

42nd ANNUAL '53-'54 BUICK SKYLARK CLUB MEET TUCSON, ARIZONA APRIL 6 - 10, 2022

The Arizona members of the '53 – '54 Buick Skylark Club invite you to the Tucson, Arizona area for the 42nd Annual Meet. The host hotel is La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Tucson-Reid Park located at 102 N Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711. The hotel is easy to find if driving, it is on Alvernon Way, a main north-south street in Tucson. If flying to Tucson, the hotel is about 9 miles, 20 minutes from the Tucson International Airport. The hotel does NOT have a shuttle, but taxis or Uber are available. Each member must make their hotel reservation by calling (520) 795-0330 or online. Be sure to mention the Buick Skylark Club '53 – '54 to receive the \$99/night (+\$16 taxes) group rate. If using online booking, enter Group Code CGBSLC. This rate is also good for 3 days before and 3 days after our meet. You could choose to arrive early or stay late to tour some of the other many attractions in the Tucson area. We have a block of 25 rooms reserved. We may be able to obtain additional rooms if necessary based on the hotel's room availability at the time of the request. The \$99/night rate is good for bookings through March 6, 2022. After that date, if rooms are available, they will be at the posted rate (currently \$125/night).

On Wednesday 4/6 in the hospitality room we will have an afternoon meet and greet followed by Pizza and Beverages provided by the Skylark Club.

On THURSDAY 4/7 we will board a tour bus at the hotel to go to the **Tumacácori National Historical Park** to tour the La Misión San José de Tumacácori, the visitor center and grounds. This location is run by the National Parks Service and currently requires face masks inside all NPS buildings. This is **not** the more famous Mission San Xavier del Bac which is essentially closed due to Covid restrictions. Then we go to the town of **Tubac** for lunch (on your own). Next we go to the **Titan Missile Museum** to tour the museum and underground control center and missile silo (2 underground tours, maximum of 26 people on each tour). There are 55 steps to descend and ascend the underground area, no operational elevator. Currently, face masks are optional. We will board the tour bus to return to Tucson for dinner on your own. Bus transportation, admission to Tumacácori and to the Titan Museum are included.

On FRIDAY 4/8 we again board the tour bus at the hotel to go to **Tombstone**, the "town too tough to die". There are many things to see and do in Tombstone, some free, some require admission, choose what you would like to see and do. Occasionally, a western gun fight breaks out on the main street. Have lunch (on your own) in Tombstone, then board the tour bus to go to **Kartchner Caverns State Park**. We have reserved 2 tours in the Rotunda/Throne room with a maximum of 20 people on each tour and 1 tour in the Big Room for 10 people (we have to share this tour with the general public). The tours are about 1-1/2 hour long and require walking about 1/2 mile underground. Currently, face masks are optional. We will have time to visit the Discovery Center, theater and exhibits before we board the tour bus to return to Tucson for dinner on your own. Bus transportation and admission to Kartchner Caverns are included. Later Friday evening we will hold the **Club Auction** in the Hospitality room (**BRING ITEMS TO DONATE FOR AUCTION**).

On SATURDAY 4/9 we have arranged an optional tour to a **private car collection** in Tucson (no bus transportation, we will carpool). Alternately, use this time to sight-see around Tucson on your own. There is a list of attractions in the last (December 2021) newsletter. Or you could just relax at the hotel or in the Hospitality room. In the evening we will have the **Banquet dinner** in at La Quinta Inn followed by the **Club Meeting**.

On SUNDAY 4/9 we say good bye to our Skylark Club friends until the next time.