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Cuatro Estados Newsletter

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PREZ SEZ...

'Spring Has Sprung!' Seems those few of us who were “stuck” at home all winter are finally waking up from our “long winter’s nap” ... and **finally** deciding to attend future rallies. Sadly we’ve had very poor turnout – or none at all – since the first of the year. But the **good news** is that seems to be changing. We have 14 rigs signed up to attend the Albuquerque rally later this month, five of which are guest RVers interested in joining our **adventurous** chapter. That’s great!

Those who did not hibernate at home have been on all sorts of adventures this winter! Several were in New Orleans for Mardi Gras (and not necessarily together) – so much so, maybe we should’ve held our March rally there? Some of our members were running around parts of Texas, or staying there for the season, while others were in southern AZ or southern CA all winter. (The wild flower display has been spectacular in the southern deserts & Texas!) At least 4 couples (that I know of) went on cruises to various locations. And still others took winter jobs doing everything from ski instructors to volunteering at national or state parks. Since we have several fulltimers in our group, half the time I have no idea where **they** are! But there is one couple who have been, and are still going, around the world on a learning trip via air, land & sea; now THAT’S adventure!

Not quite so lucky were those who spent the winter coping with surgeries & serious illness or taking care of aging parents and/or grandkids. We pray for speedy recoveries and resolutions to difficult situations for those who have struggled this winter.

The one thing I know for sure: *Cuatro Estados* is made up of an amazing variety of adventure-seeking RVers, therefore so busy that we have to purposely make the effort to be on location for rallies. Hope MORE of our rallies make it onto YOUR schedule this year ... and that ALL of you will soon be in a position to get “on the road again” seeking new adventures!



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WHY NOT JOIN THE WAGONMASTER IN MINOT?

The 100th FMCA Convention will be in Minot, ND this August. I'm guessing that a lot of us have never been to North Dakota because there was never a reason to go? This summer we now have a great reason to head north! There is probably not a better place to meet other RVers who share your interests. Other RVers come to FMCA conventions for the many learning opportunities and seminars. And if you have ever found it difficult to dock your big RV without damage or embarrassment, just come listen to how Captain Sully Sullenberger landed a big jet on the Hudson River!

Why Not join Rosie and I in Minot at the FMCA Convention August 14-17, Wednesday thru Saturday?

Why Not be a volunteer and join us as early as August 11th Sunday?

Why Not join us enroute to Minot for a mini-tour of part of the Missouri River August 3rd-10th?

I encourage you to visit www.FMCA.com check the events tab for all of the information and to register. If this will be your first FMCA convention, Rosie and I would love to be your mentors.

Why Not contact us soon as we prepare our journey to the FMCA Convention in MINOT!

And if you cannot make Minot, we hope to see you in Albuquerque, Hurricane, Creede, Montrose, Chama, Capulin, Grand Junction, Tucson or Elephant Butte.

WHY NOT?

Oh, and by the way, Why Not start thinking about locations for our rallies next year? And Why Not think about being a rallymaster too? It is a great experience and your chapter needs you to step up.

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NOTICE FROM TREASURER TO ALL RALLY MASTERS AND FUTURE RALLY MASTERS

The treasurer has funds to offer you up to \$50 for each rally if there is a way you would like to enhance it, such as providing food for a meal, etc. You don't need to account for how you spend it to me. Just let me know if you want it and I'll send you a check. (lynnbuck2@msn.com)

CANCELLATION: AMADO, AZ APR 1-6

BUT.....April 24-29, 2019 is STILL ON!! ENCHANTED TRAILS RV PARK & TRADING POST

14305 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121

800-326-6317, 505-831-6317

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[Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:gene.dorsey@msn.com)

There are still a few sites available, so consider joining us for this exploration of central New Mexico, and **CELEBRATION OF ROUTE 66!** This will be a very different rally from our usual; instead of out communing with nature, we'll be exploring parts of the largest city in New Mexico. There will be plenty of opportunity for walking ... it'll just be mostly on concrete!

Apr 24, Wed – Arrival day! Get parked & settled in, walk around and find the rally room (at back of main building closest to campground), and check out the Route 66 memorabilia in the building and the vintage trailers & cars in the campground.



4:00 PM – Put on your 50's or 60's outfits, and come to our **"Diner Dinner & Dance Party!"** We'll have a "meet & greet" happy hour, followed by "build your own Dagwood sandwich" at 5:00 PM, followed by listening & dancing to music from the days of Sock Hops and Drive Ins. We'll provide the makings for the sandwiches, plus chips and "soda pop." Bring cookies

to share for dessert, and your own "hard" drinks (alcoholic) if you wish.

Apr 25, Thurs – 9:00 AM departure for “A day at the Bio Park” – botanical gardens, aquarium, & zoo. We’ll walk the gardens in the morning, then see the aquarium before having lunch with the fishes at the Shark Reef Restaurant. If you’ve still got energy, take the train over to the zoo and see the animals (or just take the train for a pleasant ride; it goes through some of the zoo too).



5:00 pm Happy Hour, bring snacks to share. If weather’s being cooperative, we’ll gather outside at Gene & Rosie Dorsey’s motorhome, otherwise in rally room.

Apr 26, Fri – 9:00 AM departure for “Driving old Route 66 west through the Pueblos,” including lunch at the Acoma Pueblo’s Visitor Center and Museum. If you’ve never toured the mesa-topped original Acoma Pueblo, here’s your chance to join others on an afternoon tour (about 1&1/2 hrs). 5:00 PM – Happy Hour (bring drinks & snacks again) and entertainment & more dancing.



