

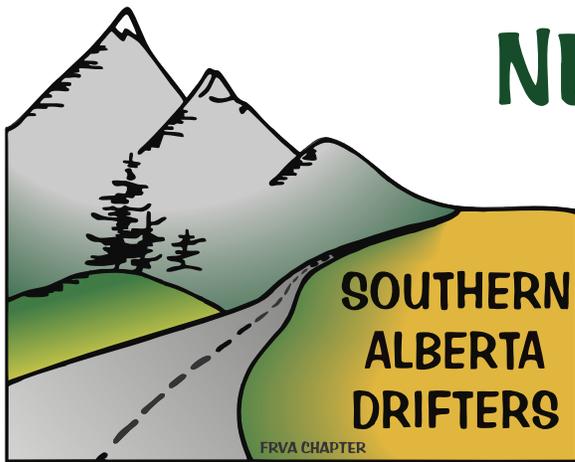
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2025 Diamond Valley Rally

A fantastic bit of weather for our first rally of 2025!! ... beautiful sunny days, with cool evenings and chilly nights. Eight units made the drive, and set up in the sunshine. A bit of a wind, but nothing our southern Alberta members would notice.



Thursday afternoon was filled with get togethers here and there, meeting and getting to know our new members, and everyone gathered around the fire pit after dinner. Handed out the windshield signs and name tags for the new members, but some revisions will be needed to correct spelling ... sigh ...



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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 dues, rally registration fees, and other payments, should be sent by e-transfer to southernalbertadrifters@gmail.com

Rally sign up details should be sent by email to the host as per that events registration form.

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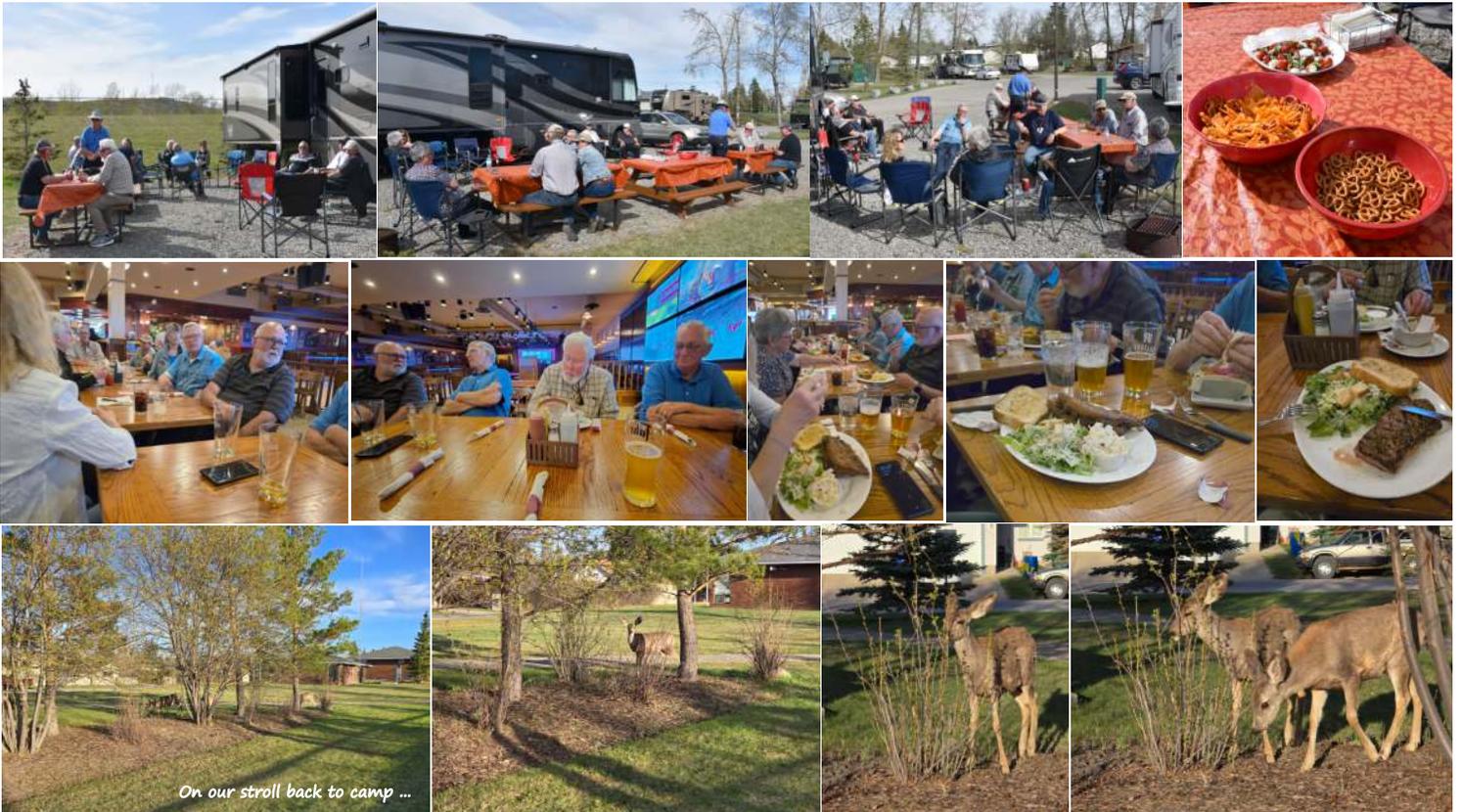
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Friday started with breakfast prepared by Stephen and Anne — scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns and toast. Carr McLeod arrived just in time to partake of the offerings. With the detritus cleared away, it was time for an informal meeting to discuss plans for the year and receive a report from the Treasurer. That done with, it was time for the AED training session that Cintas put on for us. He was a great presenter who kept the pace lively and interesting. Ron and Lane Kellam joined us for the presentation. For background, an AED device was donated to the Club by Gerrit Nel's company's CEO.. It is a gift we hope to never have to use, but greatly appreciated. Following the presentation the un-boxing and set up of the device was done, and initial talks were held on policy and procedures for its care and use. It was an excellent, informative and helpful presentation.



