

ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS

July 2025



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President's Message

Hello Roadrunners,

The year is flying by and I hope you're having a GREAT YEAR. We have had some great trips and get-togethers and more trips are planned. Some of the previous trips and get-togethers to mention: January meeting, Quartzsite trip, Patagonia trip, Goldwater Lake meeting, Dead Horse trip, Williams trip & Car Show, and Bryce/Zion trip.

We have more trips and get-togethers to come: Durango, Branson, Tombstone, Page balloon festival, Annual camp out in Verde Valley and the Christmas dinner party. So, check into these.

We have our Q3 meeting and potluck scheduled for July 12th at 5pm; see coming email for details.

The club held a Fund Raiser at the PV Flea Market coordinated by Lee, Ozzie and Cheryl. We had many members contribute items and many came and worked the event. Thanks all for your help. Details will be presented at the quarterly meeting.

As we move to the second half of the year, we need to plan for the club's future and new officers as the current board has served for multiple terms and are not running for re-election. So, we need members to step up and take on a Board position or the club may not continue. Please consider taking on a Board position!

As with many mergers and acquisitions you see some changes in management and staff and our Blue Compass representatives have changed, but the relationship is still strong. The July RV show has not been scheduled and may happen at a later date. Will keep you posted.

We have a few members that have had or are having surgeries, so keep them in your thoughts.

We have also had some new members join the club and it is always nice meeting new travelers, make sure to get acquainted with them.

Safe Travels,
Jerry Winters
President

Quarterly Meeting July 12, 2025

Our July 12 quarterly meeting will be held at 5:00 pm at the Blue Compass Maintenance Shop located at 6850 East State Route 69 in Prescott Valley.

We will start with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share, your dining utensils, and drinks. After dinner we will hold our business meeting, followed by the raffle drawings. Raffle item donations are appreciated.

We will also be collecting items for our local Veterans. Bring an item(s) to donate if you care to participate.



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Patagonia Lake **March 30—April 3**

Five rigs made their way to Patagonia Lake in Southern Arizona for four days of sun and fun. Making the trip were the Chauncey's, Grayson's, Geiger's, and Arnie Huizenga and Kathleen. Wagonmasters provided a dinner on Sunday after the guests traveled and set up. We served lasagna, garlic bread and salad.

On Monday the group went to the Tubac Golf Resort and lunched on the patio at the Stables Restaurant. Always lots to see with the golfers and cows right next door grazing or relaxing. But the most fun was watching a group of eighty local women arriving by golf cart which most had decorated for the event. The theme for them was Safari and they dressed as animals or African designed attire. There were easily 30 golf carts. After lunch we went into Tubac to shop at the Kitchen store – one of my favorites. Always find interesting stuff. And Diane Grayson brought a list to take advantage of the great store.

Dan tried fishing on Tuesday without any luck. However, I did see a fish being brought in and kept while I was there. The Chauncey's took advantage of some of the hiking trails around the lake.

On our last day we lunched at the Wild Horse Restaurant in the local hotel. They gave us our own dining room.

Our happy hours every night were in the campground and everyone brought snacks. Arnie brought homemade cookies which were excellent.

We had wind on one day but the sun was shining every day. Another successful outing for Yavapai Roadrunners.

— Doug and Mary Meyers, Wagonmasters



Dead Horse Ranch **April 30—May 5**

We had 10 rigs show up for this wonderful event. Wagonmasters served a smash burger dinner with all the fixings.

Went on the Verde Canyon Train on Friday for a scenic trip to Perkinsville (a place of nowhere!).

Attended the Blazin M Ranch dinner show right next to the RV park on Sunday evening.

Got some much needed rain. And happy hours every night. Lee's margarita machine didn't get much rest. Weather was unbelievably cool with very little wind.

Those of you that didn't attend missed a good time!

— Ray and Teresa Schultz, Wagonmasters



Club Flea Market Sale At Peddler's Pass

On June 14th quite a few members dropped off their no longer needed prized possessions to be sold, with proceeds going into the club treasury.

We had a really good assortment of merchandise to sell. What was interesting was that as we were unloading things from our vehicles other Vendors ran over to see what we had. They bought a lot of our stuff (to resale themselves) before we hardly had a chance to set it down and get organized. Guess our prices were too cheap to pass up, but that gave us hope for more \$\$ to come our way the rest of the morning.

