

HTC Newsletter

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For fun and fellowship

Hello HTC Members,

I am so excited to see everyone who is attending the HTC Annual Rally this month. I have seen where some of you have been traveling throughout the year and making lots of memories. Good For You!

I have to admit that our motorhome has sat idle since last year's annual rally. I have missed the adventures of traveling over the past few years.

With the pandemic behind us and family health issues smoothed out a bit, Dan and I are ready to try again. We have been contemplating putting our motorhome up for sale and doing our traveling in other ways, however it is a difficult step to take.

As I have stressed before, an RV is not required to be a member and participate in HTC rallies and events. The objective is to gather with friends and like minded people with similar needs for fun and fellowship.

We all have some creative and unique ideas for overcoming obstacles to share with each other to enhance our sense of adventure and travel destinations.

Here is hoping that you all will Get Out and Live!

Hope to see you all in Arizona on October 20th.

Please contact me if you have thoughts to share, questions to ask, improvements to be made, etc. (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 now have five RVs for the dry camping in the Group Camping. It would be great to have more 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. HTC has prepaid the camping fee for five dry campers. If you are not one of the first dry campers, the booth may request a camping fee payment, in which case, 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

	Day 1 Friday 10/20/23	Day 2 Saturday 10/21/23	Day 3 Sunday 10/22/23	Day 4 Monday 10/23/23	Day 5 Tuesday 10/24/23	Wednesday 10/25/23
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	9 a.m. to	9 a.m. to	9 a.m. to	9 a.m. to
10:00 AM		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
10:30 AM		HTC Group Photo	SkyMed Presentation	Mock Horse Races	Group Travel Stories	Goodbyes (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			Wheelchair Races			
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	3 p.m. Opening Ceremony	Board Meeting	Social Time, Games, etc.	1:30 p.m.		
3:30 PM	Rally Dedication	3 p.m.			Silent Auction, 50/50	
4:00 PM	Clark Bostwick				Poker Run	
4:30 PM	Social Time, Games, etc.				3:30 p.m.	
5:00 PM		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.	
6:00 PM	Pizza Dinner	Karaoke Night	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	Evening Campfire	
6:30 PM	6 p.m.	6 to 9 p.m.	Social Time	Social Time	Social Time	
7:00 PM	Evening Campfire		6 to 9 p.m.	6 to 9 p.m.	6 to 9 p.m.	
7:30 PM	Social Time					
8:00 PM	7 to 9 p.m.					
8:30 PM						
9:00 PM						

Current Rally Schedule, subject to change.

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

Hints and Information For New Attendees About Potlucks And Other Topics

One thing new attendees will learn quickly is that we like to party and eat. There is a happy hour most days after the formal program is over for the day. All are welcome to come and snacks to share are appreciated.

Since we have several new members, we thought it was time to give a little information about how we handle potlucks. Our second meal together will be the Sunday evening pot luck dinner.

It is always fun to see the variety of dishes people prepare. You are free to bring any food you like-- mac and cheese, chili, meatloaf, a casserole, hot dogs and beans..... . You can bring canned foods to heat and eat, or you can prepare your favorite "special" dish to dazzle the crowd!!! Typically, we get snacks, salads or vegetable plates, main course dishes, hot side dishes like corn or green beans, breads, and desserts. Don't be shy, bring whatever you like to eat and we will eat it with you!

The club provides paper plates, plastic utensils and paper cups. If you prefer, you can bring your own dishes and utensils. A real cup may be nice to have. Also, depending on what you bring to eat, you might want to bring serving utensils. There is a BBQ grill at each ramada, and you can cook chicken, hamburgers, sausages, steaks, etc. You might need long tongs to cook on the barbeque.

Bring your own drinks. The club will have cold, bottled water available. The park website says beer and wine are allowed in the park.

If you have questions or need more information, please call me at 925 437-9847.

I am looking forward to meeting all the new members and catching up with long time friends.

Sharon Bonney. (Past President)

Birds in Arizona



Bird	Length	Wingspan	Weight
Anna's Hummingbird	3.9" - 4.3"	4.7"	0.1 - 0.2 oz
Black-throated Sparrow	4.7" - 5.5"	7.7"	0.4 - 0.5 oz
Cactus Wren	7.1" - 7.5"	11"	1.1 - 1.6 lbs
Common Raven	21" - 28"	45" - 60"	1.5 - 4.9 lbs
Curved-billed Thrasher	10.6 - 11"	13.4" - 13.6"	2.1 - 3.3 oz
Gambel's Quail	11"	14" - 16"	5.1 - 6.5 oz
Gila Woodpecker	8" - 10"	15.8" - 16.5"	1.8 - 2.8 oz
Greater Roadrunner	20" - 24"	17 - 24"	7.8 - 19 oz
Green-tailed Towhee	7.25"	10"	1.0 oz
Lesser Night Hawk	7.9 - 9.1"	21.6"	1.6 - 1.8 oz
Mourning Dove	12.0"	14.5 - 17.7"	4.5 oz
Northern Mockingbird	8.3" - 10.2"	12.2" - 13.8"	1.6 - 2.0 oz
Red-tailed Hawk	18" - 26"	43" - 56"	1.5 - 3.5 lbs
Rock Pigeon	11.8" - 14.2"	19.7" - 26.4"	9.3 - 13.4 oz
Turkey Vulture	24" - 32"	63" - 72"	1.8 - 5.3 lbs
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4.7" - 5.9"	7.5" - 9.4"	0.39 - 0.49 oz



Thanks to our HTC Rally Supporters:

OfficeMax in Surprise, AZ

Barro's Pizza in Surprise, AZ

SkyMed International

United Access in Phoenix, AZ

Wildlife World Zoo in Waddell, AZ

McDonald's in Surprise, AZ

Friends of the Library at the Surprise Arizona Public Library

Message from our Treasurer

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 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

2023 October 20 thru 24

HTC Annual Rally

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

The 2023 HTC Annual Rally will be held at White Tank Mountain Regional Park in Waddell, Arizona. The rally starts on October 20th, through the 24th; with goodbyes on the 25th. The campground, a beautiful natural desert landscape is located to the west of Surprise Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. We hope you're planning to attend. Rally information starts on page 2 of this newsletter.

If you are camping in the Family Camping Area which has water and electricity you can book your campsite reservation now. The campground is popular, so to get a site, book your reservation as soon as possible. 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.)

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

New Members - Welcome!

Judd Earl and Deborah Pines

Cape Coral, FL

Mike and Sandy Lonnecker

Poway, CA

Myra Ringl

Yorkville, IL



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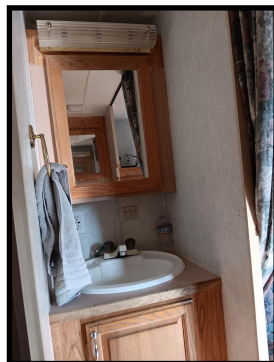
Refrigerator, microwave, gas cooktop
Bathroom, sink, shower
Dinette, sofa, queen-size bed

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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