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**WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE! THANKS TO  
BECKY COULTER! You still get to it the same way:  
[www.cuatroestados.com](http://www.cuatroestados.com) (try clicking on this link now)**

This new format will be much easier to navigate and provide all the needed information for inquiries about our chapter, as well as better reference access for our members. Becky has also linked our site to these key words "camping club, recreational vehicle" through Google and that should generate lots more activity and interest.

So now if we are contacted by anyone seeking info on our chapter, we can just direct them to the website and they'll have all the information they need, in an easy-to-follow format! (We currently respond to inquiries by writing an email and attaching our chapter's Introduction letter, an application, and our latest newsletter.) Additionally we want it to be a place for ALL our members to get information (not just the ones on Face Book). There is also a photo and video section where photos from the past rallies will be posted. I think this new format will be much easier for anyone to take over the webmaster job in the future, too. And anytime you can't find your chapter newsletter in your phone/computer, there's always a copy to view on the website!

If you have any comments, please contact me ([raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com)) or Becky ([coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net)). It is still "a work in progress," but at least now it's a viable, easy to use website. **GREAT JOB, BECKY!**

## **National and Regional Updates**

Does FMCA have your correct email address? They do send out emails to members providing a variety of information from time to time – from advance digital copy of magazine, to notices about upcoming national and regional events, to updates/reminders about the features FMCA provides to its membership. If you aren't receiving anything from them, you can contact FMCA's "Member Services" on-line or via phone to update your information. Our Rocky Mountain Area region's President, Jack Mayberry, even puts out a newsletter every now and then.

Some FMCA members seem to think our "FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance" benefit (free to all members) includes "FMCA Roadside Rescue." It does not. **FMCA Assist is for health emergency situations ONLY**, even though it can include getting your RV home if you are unable to do so. But it is NOT a "roadside assistance plan" for mechanical emergencies with your RV or tow vehicle. FMCA Roadside Rescue is powered by a separate entity (SafeRide RV Club) which costs additional, just like AAA or any other insurance/roadside assistance, and is NOT automatically included in your membership.

### **Is anyone attending the FMCA International Convention in March in Perry GA?**

If so, please get in touch with me. They are starting a new idea called "Block Party" – which will take place in the parking areas Thursday evening. FMCA will provide incentives (\$) to chapters who also participate in the "Chapter Fair."

HAPPY TRAILS! Rae

## **WAGONMASTER WOES**

Woe is me! Woe is me! That is the refrain that comes to mind as the New Year begins to take a grip. On January 2nd our house guests awaken us with news that the guest room floor is a small lake. Yup a broken pipe – now fixed but ultimate solution is a major plumbing re-do. Then during the snow storm my tow car slid off the road and into a tree and is still in the shop. And then, I broke a tooth and Rosie finds out she needs a cataract surgery.

Woe is me – as Diana McVey reports on how much fun they are having at the Quartzite rally (Why did we not head south for the winter too?). Please read the rally report to see what fun you missed. Diana and Bob will be rallymasters in Apache Junction Feb 19-25 – I hope many of you can join them. Woe is me – we will not be able to

Do you remember this famous verse?

*Wait a minute, it's stopped hailing  
Guys are swimming, guys are sailing  
Playing baseball, gee that's bettah  
Muddah, Faddah kindly disregard this letter*

Of course, you are old enough to remember Allen Sherman's letter home from Camp Grenada. You see, plumbing, cars, teeth and eyes will all be fixed by spring which is just around the corner. We are blessed to have some great rallies and outstanding rallymasters just over the horizon. Make your reservations now for the Apache Junction and Amado, AZ rallies. I also want to make a special plea to all to join Rae and Dub as Rallymasters in Albuquerque April 24-29. After hosting rallies for thirty years, this is the only one they will host this year – Let's all pitch in to make it something special for our Prez and Hubby.

Looking forward to leaving winter woes behind and seeing you "on the trail" soon.