Apr 27, Sat – We’ll let you decide what you want to do today. Two major events are taking place in Albuquerque: (1) Amazing Annual Gathering of Indian Nations at Expo New Mexico (state fairgrounds) – Watching the “Parade of the Nations” is worth the price. Or (2) Renaissance Fair at the International Balloon Museum. Not interested in either one of those? Other suggestions are: (3) Take a ride on the country’s longest Aerial tram ride to the top of the Sandia Mountains and have lunch at the top. (4) Drive to see Santa Fe, if you haven’t been there. (5) Visit NM Museum of Natural History & Science (& Planetarium), or National Museum of Nuclear Science & History (fascinating), or the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (great place for lunch too).

5:00 pm – “Comfort Food Potluck” in Rally Room. Think back to your childhood, the foods “like Mom used to make” that were your favorites – from peanut butter & jelly sandwiches to mac & cheese, or maybe meatloaf or jello salad? (If you grew up in New Mexico, whatever it was, it usually included chile!)

Apr 28, Sun – Albuquerque’s Route 66 (Central Ave) – We’ll start out from camp, at **9:00 AM** driving east on Central. First stop will be the **Albuquerque Museum of Art & History** (to learn/see some of ABQ’s history). Then we’ll take a walk around the picturesque **Old Town** square for picture taking, see the old mission & shops, and if time allows do some browsing. Continuing east on Route 66 (Central) through historic downtown, we’ll meet for lunch at the **Route 66 Diner**. Afterwards continue east along Route 66 through the Nob Hill district with its restored neon signs & vintage buildings reminiscent of days gone by. It’s “college town” for students attending UNM, so people watching is fun too. If interested, we can continue to far east end of town, then head north and drive up to where the tram is, for great city views (and ride to the top for the sunset if you wish). Gather again for happy hour that evening, with music & fun & games.



Apr 29, Mon – 8:00 to 9:00 am – Farewell continental breakfast, bring an item to share. Then it’s “On the Road Again!” until next time... Or stay another week and take in all the other points of interest in “The Land of Enchantment!”



At our 2016 “Route 66” Rally: L-R: Gary & June Stroschein (rallymasters for May rally), Traveling old Route 66, and the gang in the rally room at Enchanted Trails.



MAY 15-21, 2019
HURRICANE, UT
WILLOW WIND RV PARK 435-635-4154

(Cancellation refund with 30-day notice)

80 S. 1150 West Hurricane, UT 84737 (Just off Hwy 9 (aka State Street))

NOTE CHANGE: Rallymasters: **Gary & June Stroschein, 505-563-0037**

gstroschein@yahoo.com (We appreciate Pat & Mark Wilson for volunteering for this rally; just sorry they can no longer do it.)

Hurricane, (pronounced HER-ah-kuhn) is often known as gateway to ZION

NATIONAL PARK. Starting out as a farming community, it is now a major recreation center



because of its location to spectacular hiking, off-road adventures, as well as fishing and water sports. We will plan on spending a full day in Zion, a day

going off road investigating waterfalls and ghost towns, and a day investigating the ghost town of Silver Reef. We will leave a couple of days for exploring on you own the many activities nearby, such as shopping in Springdale, hiking in Snow Canyon, visiting the historical places in St. George, or driving the 56 miles to Mesquite Nevada for a bit of gambling.

SPECIAL NOTICE: ROAD CLOSED coming from Highway 89 to Highway 9 from Mt Carmel due to road damage. IF that road should open, there are special restrictions and charges coming that way through Zion National Park because the park charges \$15.00 to close all traffic for a motorhome to pass through the tunnel, and it has a lot of switchbacks.

By the way DO NOT SPEED in Hurricane or surrounding towns. They give out the most speeding tickets in the entire state

CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE FOR REST OF 2019
(Remember to check this over each month for updates/changes!)

June 5-10 -- Creede, CO -- Region 1 Rally -- Mtn Views at Rivers Edge Resort, 719-658-2710 (Schedule and Reservation Form sent to you last week) tell them you are with Region 1 Rally -- Chapter coordinators: **John & Sanna Obermiller**, 239-841-4084, johnsann@trailnet.com. Let them know you'll attend, too!

June 12-18 -- Montrose, CO -- Cedar Creek RV Park, 970-249-3884 (Should have reserved before now!) -- Rallymasters **Jim & Joan Glasmann**, jim_glasmann@msn.com, 303-870-2964. Please confirm with them as well.

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. RSVP to them too! Ride the train...

August 14-17 -- Minot, ND -- FMCA International Rally -- Rallymasters Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com. A caravan may be part of this too! (See VP Article in this newsletter.) It's FMCA's 100th Convention!

August 22-27 -- Capulin, NM (NE corner of state) -- Capulin RV Park, 575-278-2821 (reserve by June 22) -- Rallymasters **Becky & Bob Coulter**, coulter06@comcast.net 505-553-5896. Drive/hike ancient volcanoes...

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. Come explore Grand Junction region!

October 17-20 -- Tucson, AZ -- RMMA Ramble (Rocky Mountain Area of FMCA) -- Pina County Fairgrounds -- Chapter Coordinators needed! This is always a great gathering of LOTS of different chapters from the area, and an excellent opportunity to enthuse others with the desire to join OUR chapter! Many members have come from them seeing how much fun we were having at the Ramble and joined us.

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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

Olene Robinson (4th)

Paul Brada (13th)

Gene Dorsey (18th)

Lori Landers (18th)

Karen Redman (19th)

Dorothy Troy (20th)

Jim Glasmann (26th)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Edith Osburn (30th)