion on the site. It is both an information tool for members, and also a recruiting tool for new members.

The first rally of the year is coming up soon. We open the season at the Black Diamond Lions Campground on May 12. As a full service campground it is a great place to sort out the rig and get it ready for the upcoming summer rally season. And, more importantly, to have lots of chats with fellow members on their winter and their plans for the summer. It can be wet some years (hopefully not as wet as in 2013!), but the comradery makes up for it!

Anne and I look forward to seeing you all in Black Diamond, or at one of the other rallies in 2022!

## 2015 Kite Festival Rally



## Annual Dues

### Have you paid your 2022 dues?

It's just \$20 per year ... consider paying for more than one year to make things easier!

Send your e-transfer payment now to [SouthernAlbertaDrifters@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernAlbertaDrifters@gmail.com) to ensure you get newsletters, rally sign-ups, and all other info during the year.

Or mail your cheque to: Carr McLeod, Treasurer, Southern Alberta Drifters  
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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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# Annual General Meeting & Elections

submitted by Ray Herbert, Secretary

## Southern Alberta Drifters Annual General Meeting (AGM), September 11, 2021 Claresholm Centennial Campground

### Call to order.

President Ron Kellam called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. There were 8 members present. It was declared that a quorum was present, and that the club membership had been advised of the meeting according to the bylaw requirements.

### Adoption of the previous AGM minutes.

Moved by Carr and seconded by Ed that the minutes be adopted as presented.

### Treasurer's Report.

The annual balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer. It was estimated that the bank balance would be approximately \$5,700 after all remaining bills are paid this year.

Moved by Ed and seconded by Gerrit that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

### The Drifters' Website.

The Drifters' website has not been updated in recent memory, and as such was of little use. Carr, with the help of Gerrit, has now created a new site with the intention of conveying information to potential new members, as well as creating a repository for club documentation. Carr described the website [www.southernalbertadrifters.ca](http://www.southernalbertadrifters.ca) in an e-mail dated September 2, 2021 which was sent to all members. The related costs were also included. Elements of the website that are for member eyes only are password-protected.

Ron suggested that the website costs be funded by an addition to each personal rally cost and that .com be protected.

Action. Carr to extend GoDaddy costs for one year and to investigate .com domain protection.

Moved by Bob and seconded by Ed that the website proceeds as presented.

### Membership.

Membership is still a concern as it is likely that we may lose at least one member of our current 15 this year. There are several initiatives that can be pursued, one being the additional exposure created by the updated website. It is also understood that FMCA could mail out a call for members on our behalf based on our prepared text. This could well reach an appropriate local audience.

Action. Ron to investigate and initiate.

There is still the need for a banner to be displayed at our rallies identifying our organizational name and website. Stephen to be asked if any action has been taken in this regard.

Action. Carr to ask Stephen to provide an estimate. If that fails, then check with Gerrit or go commercial. Banner must be available by Spring 2022.

A further suggestion is to advertise on Facebook. An advertisement could be devised to focus on the most likely type and location of RVers. We would also have control over the advertising budget. Ron voiced a reluctance to join Facebook, but this should not be an issue as we only need to place an ad. In any event, it was considered that an ad should not be placed until next Spring, so we will defer a decision until the first 2022 rally.

Action. Secretary to add to Business Meeting agenda at Black Diamond.

### Further 2021 Events.

Ed and Lorna reminded the meeting of:

1. Gobblefest at Beiseker on September 24, 2021. Please register ASAP if you wish to attend. Ed is looking into a breakfast at a local restaurant.
2. Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2021. Please advise Ed or Lorna if you plan to attend.

### 2022 Rallies.

It was agreed that the club will continue to have 5 rallies annually which will not be on long weekends. After some discussion, the following rally location were decided on:

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. May 12 – 14  | Black Diamond | Host 1 McLeod  | Host 2 Herbert |
| 2. June TBA     | Cardston *    | Host 1 Lucas   | Host 2 TBA     |
| 3. July 14 – 16 | Irricana      | Host 1 TBA     | Host 2 TBA     |
| 4. Aug 11 – 13  | RV There Yet  | Host 1 Bostock | Host 2 TBA     |
| 5. Sep. 8 – 11  | Claresholm    | Host 1 Kellam  | Host 2 TBA     |

- \* Secretarial note: Subsequent to the AGM, Cardston was replaced by Stirling \*

Action. Members to volunteer to Host above events. Host 1 to book 8 to 10 sites. Carr to book Irricana.

