

# HTC Newsletter

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For fun and fellowship

Hello HTC Members,

Hello to all from the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Portland, Oregon. Another one of those Get Out And Live events.

We are really excited and looking forward to the HTC Rally coming up in Arizona this October and hope to see everyone there.

Remember to bring games to play with others, the competition can get fierce so come prepared to enjoy table games as well as outdoor games.

Travel these days has taken on a real interesting look for a lot of us and especially those of us with varying needs.

Fortunately most of us are adventurous enough to figure out what travel looks like for our own different abilities. If you have challenges you are having difficulty figuring out how to overcome or manage in your own travels please don't hesitate to reach out to HTC for ideas and if you have some solutions that could help others we would like to hear from you. We are all in this together. Hope to see you all soon.

Hope to see you all in Arizona in October.

Please contact me if you have thoughts to share, questions to ask, improvements to be made, etc. ([President@handicappedtravelclub.com](mailto:President@handicappedtravelclub.com) or 719 510-7737).

Sincerely,

Loretta Spotts HTC President



## 2023 HTC Annual Rally

Friday, October 20 thru Tuesday, October 24

Location: White Tank Mountain Regional Park in Waddell, Arizona



The location for the 2023 HTC Rally is White Tank Mountain Regional Park, a few miles west of Surprise Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. A beautiful natural desert landscape with Saguaro, Palo Verde, and views of the mountains to the west. In the evening there are views of Phoenix city lights to the east. The immense parkland is home to: Deer, Javelina, Desert Tortoise, Cottontail Rabbit, Bobcats, Coyote, and many birds: Greater Roadrunner, Cactus Wren, Curve-billed Thrasher, Anna's Hummingbird, and Gilded Flicker.

The highest peak above the campground is over 4,000 feet elevation, the campground near the mountain base is around 1,000 feet or so. This is a beautiful landscape amidst nature in sunshine and an abundance of warmth. Weather expected to be sunny; historical average highs in the 80s in October.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/white-tank-mountain-regional-park/>

The five days of the rally start on Friday, October 20, thru Tuesday, October 24, with Goodbyes on the morning of Wednesday, October 25.

The rally events will take place at the Group Camping Area. We have already reserved the Group Camping Area which has enough room for 25+ RVs for the five days of the rally. Next to this dry camping area is a large, smooth rolling flat cement pad with two Ramada's each with four picnic tables. The picnic tables are where we will be gathering during the day and into the evenings, nearby is a cement fire ring where we can have our evening campfire. The wheelchair races will take place on the private paved entry road where there is plenty of space. Each group of picnic tables has six electric outlets for coffee and appliance purposes. The area for the RVs is dry camping, hard packed, desert dirt and fairly flat; very roll-able. Next to the parking is an ADA restroom with a rollin shower, also nearby a potable water spigot.

We need a minimum of five RVs to dry camp in the Group Camping Area, we already have three so far. It would be great to have ten dry campers ... if that works well. If you would like a site in the Group Camping Area let us know so we can allocate you camping space.

If you need water and electric hookups there is also the Family Camping Area with 30+ individual camp sites with water and electric. This park loop is a few hundred paces down the main park road from the Group Camping Area. There is a dump station near the entrance to the park loop (see photo on next page).



# White Tank Mountain Regional Park

Group Camping Area  
(Fire pit, Ramadas left, ADA restroom lower)



Two Ramadas



Top - Group Camping Area  
Lower - Family Camping Area Loop



The primary park road is "White Tank Mountain Road". The park entrance is a few miles south, outside this photo.

To get to the Family Camping Area, take White Tank Mountain Road, then turn left on "W Valley Vista Drive". Loop lower on photo.

The following camping sites in the Family Camping Area are back-in **camping sites**, over 45 feet in length, and flat: **D1, D3, D8, D9, D11, D14, D24, D31, D37**. (See the campground website for individual campsite details and photos. The pull thru sites did not appear to be as accessible, considering wheelchair lifts, etc.)