Gene Dorsey  
Wagonmaster

## **APACHE JUNCTION, AZ FEB 19-25**

BOOK NOW Budget RV Park, 480-982-5856

2024 S. Cortez Rd Apache Junction, AZ 85219 (Just off Hwy 60)

Rallymasters: Diana McVey & Bob Skaug, 951-850-1566

[dondiana@verizon.net](mailto:dondiana@verizon.net)



Amenities include: restrooms, showers, laundry, WiFi, big rig access, pet area, recreation area, walking trails. 176 sites include water, sewer and 30/50-amp. Guests can look forward to excellent views of the Superstition Mountains.

The Lost Dutchman State Park is nearby and perfect for hiking, flora and wildlife viewing, and the

Goldfield Ghost Town is also close by. A not-to-be-missed is the Lost Dutchman-

Superstition Museum with its exhibits, history, & village. Driving the scenic & dramatic Apache Trail will of course be on our agenda, with stops at Canyon Lake, Tortilla Flat, Apache Lake, & more. The “famous” Fountain Hills Festival of the Arts is Feb. 22-24, and an easy scenic drive away. A favorite of ours is Queen Creek Olive Mill where you can tour the processing plant and sample a plethora of assorted oils, tapenas, sauces, vinegars, olives, natural beauty products, while enjoying a creative list of lunch options. And, of course all of Phoenix and what it has to offer is within an hour’s drive or less.

For those joining us for the Feb rally Diana McVey will be arriving a few days early. You can come visit, check office for her site number.

Right next to the park is “Barleen’s Dinner and Show” theater. If you want to go one evening you need to make a reservation NOW. The cost is \$40 per person. Call [480-982-7991](tel:480-982-7991). It's ok to miss a happy hour to go.

**Tues--Feb 19** Arrive and meet at my rig at 5pm for happy hour. Bring appetizers for approximately 16 folks. So far that is how many we have, that can change. Bring your own drinks and table ware.

**Weds--Feb 20** Meet at Diana’s rig at 9am. Have a full tank of gas and pack a lunch. Let's try to double up in cars and bring your fam radio. Drive to Tonto National Monument Cliff dwellings. It's free if you have a golden age pass, those that have one can get 3 others in for free otherwise cost is \$5 for seniors. Wear comfortable shoes as we will be walking up an asphalt trail that gains 350ft in elevation. You can take your time and rest as needed, the views are amazing. After touring the cliff dwellings, we will have lunch at the picnic area and then drive over to Roosevelt Lake visitor center. Then drive back home. This is a long day. Dinner on your own.

**Thurs--Feb 21** Meet at 9:30. Full tank of gas and radio. Double up in cars. Drive out to Apache lake and have lunch. Stop at tortilla flats and Canyon lake. Happy hour at 5:30, bring appetizers.

**Fri--Feb 22** Free morning and part of afternoon, lots to do around the area. BUT MEET AT Organ Stop Pizza at 3:30. It opens at 4 but line up early. The music is awesome. We need to have a few of us run and get a long table as soon as they open, the rest can stand in line to order. Will discuss this at happy hour first day.

**Sat--Feb 23** Meet at 10. Will have an easy day. Drive to Superstition museum. Cost is \$4 for seniors. Tour the facilities then we will head over to Gold Mine Town across the street. Tour the shops or go on a zip line. Have lunch at the restaurant and then the rest of the day on your own. Happy hour at 5:30, we will provide sandwiches and chips, bring your drinks.

**Sun--Feb 24** Meet at 9:30. Drive out to Fountain Hills Festival. Walk around the library to see the bronze statues and wander over to the festival. Lots of vendors

and food booths. On your own rest of day. Meet at Diana’s rig at 5:30 Bring appetizers. This is our last night.

