

# TIRE TRACKS

Sun City RV Club Newsletter

April 2026

## Happy Spring!

Did you know the Sun City RV Club was chartered in 1962, not long after Sun City's opening in 1960? Think about it – that's a lot of caravan trips, a lot of potlucks, and a ton of volunteers to make it all work! How fitting that Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 19-25 this year, with the theme of "Your Year to Volunteer."

If you are a club volunteer, we salute you! If you'd like to become one there are a bunch of opportunities available, both short and longer term. We'd love for you to put your energy and talent to work! Contact President Joan Faretta or President-Elect Sarah Crashell at [suncityazrvclub@gmail.com](mailto:suncityazrvclub@gmail.com), so the club will be ready to roll when we resume meeting in October.



*Longtime volunteers Bob and Gail Hale hand over the Greeters/Sign In position to Mike and Becky Pfeiler at the March potluck. President Elect Sarah Crashell introduced the new team.*

## April Club Calendar

April 1	Game Night	5 PM	Bell
April 13-17	Tucson Caravan Trip		
April 21	Board Meeting	9AM	Riverview
April 21	Potluck & Meeting	5:30 PM	Sundial
April 24	Caravan Meeting	9AM	Sundial

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## Board of Directors 2026

Joan Faretta, President  
Sarah Crashell, President-Elect  
Diane Brown, Treasurer  
Brandee Brown, Secretary  
Mark Crashell, Alba Pearl, & Sandie Pasik, Caravan Directors  
Jean Hellwege, Communications Director  
Jim Brown, Membership Director



## Sun City RV Club Website

<https://scazrvclub.com>

## Facebook Account

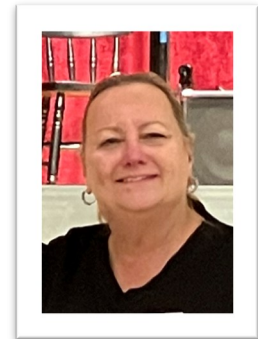
Sun City, AZ RV Club



## News from President Joan Faretta

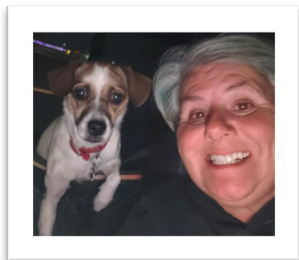
I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the concern extended during my recent knee surgery.

As we transition into April, spring has commenced in Arizona, ushering in our typical 100-degree Fahrenheit temperatures. Many of us are preparing to travel to our home states, visit friends and family, or seek cooler climates within Arizona. Others will remain here, enjoying cooler early mornings and late evenings, benefiting from reduced traffic and less crowded establishments. The summer season, much like life itself, will pass more quickly than anticipated and soon October will arrive, allowing us to reconvene for club activities and camping camaraderie.



I wish for everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer. Happy Trails to all.

## News from President Elect Sarah Crashell



A warm send off to our winter members.

As the temperatures rise and the desert sun starts reminding us who's boss, it's time to wave a cheerful goodbye to our beloved snowbirds. We've loved having your rigs, your stories, and your laughter parked right alongside us this season.

Safe travels as you flap your wings and migrate north once again. May your roads be smooth, your campsites level, your fuel prices merciful, and your GPS always correct on the first try.

Don't stay away too long—we'll keep the sunshine warm for you. Until next season, travel happy and keep those wheels rolling!

### Wanted: RV Club Officers

No experience required. Sense of humor mandatory.

We're looking for a few brave souls willing to help steer this fabulous circus we call Sun City AZ RV Club. Duties include: having fun, pretending to be organized, and occasionally knowing where the coffee is.

Perks:

- Unlimited bragging rights
- Guaranteed applause (we can clap on command)
- The joy of keeping this rolling party on the road



If you can raise your hand, nod your head, or accidentally make eye contact, congratulations—you're eligible.

## Caravan News from Mark Crashell

As the last trip of the season approaches, I want to thank the members of the Caravan Committee for all their hard work in planning next season’s adventures. Also, a special thank you to everyone that stepped up and volunteered as wagon masters, many of which have created a new standard of excellence that will be hard to top!

I saw a new group of members signing up as co-wagon masters It sure looks like the mentoring process is working! That will create some enjoyable time for those who have volunteered so much of their time to just sit back and enjoy future trips.

The Caravan meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> trip of the fall season, LaPaz County Park in Parker, AZ was a great success! All 22 sites of Group Camping Area were sold out with only 1 member placed on a waiting list. As we get closer to the departure date, (10/12/26), side trips and other details get firmed up, I will be sending out email updates.

Remember; Sundance in Yuma, Whistle Stop in Prescott Valley, Pilot Knob in Winterhaven CA and North Ranch in Congress AZ all **require our**

**members to make their own reservations.** After you make the reservation please email: [rvclubreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rvclubreservations@gmail.com) with your site number, your full names, rec card numbers and any confirmation number you were given. This is the only way we can monitor the head count. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.** The Sundance trip to Yuma in November already has 6 members reserved!!!!, only 14 spots remain.



