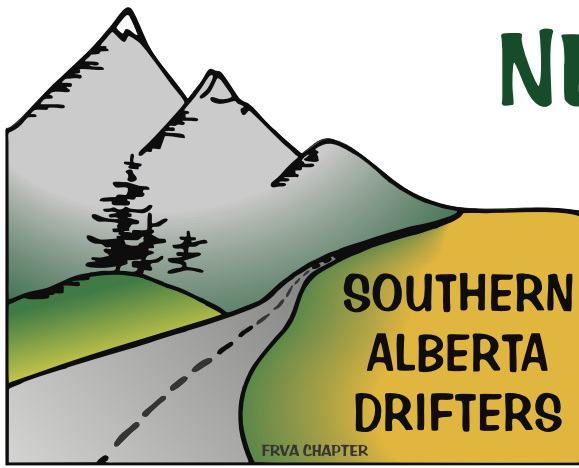




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First Rally of the 2026 Season May 7th - 10th in Diamond Valley

The annual kickoff to the rally season was held, as in past years, at the Lions Bob Lohead Memorial Campground in Diamond Valley. There were 10 Drifters signed up but we unfortunately had one drop out, so there were 9 units present for the festivities.



Events started with Happy Hour at the Host site (Nel's) at 4:00pm. Lots of catch-up done by all, that continued around the fire after the 'one your own' dinner. With a load of firewood delivered the Fire and Axe Crew headed by Anne soon had a cozy flame going, and while there were some sparse raindrops over the evening, it never amounted to much.



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General Info

Southern Alberta Drifters is a registered chapter of the Family RV Association. Membership is open to any FRVA 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 event's registration form.

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May Rally in Diamond Valley

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Friday morning kicked off with hot coffee and a hot breakfast — perfect for a coolish morning. The sun was out and it warmed up quickly. We all met for the spring organizational meeting at 10:00 am (note: we need to schedule this a bit later to allow time for breakfast cleanups!). With that in the books, everyone gathered for the annual challenge ladder golf tournament. Insignificant prizes were awarded to the winners of the men's and ladies rounds, and the battle of the sexes wind up. Karen took the ladies tournament and Christine (AKA — John?) won the men's and the final play off too. After a short break to recover from the strenuous (?) throwing efforts, we gathered again for a rousing round of card bingo. Rousing enough that the campground hosts commented on the sounds of fun they heard. That led into happy hour, and then dinner out at the Black Diamond Hotel. A small group gathered around the fire pit afterwards, with a bit of a cool breeze. Bruno treated us all to some homemade port so that, the conversation and the fire made for a great evening!



Saturday morning breakfast was cooked up, again on a coolish morning. That led into a rousing game of LRC with lots of laughter and trash talk, as is required! Emery, Luzia and Greg came away the big winners. After lunch, a bunch of us headed over for a tour of the Eau Claire Distillery and a tasting. It was interesting to see the progress and range of products now available since our last Chapter tour a number of years ago. It was “pot luck” night, and as usual the range and quality of the offerings was extensive and tasty. Complements to all the Chefs! That cleaned up and things put away, the fire was soon on and it was song night. The new Chapter song books came out (a work in progress) and Ernie had his small guitar. We are not the best of singers it seems, but all had a very merry time! (Bruno’s excellent port helped with the sound quality, or was it the blurring of hearing?)



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2026 Events

June 11 - 14

Enchant Municipal Park

- 30 amp power, water, dump

*Organizers / Hosts:
Tom & Carol Hewitt
Bob Bishop*

July 15 - 20

Wetaskiwin Lions Campground

- 30 amp power, water, sewer
- Reynolds Museum, Edmonton International Raceway
- Wine & Cheese competition

*Organizers:
Carr McLeod
Bob Bishop*

August 13 - 16

**Wagons West RV Park, Sundre
Salmon Fest #4**

- 30 amp power, water, sewer

*Organizers / Hosts:
Bruno & Luzia Montens
Greg & Karen Samson*

September 10 - 13

Founders Park Campground, Irricana

- 30 amp power, water, dump
- Annual Business Meeting, and
- Elections for Vice President and Secretary

*Organizers / Hosts:
Dave & Marilyn Johnston
Ernie & Anna Gonzi*

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

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Sunday, Mother's Day, was again cool but clear. The usual continental breakfast, followed by gift bags from Elsabé for the ladies. Then things wrapped up, and we all headed home after hugs and goodbyes.



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Fraser's



Bishop



Mylymock



Lerrands



Samsons



Montens



Now, to reconvene at Enchant in June! See you there!