## **PATAGONIA, AZ MAR 27-APR 1**

Patagonia Lake State Park, 877-697-2757

azstateparks.com

No rallymaster – gathering prior to Amado rally to make it a two-week vacation



There are still a few sites left (30/50amp), but book right away! If YOU would like to be rallymaster for this gathering, contact **Gene Dorsey (505-974-1845)** right away too! This is a “pre-rally” to the April 1-7 rally at Amado, AZ, and combined will give you an amazing 2-week vacation. Patagonia Lake is a hidden treasure,

tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Arizona. Patagonia Lake State Park was established in 1975 as a state park and is an ideal place to find whitetail deer roaming the hills and great blue herons walking the shoreline. In addition to the campground, the park offers a beach, picnic area with ramadas, tables and grills, a creek trail, boat ramps, and a marina. The nearby Lakeside Market offers boat rentals and supplies. The campground overlooks the lake where anglers catch crappie, and trout.

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stroll along the creek trail and see birds such as the canyon towhee, Inca dove, vermilion flycatcher, black vulture, and several species of hummingbirds.

Nearby points of interest: Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve, Paton Center for Hummingbirds, Wineries, and plenty of back country roads to explore.



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railroad lie beneath historic line may be Patagonia. Hikers can

## AMADO, AZ APR 1-6

BOOK NOW De Anza RV Resort, 888-398-8628

2024 S. Cortez Rd Apache Junction, AZ 85219 (Just off Hwy 60)

### Rallymasters:

Bill & Beverly Eckel, 505-205-7344, Bbeckel\_2007@yahoo.com

Bob & Sandy Catalana, 602-989-9060, bob.catalana@gmail.com

We are looking forward to the Cuatro Estados Rally April 1 – 6 at De Anza RV Resort in Amado, AZ! It is a lovely RV Resort with many amenities. The sites are roomy with plenty of room to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful view of the mountains. There is a great indoor swimming pool and hot tub for your relaxing pleasure. De Anza has a wonderful fire pit where we can enjoy our evening campfires. For those of you who would like to skip cooking one evening on the weekend, they have an onsite restaurant that is open on Friday through Sunday. The area is terrific for exploring! We will venture over to Tubac which is a unique artists' colony with many quaint shops, fun restaurants and other attractions.



Farther down the road to the south is the old Spanish Presidio with easy walking trails to take you back to the days of the Spanish Colonial period. In the same general area is a fun Mexican restaurant. You can't miss it because there is an

Enormous statue of a colorful rooster out front. For those of you who feel adventurous, you may travel farther south and cross the border into Old Mexico. Just be sure to bring your passports!

There are many natural wonders within easy driving distance of the RV Resort. I have been told Bob and Sandy Catalana, the co-rally masters will possibly be leading us on a back- road drive to Arevaca. Cuatros are always up for an adventure. We are eager to see what that will be like! We will definitely have a potluck or two and at least one dinner "out".

If that is not enough excitement for you, there is plenty to do in Tucson. You can



spend an entire day at the Pima Air and Space Museum. It is incredible! There is also Reid Park which houses the Tucson Zoo. It is not a large zoo, but the animal enclosures are wonderful.

We hope to see you in Amado, AZ April 1 – 7. Call the RV Resort soon to make your reservations, [888-398-8628](tel:888-398-8628)– Ask for Amy and tell

them you are with the Cuatro Estados group). We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances and meeting new people in Amado! Please let the Rally Masters know you are coming – Bob and Sandy Catalana –[602-989-9060](tel:602-989-9060) or Bill and Bev Eckel –[505-833-1569](tel:505-833-1569).

Adios Amigos.

## Report on Quartzite Rally January 14 to 20

Attending were rallymaster Diana Mc Vey and Bob Skaug, Paul and Kathy Brada, Valdean and Barbara Severson, Bob and Sandy Catalana, and Danny and Nancy Palmer (FMCA members checking out our group.)

We all met the first night for happy hour and then it started raining. It rained the entire next day, so our off-road trip was cancelled. We rearranged schedule due to rain.