Thank You - Lee, Ozzie and Cheryl - for organizing this event. We look forward to hearing all the details at the quarterly meeting. As always, those who hung around had a good time spending the morning together laughing, eating donuts, and making money; the only thing missing was Margaritas!



In the picture from left to right are Lee Rosenfeld (sitting), Jim & Janis Bevier (standing), Audra & Bruce Minette (sitting back row), and Ozzie & Cheryl Gerro (sitting front row).

Missing from the picture are Ron & Jerri Rook (they were out shopping at other Vendors), Pat George (was sitting in the shade over by the snack bar with her daughter and granddaughter), and Jerry Winters (was taking the picture).

Thank you to everyone who participated whether with your items or your time. This was both fun and successful.

Fund Raising Ideas

Our first attempt to raise extra funds for our club treasury by having a flea market sale was quite successful. What other ideas do members have to help increase the club treasury funds?

Any suggestions?

Blue Compass Key Contacts

Roadrunner Members, with Blue Compass being our Sponsor a few things to keep in mind:

- If you are considering Buying or Selling an RV you may want to try and work with one of our Representatives located at the Prescott Willow Creek Road site:

Rick Morquecho 928-710-7078
rick.morquecho@bluecompassrv.com

James McConnell 520-831-0221
james.mcconnell@bluecompassrv.com

- Our Representative located at the Prescott Valley site is:

Anthony Brigante, General Manager
480-476-6715
anthony.brigante@bluecompassrv.com

- If you are having an issue related to Blue Compass and have worked thru all normal channels at Blue Compass with no success, you may want to reach out to Bob Been who is VP, Industry Relations and also handles Community Relations:

Bob Been 928-713-3710
Robert.Been@BlueCompassRV.com



Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks **June 15-21, 2025**

On Sunday, most of the group drove to Bryce Canyon National Park. Attended by eight rigs. It was very smoky at Bryce due to fires nearby.

Monday the entire group went to Bryce NP. That evening we attended Ebenezer's - great food and wonderful Country singing entertainment.

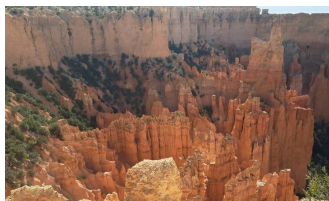
Tuesday we had the Host Dinner of Pulled Pork and sides and dessert at the campground Pavilion. We also played Corn Hole & Bingo - gave prizes for winners.

Wednesday we all drove from Bryce to Zion (83 miles/1 hour 45 min). We had to pay \$15 for the permit to drive through the tunnel at Zion.

Thursday and Friday most of the group went into Zion NP to hike and/or ride the shuttle to see the park.

We had Happy Hours every evening with great appetizers and fellowship. The group drove home on Saturday, under very windy conditions!

— Ron & Jerri Rook, Jerry & Gina Winters
Co-Wagonmasters



Durango September 2-6, 2025 **Ron & Jerri Rook, Wagonmasters**

If you are interested in this trip, please book quickly and let Jerri know your site number, as she will be in Australia the month of July.

Jerri also needs to know if you are interested in riding the Silverton Train, as she & Ron will not be riding the train this year (we rode it in 2022 & 2023 - cost for two in 2023 was \$309). I will need to get those who want to ride it the information about who to call and what to say (you will book your own reservation). It is a great train ride!!

We will offer Host Dinner on Sept 3rd, so plan on riding the train either on Sept 4 or 5, 2025, if you are so inclined.

WHERE: Alpen Rose RV Park
27847 Hwy 550 North
Durango, CO 81301
970-247-5540

DATE: September 2-6 (leaving the 6th) - 4 nights

COST: \$72.50 per night (more for larger rigs with more amps)

MISC: Rook's are in site #63, Chauncey site #51, Miller site #64

-Check-in is 1:00 pm

-The park is open year-round, so you can call them anytime

-The park has a website that has a Park Map and other information
<https://alpenroservpark.com>

ACTIVITIES:

*Durango & Silverton Railroad (dog walking service, at the Park, if you choose to ride the train)

*Good restaurants (BBQ, Brewery)

*Downtown shopping & thrift stores

*Honeyville (Honey store - free samples)

*Nearby is Mesa Verde National Park

*Fishing / Golfing / Hiking

There are no Cabins at this RV Park, but many hotels are nearby.