The Group Camping Area is just a short drive further up White Tank Mountain Road from the Family Camping Area, turn left on "W Open Sky Way". Top of photo.

## 2023 Handicapped Travel Club (HTC) Rally - Registration

Rally starts 3pm, Friday, October 20th thru Tuesday, October 24th

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

20304 W. White Tank Mountain Road in Waddell, AZ 85355

Please email your Rally Registration or contact wagon masters, Will and Jessie at email address wagonmaster@handicappedtravelclub.com or call 425 889-0183. Even if you are considering coming let us know so we can plan accordingly.

Group Camping Area sites are at the daily rate of: \$22.00 per night for dry camping  
Family Camping Area sites are at the daily rate of: \$32.00 per night for water and electricity  
If lodging at a motel, park entry fee per vehicle: \$7.00 per day

Park Fees: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/fees/>

A). If you will be camping in the Group Camping Area for the five days of the rally only you do not need to make a reservation with the campground; the Group Camping Area is already booked for HTC for the five days of the rally. When you arrive at the campground entry booth, let them know you are with HTC and will be camping in the Group Camping Area. You will pay your park fee of \$22 per night; \$110 for 5 nights.

B). If you will be camping at the Family Camping Area in an individual campsite, you will need to book the campsite reservation and make payment for your campsite using the Reservation System for Maricopa County Parks and Recreation.

### **You can reserve your campsite now.**

Reservation System: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>

This is a popular campground and fills up rapidly, so please don't miss out on the 2023 HTC Rally.

Other scenarios: If you are arriving prior to the first day of the rally, and/or staying beyond the last day of the rally camping at the Family Camping Area, and you will also be camping at the Group Camping Area for the five days of the rally, then you will need to do both processes A) and B).

### **Names of those Attending Rally:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \$25.00 per Person X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make cash payment for your Rally Fee to wagon masters at the rally on October 20, 2023.

### **Please Specify Camping Area(s):**

Group Camping Area Family Camping Area Both Group Camping and Family Camping

For questions or need  to require special  accommodations contact the wagon masters.

Please provide your cell numbers and email address in case we need to contact you while you are traveling to the rally or need to notify you of any changes.

Cell Numbers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For non RVer's. there are many motels, hotels available nearby in Surprise, AZ and Phoenix, AZ.

Please bring your own comfortable camping chair for socializing and sitting around the campfire in the evenings. Do not forget needed medical supplies and prescription medications.

# HTC Annual Rally 2023

	<b>Day 1 Friday 10/20/23</b>	<b>Day 2 Saturday 10/21/23</b>	<b>Day 3 Sunday 10/22/23</b>	<b>Day 4 Monday 10/23/23</b>	<b>Day 5 Tuesday 10/24/23</b>	<b>Wednesday 10/25/23</b>
9:00 AM		Coffee and Bakery Items	Coffee and Bakery Items	Coffee and Bakery Items	Coffee and Bakery Items	Coffee and Bakery Items
9:30 AM		9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM		HTC Group Photo	Wheelchair Races	Mock Horse Races	Group Travel Stories	<b>Goodbyes</b>  (Checkout Time 12 noon)
11:00 AM		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM		Lunch On Your Own	Lunch On Your Own	Lunch On Your Own	Lunch On Your Own	
12:30 PM		12 Noon	12 Noon	12 Noon	12 Noon	
1:00 PM						
1:30 PM		RV Open House - A	RV Open House - B	Nature Walk	Annual Meeting and Elections	
2:00 PM		1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Black Rock Trail	1:30 p.m.	
2:30 PM				1/2 Mile Paved Loop		
3:00 PM	<b>3 p.m. Opening Ceremony</b> Rally Dedication Clark Bostwick	Board Meeting		1:30 p.m.		
3:30 PM		3 p.m.			Silent Auction, 50/50	
4:00 PM					Poker Run	
4:30 PM					3:30 p.m.	
5:00 PM	Pizza Dinner	Dinner On Your Own	HTC Potluck Dinner	Dinner On Your Own	HTC BBQ Dinner	
5:30 PM	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	
6:00 PM	Evening Campfire	Karaoke Night	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	
6:30 PM	Social Time	6 to 9 p.m.	Social Time	Social Time	Social Time	
7:00 PM	6 to 9 p.m.		6 to 9 p.m.	6 to 9 p.m.	6 to 9 p.m.	
7:30 PM						
8:00 PM						
8:30 PM						
9:00 PM						