Next day we drove out to Swansea ghost town and stopped at the Quartzsite name in rocks, the Bouse Intaglios and Patton's tanks. Diana provided Subway sandwiches and we all watched a movie.

Everyone had a free day and that evening we all met at 'Silly Als' for pizza.

Next day off roading to Apache Mine and some other mines and ruins. Potluck for dinner which was yummy.



## UPCOMING CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE

**Wagonmaster 2019 -- Gene Dorsey, [gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:gene.dorsey@msn.com), 505-974-1845**

Make most reservations now. Tell them you are with Cuatro Estados. Always also confirm with the rallymasters that you plan to attend.

**April 24-29 -- Albuquerque, NM -- Enchanted Trails RV Park & Trading Post, 800-326-6317 (reserve by Feb 24) -- Rallymasters Rae & Dub Phillips, [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com), 505-235-5992**

**May 15-21 -- Hurricane, UT (Zion NP/St George) – Willow Wind RV Park, 435-635-4154 (can reserve now, but no later than Mar 15) -- Rallymasters Mark & Pat Wilson, 801-597-4799, [mrwilson13753@gmail.com](mailto:mrwilson13753@gmail.com)**

**June 5-10 -- Creede, CO -- Region 1 Rally -- Mtn Views at Rivers Edge Resort, 719-658-2710 (reservations taken after Jan 2) tell them you are with Region 1 Rally -- Chapter coordinators John & Sanna Obermiller, 239-841-4084, [johnsann@trailnet.com](mailto:johnsann@trailnet.com)**

**June 12-18 -- Montrose, CO -- Cedar Creek RV Park, 970-249-3884 (Reserve Jan/Feb) -- Rallymasters Jim & Joan Glasmann, [jim\\_glasmann@msn.com](mailto:jim_glasmann@msn.com), 303-870-2964**

**July 22-26 -- Chama, NM – Little Creel RV Park, 855-756-2382 (reservations accepted after Jan 2, book early) -- Rallymasters John & Sanna Obermiller, 239-841-4084, [johnsann@trailnet.com](mailto:johnsann@trailnet.com)**

**August 14-17 – Minot, ND – FMCA International Rally -- Rallymasters Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, [gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:gene.dorsey@msn.com)**

**August 22-27 -- Capulin, NM (NE corner of state) -- Capulin RV Park, 575-278-2821 (reserve by June 22) – Becky & Bob Coulter, [coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net), 505-553-5896. **NOTE CHANGE TO RV PARK TELEPHONE NUMBER!****

**Sept 24-30 – Palisade (Grand Junction), CO – Palisade Base Camp RV Resort, 970-462-9712 (reserve now or ASAP), Rallymasters Tom & Patricia Krouse, 970-433-0531, [tompatkrouse@bresnan.net](mailto:tompatkrouse@bresnan.net)**

**October 17-20 -- Tucson, AZ -- RMMA Ramble -- Pina County Fairgrounds -- Chapter Coordinators needed**

**October 28-November 2 -- Elephant Butte, NM -- State Park -- Rallymasters needed**

**NOTE:** Sanna's email address was corrected in the schedule above for both Creede and Chama rallies to [johnsann@trailnet.com](mailto:johnsann@trailnet.com) (there is no "a" at the end of sann).





## FEB BIRTHDAYS



*(Numbers listed in parenthesis is the date, not the age!)*

Roger Redman (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Roy Manuszak (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Marie Faucette (6<sup>th</sup>)

Galina Erickson (7<sup>th</sup>)

Mike Rozdilsky (11<sup>th</sup>)

Joan Glasmann (15<sup>th</sup>)

Ron Lyells (25<sup>th</sup>)

## FEB ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Phyllis Carr (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Frank & Dessa Halasz (4<sup>th</sup>)

Art & Denese Nelson (14<sup>th</sup>)