More details to follow once we know who is going to Durango.

Once you book a reservation, please let us know your site number.

— Ron and Jerri Rook
rjrook@yahoo.com 575-770-2708

2026 Officers

To Our Cherished Roadrunners Members:

Your board members have been in place and honored to serve, for three to ten or more years. While the tasks and responsibilities are not overly taxing, we feel it is time to step down and let the next generation of Roadrunners take over and steer the club forward.

Our club cannot exist without officers to coordinate and schedule events, interact with our sponsor Blue Compass, and conduct our meetings. We have a responsibility to Blue Compass to assist where needed in return for their continued support. All of these tasks require officers to do these jobs.

Please take some time to consider applying for the board positions of:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Registrar

We also need volunteers for the support positions of:

Communications

Newsletter Editor

Merchandise Coordinator

Sunshine Person

No one on the board wishes to see the club come to an end because of a lack of officers and support personnel. However, some on the board are getting older, some wish to travel more extensively, and some just need to recalibrate.

Please consider these things before discounting the fact that you can perform one of the necessary positions. Your involvement is definitely needed.

Branson, MO **September 22-27, 2025**

If you have signed up to go to Branson make sure you send Jerry Winters your list of shows with times and dates you are going. We will try to coordinate activities among attendees.

More details to be discussed and sent out soon.

Annual Meeting **November 3-7, 2025**

Our annual camp out and planning meeting is being held at Verde River RV Resort & Cottages, 1472 W Horseshoe Bend Drive in Camp Verde, AZ. If you haven't made your reservation yet, call them at (928) 202-3409; tell them you are with the Roadrunners RV group. The park is holding a number of sites together for us until August. After that you may not be able to book a site, or get a site that is near the rest of the club.

When you have made your reservation please contact Ray Schultz and give him your site number. An accurate attendance count is needed for meal planning purposes, etc.



Social Media Information

Web Site: <http://www.yavapairoadrunners.com>

The site is updated and managed by Ray Schultz so if you have news or pictures, send them to Ray. The site has a Roadrunner email that people can use to contact the Club, located under the 'Contact Us' tab.

Facebook page: Yavapai Roadrunners

All Facebook members are able to post to this site.

2025 Roadrunners Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date*</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wagonmaster(s)</u>
January	11	<u>Quarterly Meeting 5:00 pm @ Blue Compass</u> @ 6850 East State Route 69 in Prescott Valley	Potluck dinner
	20-24	Q-View RV Park, Quartzsite, AZ	Rosenfeld/Gerro
March	30-Apr 3	Patagonia Lake State Park, AZ	Meyers
April	9	<u>Quarterly Meeting 12 Noon @ Goldwater Lake</u>	BYO Sack Lunch
	30-May 5	Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, AZ	Schultz
June	5-9	Grand Canyon Railway RV Park, Williams, AZ	Gerro/Rosenfeld
	14	Club Flea Market @ Peddler's Pass in Prescott Valley	Rosenfeld/Gerro
	15-18	Ruby's Inn RV Park, Bryce Canyon City, UT	Rook/Winters
	18-21	Zion Canyon Campground, Springdale, UT	Rook/Winters
July	12	<u>Quarterly Meeting 5:00 pm @ Blue Compass</u> @ 6850 East State Route 69 in Prescott Valley	Potluck dinner
September	2-6	Alpen Rose RV Park, Durango, CO	Rook
	22-27	Musicland Kampground, Branson, MO plus travel days before/after	Chauncey/Winters
October	6-10	Tombstone, AZ	Grayson/Winters
	29-Nov 2	Page Lake Powell Campground, AZ to attend Page Balloon Regatta	Bevier/Geiger
November	3-7	Annual Meeting	Club Officers
	5	<u>Quarterly Meeting</u> followed by 2026 Planning Meeting @ Verde River RV Resort & Cottages on Horseshoe Bend Drive, Camp Verde, AZ	
December	11	Christmas Dinner Party 5:00 pm @ Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley	Pat George & Volunteers

*Dates listed are for day of arrival through date of departure