Additionally, Gerrit and Bob will look into organizing a caravan including several campgrounds over several nights. Details TBD.

Action. Gerrit and Bob

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# Annual General Meeting & Elections

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## 3Election of Officers.

Elected by acclamation:

- President – Ron Kellam
- Treasurer – Carr McLeod

## Other Business.

1. Governing Board Decision  
Ron explained how, with the help of FMCA in getting us a Temporary Delegate, we were able to vote at the Governing Board Meeting at Gillette, Wyoming, in July 2021. The result was a return from \$75 US to the \$50 US annual FMCA dues.
2. By-Laws  
Bob suggested that the AGM might be better held in the Spring vs. the current Fall meeting. It was felt that it would be better to start the season with fresh ideas and action plans. Carr noted that this would require changes to the Bylaws, but that changes were needed because of our change of the Fiscal Year agreed at the last AGM. Carr volunteered to review the By-Laws for the changes that Bob suggested and the FY change.

Action. Carr to circulate revised By-Laws in time for discussion at the first 2022 Rally.

## Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.  
Moved Marylyn, seconded Carol.

## Upcoming 2022 Events

May 12 - 14	<b>Black Diamond Lions Centennial Campground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full service</li></ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Carr &amp; Carole, Ray &amp; Rosemary</i>
June TBA	<b>Stirling Campground - Followed by the Caravan to Swift Current</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• power &amp; water</li></ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Bob &amp; Cathy, TBA</i>
July 14 - 16	<b>Irricana Municipal Campground (Founders Park)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• info to come</li></ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: TBA, TBA</i>
August 11 - 13	<b>RV There Yet?, near Red Deer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• power &amp; water</li></ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Ed &amp; Lorna, TBA</i>
September 8 - 11	<b>Centennial Park Campground, Claresholm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• power &amp; water</li><li>• annual kite event, AGM, elections for Vice President &amp; Secretary</li></ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Ron &amp; Lane, TBA</i>

*The above events are still subject to change. Watch for upcoming event dates and details as they become available!*

## Kite Festival Caravan - Conceptual Plans

*Gerrit Nel and Committee Members*

Starting June 9 to June 19 2022 ... the Caravan Tour is departing from the weekend rally at Stirling on Monday morning, June 13th. This offers members who cannot join the Caravan to still attend the weekend Sterling rally and depart on Sunday.

The Caravan members depart Monday morning (June 13th) and will head to Cypress Hills for say 4 days at two different camp sites in the Park (e.g., Alberta side and Saskatchewan side). Then depart Thursday or Friday (June 16 or 17) for Swift Current to spend the weekend enjoying the Kite Festival (June 18th and 19th). Caravan members can then depart back home on Sunday, or extend their trip to other destinations if they like to do a longer road trip from there.

More details regarding the Caravan itinerary and activities along the way will be forthcoming in the nest while. Plans will be updated on the SAD web site.

The current Caravan leadership committee members are as follows:

- Gerrit Nel — Wagonmaster
- Bob Lucas — Campground Planner and Booking Officer (deputy Wagonmaster)
- Ron Kellam — Tail-gunner (or Tail-end Charlie) dependent on ability to travel at the time
- Carr McLeod — Finance Officer (processing funds and payments)

We are looking for members with Medical expertise that can provide some basic medical assistance / help when required on the trip.

At this time no costs are available yet, but will be communicated once we get firm bookings at the planned destinations.

# Gobblefest Rally @ Beiseker

We closed out the 2021 rally season with a Gobblefest Rally in Beiseker. Ed and Lorna Bostock (the newlweds) made the arrangements AND cooked up a fantastic deep fried turkey dinner for all to enjoy. Fun was had by all, and after a very enjoyable weekend, we packed up on Sunday to prepare for trips south, or prepare the rig for a long winter nap. Everyone in attendance hoped that this fun end of season event can be repeated in 2022!

