

ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS

January 2026



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President's Message

Happy New Year, All!!!

2026 looks to be a fun year for the Yavapai Roadrunners. Lots of interesting places to experience, and more importantly, friendships to make and enjoy!!

If you haven't done so already, please email me before January 7th to let me know if you will be at the January 14th quarterly meeting. We have to give the restaurant a head count. The meeting is at the Mi Tierra restaurant (Best Western Prescottorian hotel) at 11:30 AM. If you can bring a raffle gift, that would be great!

Quartzite and Apache Junction outings are coming up fast!

If you have an issue or idea for the club to consider, we need to have that before the board meeting on the 7th as well, so we can get it on the agenda.

If you take any personal trips, be scouting for future trips for the club. Marsha and I (and Jackson) will be doing two scouting trips.

We're looking forward to seeing you all on the 14th.

Hope you all have a **HEALTHY**, happy, and adventurous 2026!!

Dave Chauncey
President

Quarterly Meeting January 14, 2026

Our January 14 quarterly meeting will be held at 11:30 am at Mi Tierra Mexicana Restaurant, 1317 E Gurley St in Prescott (at the Best Western Prescottorian Hotel).

There will be a special menu; around \$15-17 per person.

After dinner we will hold our business meeting, then raffle drawings (raffle items are appreciated).

2026 Officers

President	Dave Chauncey
Vice President	Ozzie Gerro
Treasurer	Cheryl Gerro
Membership	Sally Rosenfeld
Secretary	- open -

Nominees were unanimously voted for approval at our November meeting. Thank you for offering to take charge of the club for next year.

UPDATE: Lee Rosenfeld has recently volunteered to be our Secretary. We will vote to approve his nomination at our January meeting.

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Durango, CO
September 2-6, 2025

Rook's and Miller's were the two rigs that enjoyed several days in the beautiful mountains of Colorado at Alpen Rose RV Park.

We each took two days to get to Durango by staying the first night in Gallup, NM at USA RV Park.

While in Durango, we had cool weather and rain. On September 3rd the Rook's hosted a Green Chili Stew dinner, with Tortillas. As spicy as it was, Kevin still added some Serrano peppers! With just two rigs, we had a very relaxing time, conversations, and of course, great Happy Hours.

— Jerri & Ron Rook, Wagonmasters



National Park Entry Changes 2026

If you are planning on visiting one of our national parks in 2026, make sure you are aware of the entry requirements for that park. Some changes have been proposed or are being implemented, such as ID may be required in addition to showing your annual pass, additional fees, etc. Research the particular park before you arrive to avoid any unexpected delays.



Branson, MO
September 22-27, 2025

A group of Roadrunners went on a GREAT TRIP to Branson in September. Wagonmasters Chauncey and Winters organized a 12-day trip along with members Abbott, Rask and Huijzena attending the trip.

We had a few stops overnight on the way to and from including a fun night at the Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo (no one ate the 72 oz steak dinner).

In Branson members saw a variety of shows: David, Branson Belle River Boat, Dolly Parton Stampede, Titanic and the Bee Gee's . All the shows were awesome and Branson had many great places to eat and sight see.

We had a dinner one night with Minestrone Soup, Salad and Peach Cobbler and along the way we also had a few Happy Hours to enjoy the journey. We hit some rain along the way, and one day we had 4 inches of rain in Branson; WOW. This trip added a few more states to our traveled to maps.



Page Balloon Regatta

October 28 - November 2, 2025

Balloons, balloons, balloons ... we saw a lot of balloons. Twelve of us had a great time every morning at the golf course standing amid the balloons as they were 'aired up' and lifted off. It is very interesting to watch what it takes to get them up in the air, usually about a 20-30 minute process. We are surprised you are allowed to get so close to the balloons and baskets.

One morning a few of us went on an Antelope Canyon tour, colors are beautiful. Nice hike, too.

The street festival had lots of food and miscellaneous stuff for sale; a few purchases were made. We had dinner at Big John's Texas BBQ Saturday evening and it was a really good meal. After it started getting dark, the balloon glow in the street was amazing. About a dozen of the balloons were aired up; they were tethered to the ground so they didn't lift off.

Wagonmasters served beef stroganoff, salad, cheesecake bites, and brownies as their welcome dinner. Other night's happy hours were enjoyed with an assortment of drinks and more food. The weather was perfect for the entire week, sunny, temperatures in the 70s, and no wind to hamper any event.

Maybe in a couple years we will do it again.

— Janis & Jim Bevier, Barbara & Adrian Geiger
Co-Wagonmasters



He was not a balloon



Annual Meeting November 3-7, 2025

Our annual camp out and planning meeting at Verde River RV Resort & Cottages was a lot of fun; 15 rigs attended and several members stayed in the resort's cottages.

We were blessed with great camping weather; had happy hours every night with plenty of good food. Dinner on Wednesday evening was cooked by the resort staff: wine, salad, steak, twice-baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, and rolls. Chocolate cake for dessert was provided by the club. It was a very good meal! After dinner we held our Quarterly Meeting during which we elected our officers for 2026.

Thursday morning's Planning Meeting was very successful too. We have an event happening every month next year, and some month's have more than one thing going on. Thank you to everyone for helping our club get out and travel. After all, we are an RV club so that is what we are supposed to do.



Christmas Party December 11, 2025

Our Christmas dinner and party was held at the Elk's club in Prescott Valley. Forty members enjoyed a dinner, gift exchange, and dancing to end our year's activities. Santa also appeared and passed out gifts to everyone.