With that wrapped up, and after a Happy Hour session, (we ARE a happy group!) most headed out to the Black Diamond Hotel for dinner. Past member Lyle Davidson joined us for the afternoon and dinner. On the return walk we encountered some deer, who were not at all phased by our presence. The firepit was ready and soon lit after everyone got back, and we gathered around it for the balance of the evening.



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Saturday morning our hosts Gerrit and Elsabé put on a bacon, pancakes and eggs breakfast. With the tables cleared, the games began with a rousing round of LRC Dice in the morning, and Card Bingo in the afternoon with caller Tom. Great times and lots of trash talk!! Dinner was pot luck and as always the number, tastiness, variety and quality of the all the offerings was super. We have a great bunch of "chefs" as members it seems. The evening fire was lit and the fellowship continued well into the night.



2025 Events

June 12 - 15	Hand Hills High Country Campground, Drumheller Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power, water, dump • Tyrrell Museum, Atlas Coal Mine, Badlands 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Nel / Bishop / McLeod</i>
July 10 - 20	Caravan 2025 — NE Alberta/NW Saskatchewan Loop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camrose, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake PP, Battleford, Pike Lake PP 	<i>Organizer: Carr McLeod</i>
August 21 - 24	Black Sheep Camp, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta Salmon Fest #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dump, hiking, Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site, Saturday Farmers' Market • Annual Business Meeting, and elections for President and Treasurer 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Irma Connell & Wayne Bell</i>
September 11 - 14	Lions Nesting Place Campground, Rimbey, Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 amp power, water, dump • Smithson International Truck Museum, Hawktail Brewery 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Dave & Marilyn Johnston</i>

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Sunday morning came with special "Mother's Day" gifts for the ladies from Elsabé and Gerrit ... thanks! that was so sweet, both in thought and content! Quite the fun surprise for all. The continental breakfast spread was consumed, and the gradual exodus began as members packed up, hooked up toads, and hit the road.



The next event will be at Hand Hills in the Drumheller area on June 12 to 15th. Some members have alternate travel plans, but many will be in attendance there to continue the summer rally season.

A quick note on the Treasurer's report presented by Carr. There was a loss for 2024, but this was caused by required pre-payments for Caravan 2025 reservations. Once that is accounted for, the year 2024 was essentially a breakeven. With fees for the Caravan and Diamond Valley in the account, the Chapter is rather flush. But that will soon be back to normal levels as the AED training fee, Diamond Valley Rally expenses, and Caravan payments are made. A decision was made to increase the target ongoing cash balance from \$2000 to \$4000. This is in recognition of the increasing need to make larger advance down payments to campgrounds, particularly for the Caravan.

Have a great summer rally season with the Chapter, or wherever your travels take you. Unfortunately Anne and I will miss attending until September due to various conflicts, and travel northward (if the wild fires allow it).

With our upcoming rally absences, if members want an 'after-event' issue of NewsDrifts for the next 2 rallies and caravan, someone will have to take it on, or make sure to get us photos and write-ups in a timely manner! We will be on the road a lot but will do what we can.

Regarding the Club trailer and its contents, President Gerrit has taken a number of items from it to support the Drumheller Rally. For the August Rally, arrangements are in progress for Irma and Wayne to pick it up and take it to the event..

Good News !?

The crazy 2-slice toaster that gave everyone a challenge to figure out is going to the donation pile. It has been replaced with a 4-slice toaster that will hopefully be WAY easier to work with! AND make more toast at a time! Yay!