Current Rally Schedule, subject to change.

Most activities will be taking place in the Group Camping Area.

## **Message from our Treasurer**

Hopefully, you've received your dues reminder for 2023 in the mail. You can also pay online using one of the methods listed at <https://handicappedtravelclub.com/member-dues/> For those that have already paid, a huge thank you for supporting the club!

HTC has a new special interest group within the Escapees RV Club. Details can be found on the HTC Club website at <https://handicappedtravelclub.com/escapees/>.

## **Future Events**

Monthly on 3rd Wednesday

### **Monthly Zoom Meetings**

Online/Virtual

The monthly zoom meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday every month at 4:00 PM pacific time/ 7:00 PM eastern. Be sure to adjust for your local time zone:

4:00 pm PST

5:00 pm MST

6:00 pm CST

7:00 pm EST

You should have been receiving an email from [BradBartz@hotmail.com](mailto:BradBartz@hotmail.com) the Monday before the zoom meeting with the connection information. It's the same each month. If you're not receiving the monthly reminders, please email [BradBartz@hotmail.com](mailto:BradBartz@hotmail.com)

2023 October 20 thru 24

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Rally Wagon Masters are Will and Jessie (425) 889-0183.

Note from Roland Winters: Any HTC Member who plans on going to the 2023 HTC Annual Rally in Arizona and needs a place to stay, the Winters have a [complementary room for two](#). Has private bathroom, and if you need a roll-in shower we have one also. First come, first serve. Call Roland Winters Jr. at 623 594-5952. We are about 5 to 10 miles from the White Tank Mountain Regional Park.

## **New Members - Welcome!**

Chuck and Lisa	Evert	Faribault, MN
Giancarlo and Barbara	Cuciz	Brentwood, CA
Mike	DiMauro	Orlando, FL
Ray and Fayedra	Zambo	San Diego, CA

## 1998 Play-Mor 29-Foot Travel Trailer With Wheelchair Lift

**\$15,000 or best offer**



Questions contact Ed Pearson at:  
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29-foot Travel Trailer by Play-Mor  
Wheelchair Lift by Ricon  
Smooth rolling wood floor  
Air Conditioner  
Refrigerator, microwave, gas cooktop  
Bathroom, sink, shower  
Dinette, sofa, queen-size bed



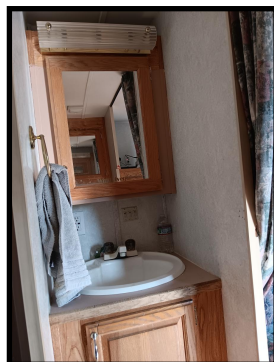
Trailer History: A friend of mine bought this trailer in 1997 for around \$23,000, list price. He used it sparingly over the years and stored it in his warehouse for 4 years before I bought it for \$10,000 in 2013.

A few repairs were required in the trailer's early days, but a lot of travel and age add up. This rig is 25 years old and has required some major repairs as most older RVs do.

Since I bought the trailer 10 years ago, I've spent \$25,000 on service, repairs and upgrades. Major items include: new refrigerator in 2023, new air conditioner, rebuilt roof, new springs and shackles, black water tank replaced and repositioned, new tires, the list goes on.



Receipts are available. I mention these things because when I'm on the road I want everything to be dependable and working right. This rig has served me well and is in good shape.



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