Sandie Pasik, Mark Crashell, & Alba Pearl

Over the Summer Jean Hellwege will be sending out email blasts when trips are full or near capacity.

Finally, the spreadsheet with all the trip details is now linked to the RV club website, as updates are made, and the April 2027 trip is finalized, the web site link to the spreadsheet will be automatically updated. Website is <https://scazrvclub.com>

Have a safe and happy summer!

## Softball Winners & Losers—March Roper Lake Caravan



## Caravan Schedule

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Wagon Masters</u>
Rincon RV Park (Tucson)	4/13-17, 2026	Roger & Eileen Brown Mike and Carol Spencer
La Paz County Park, Parker AZ	10/12-16, 2026	Mark & Sarah Crashell
Halloween Bash (Sun Bowl)	10/30-31, 2026	Brandee & Jim Brown Don & Julianna Parker
Sundance RV Resort (Yuma)	11/9-13, 2026	Alba & Jay Pearl Ronnie & Scott Hughes
Whistlestop RV Resort (Dewey AZ)	12/6-10, 2026	Eileen & Roger Brown Gary Tayar & Kathleen Strawn
Pilot Knob (Winterhaven, CA)	1/17-21, 2027	Joan & Dan Faretta Sandy & Rick Gehlbach
North Ranch RV Park (Congress, AZ)	2/14-21, 2027	Carol & Lloyd Reimann Sally & Jim McCabe
Roper Lake State Park (Safford, AZ)	3/7-11, 2027	Dave & Marta Armstrong Sally & Jim McCabe

## March Cravan Trip to Roper Lake



Wagon Masters Eileen & Roger Brown and Co-Wagon Masters Becky & Mike Pfeiler



## Communication Info from Director Jean Hellwege

### Ways to keep informed and connected in the RV Club:

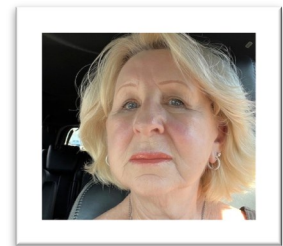
- **Website** (trips, newsletter, calendar, forms): <https://scazrvclub.com>
- **Club email** (members can request all-member emails sent to advertise RV equipment for sale or to ask questions about the RV club): [suncityazrvclub@gmail.com](mailto:suncityazrvclub@gmail.com)
- **Caravan email** (members communicate when they book a reservation for one of the club's caravan trips): [rvclubreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rvclubreservations@gmail.com).
- **President email** (communication to the club president): [scazrvclubpres@gmail.com](mailto:scazrvclubpres@gmail.com)
- **Treasurer email** (communication to the club treasurer): [scazrvclubtreas@gmail.com](mailto:scazrvclubtreas@gmail.com)
- **Facebook club member group**: [Sun City, AZ RV Club](#)



Please send all requests for club emails to the [sun city rv club email](mailto:suncityazrvclub@gmail.com)



## April Potluck Meeting Entertainment from Alyse Porter



Entertainment for April 21st is going to be all about Rock & Roll with a nice variety of easy listening dance tunes.

Our Guest Entertainer will be **LEE MADDEN**.



He is a seasoned veteran of the music entertainment industry and has an impressive 59-year career that spans multiple genres and experiences. Lee traveled the Midwest and East Coast of the entertainment circuit. He has recorded vocals on two albums and has shared the stage with legendary Bo Diddley.

Don't miss the special appearance of this very talented guy. Please feel free to dress in your Rock-Roll best attire. Get that poodle skirt out of the closet; lace up those saddle shoes and look forward to a super fun time....

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE... Alyse

## March Game Nights!



## A Few Bingo Winners at the March Potluck



### Hints for Successful RVing

Three of the nastiest outlaw bikers you've ever seen pull into a roadside café. They're all riding big shiny motorcycles, their long, wild hair and beards blowing in the wind.

There's no one in the café except a man whose RV is parked in the lot and the waitress.

The first biker walks up to the man's table. He dips a finger into the man's coffee, stirs it a bit, puts the finger in his mouth and pronounces "This is lousy coffee."

The next one picks up the RV owners coup bowl, sniffs it, spits into it and says, "This is lousy soup."

The last one picks up the man's hamburger, squeezes it to a pulp and announces "This is a lousy hamburger."

The RVer quietly gets up, pays his bill and walks out.

The first biker laughs and sneers as he turns to the waitress and says "That guy ain't much of a man, is he?"

The waitress pauses as she looks out the window, then says "He ain't much of a driver either...he just backed over three motorcycles on his way out of here."

### Propane Refilling at the RV Compound

The SCRV Compound propane refilling service extends beyond just motorhomes and travel trailers. You are welcome to bring in your propane tanks from home, including those connected to your BBQ grill. This service is for members only. The Compound is not open to the public.