Thank you Pat and your helpers for organizing the event. Thank you Ray and Teresa for the pictures.

Our new sponsors
Nathan & Jessica
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Meridian RV Resort
February 19-23, 2026

Meridian RV Resort
1901 S. Meridian Road
Apache Junction, AZ
480-474-8900

Meridian RV Resort has some full hook-up sites together, but they will not hold them for us. If you are interested in going you should call and make your reservation ASAP as February is a busy time there and these sites will go fast. Several members have already reserved a site.

Call the resort to reserve a site; do not make a reservation online because you cannot choose your site that way. Their phone number is 480-474-8900, option 4, and the time to call is from 10 am—2 pm Monday through Friday. They are closed on the weekends. When you call between these hours you will talk to the on-site office which is what you want. Cost is \$67 per night including taxes. No need to mention Roadrunners, you reserve your sites individually.

Schultz is in site 42 and Grayson is in 43. The other sites available as of this writing were 48 and 49 and 54-60. You can view the resort map on their website [Encore Meridian | RV Resorts in Arizona](#). All sites are back-in and if you are pulling a trailer your back-up parking skills will definitely be tested.

As far as things to do, there is plenty:

- Mesa Market (the largest flea market in the state) open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Dolly's Steamboat touring Canyon Lake
- Tortilla Flat (small town near Canyon Lake)
Good food and tourist stuff.
- Goldfield Ghost Town (interesting but a tourist trap)
- Bryce Thompson Arboretum near Superior (kind of far but interesting if you are into those things)

Additional details will be sent at a later date.

— Ray & Teresa Schultz, Dan & Diane Grayson
Co-Wagonmasters



Quartzsite, AZ
January 19-22, 2026

Q-View RV Park has set aside 10 sites for us near their covered patio area. They are giving us a group discount rate of \$186. If you want to attend this outing, please call them to claim a spot. Be sure to give them Ozzie Gerro's name and the Roadrunners to be assigned a site within part of our group.

Q-View RV Park's web page is [qviewaz.com](#) and their phone number is 928-927-4393.

Please contact Ozzie or Lee and let them know you have made a reservation.

UPDATE: Please contact Lee if you can Co-Wagonmaster with them; Gerro's are not able to attend due to an unfortunate accident.

— Lee & Sally Rosenfeld, Wagonmasters

Las Cruces & Silver City, NM
March 16-23, 2026

Las Cruces is about 500 miles from Prescott. It is close to White Sands National Park, War Eagles Air Museum and International Space Hall of Fame. We will spend four nights at Hacienda RV Resort. With our discount the rate will be about \$60/night. The campground is holding eight (8) sites until December 1 for our group. You need to call the campground at 575-528-5800 before December 1 and tell them you are with the Yavapai Roadrunners so they put you with our group. There is a one-night deposit required. We will have lunch one day in the Old Mesilla. Stay tuned for other activities.

Silver City is an old mining town 111 miles from Las Cruces. We will spend three nights at Rose Valley RV Ranch. They have set aside eight (8) back in sites close to the barn that we can use for gatherings. With our discount the rate will be about \$40/night. They will hold the sites until the beginning of March. When you call the campground at 575-534-4277 tell them you are with the Yavapai Roadrunners so they will put you in one of our sites. There is a one-night deposit required. Stay tuned for activities.

Please let the Wagonmasters know when you reserve a site.

— Barbara & Adrian Geiger, Janis & Jim Bevier
Co-Wagonmasters

2026 Roadrunners Calendar

Last Update: 01/01/2026

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date*</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wagonmaster(s)</u>
January	14	<u>Lunch & Quarterly Meeting 11:30 am @ Mi Tierra</u> 1317 E Gurley St., Prescott (Best Western Prescottonian Hotel) Special menu, \$15-17	
	19-22	Q-View RV Park, Quartzsite, AZ	Rosenfeld
February	19-23	Meridian RV Resort, Apache Junction, AZ	Schultz/Grayson
March	16-20	Hacienda RV Resort, Las Cruces, NM	Geiger/Bevier
	20-23	Rose Valley RV Park, Silver City, NM	Geiger/Bevier
April	8	<u>Quarterly Meeting 11:30 am @ Goldwater Lake</u>	BYO Sack Lunch
	13-17	Tombstone, AZ	Winters/Taylor
May	1-5	Zephyr Cove Resort RV Park & Campground, Zephyr Cove, NV (plus travel days)	Chauncey
	16	Club Flea Market @ Peddler's Pass, Prescott Valley, AZ	Gerro/Rosenfeld
June	4-8	Grand Canyon Railway RV Park, Williams, AZ	Gerro/Rosenfeld
July	15	<u>Lunch & Quarterly Meeting 11:30 am @ Mi Tierra</u> 1317 E Gurley St., Prescott (Best Western Prescottonian Hotel) Special menu, \$15-17	
	20-24	Alpen Rose RV Park, Durango, CO	Miller/Chauncey
August	TBD	Happy Jack, AZ	Rook/Rosenfeld
September	1-5	Red Tail Campground, Medora, N Dakota (plus travel days)	Chauncey/Pulfer
October	TBD	Utah	Rosenfeld/Winters
November	2-6	Annual Meeting	Schultz/Club Officers
	4	<u>Dinner & Quarterly Meeting</u>	
	5	2027 Planning Meeting @ Verde River RV Resort & Cottages on Horseshoe Bend Drive, Camp Verde, AZ	
December	TBD	Christmas Dinner Party	Pat George & Volunteers

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

TBD = To Be Determined