

Cuatro Estados Newsletter April 2022

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CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Please refer to our website at CuatroEstados.com for anything you might need. It is a treasure trove of information should you have questions or would like a copy of the rally schedule or just want to see the rally pictures.

We also have a Facebook site with lots of good information and pictures: Cuatro Estados FMCA Chapter (we are listed under groups).



During our Annual Meeting, the CE membership voted to give rally masters a \$50 incentive to help with planning and funding their rallies. It was decided that those rally masters who want the \$50

rally fee can ask our Treasurer Lynn Buckingham for it. It was also decided that rally masters should charge a rally fee if meals and other costs are incurred for the rally.



Las Vegas Rally Report, March 1-7

Rallymasters-Becky Coulter & Diana McVey

There were 24 attendees at the rally in Las Vegas, Nevada: the Coulters, McVey/Skaug, Dorseys, Gainsfords, Houstons, Thornton/Jeffery, Buckingham,

Thomas', Wrights, Millers, Herreras, and Hoovers (guests of the Coulters). The weather was very warm and welcoming the first night for the annual meeting and happy hour in the club house. Residents of Las Vegas Dee and Carole Ennis came to the meeting/happy hour to pick up t-shirts and meet the CE's. Minutes of the meeting will be sent under separate cover.

The second day was spent doing various things as chosen by the attendees. The group met downtown on Fremont Street at the Heart Attack Grill; being that it was Lent, several went to a fish place. The Heart Attack Grill was a strange experience where you dined in hospital gowns, drank wine from an IV bag, and got spanked if you didn't finish your meal. Some seemed to enjoy the spankings a little too much. One patron who weighed over 300 lbs. got weighed in and cheered on by the crowd as he ate a free meal of saturated fats. Richard, our tour guide, took us on a downtown LV walking tour that night. Bright neon lights, LOUD music, zip lines, street performers, and panhandlers had some of us feeling as if we had descended into another world. We learned about the mob and this tourist hotspot that grew out of the hot and parched Mojave Desert.

Friday was windy but not too bad in the canyons. The Valley of Fire was a hit among the hikers who departed at 7:30am with Estella Herrera in the lead. They saw the Fire Wave and White Domes along the Seven Wonders Loop. The hikers then went on to hike to the old townsite of St. Thomas, which is considered the "Atlantis Ghost Town of Nevada" because it was flooded 60 years ago by construction of the Hoover Dam. It is now emerging due to the receding waters of Lake Mead. They logged 6 miles and were tired when they got back.

Those who drove and walked in the Valley of Fire enjoyed it as well.

Saturday was very windy and cold, and no one went on the Historic Railroad Hiking Trail for fear that they would get blown off the mountain.

Saturday evening was the James Bond Themed Potluck. Frank Thornton and Betsy Jeffery manned the bar where they made martinis and served champagne for the toasts. The food was amazing. We had bangers, twice baked potatoes, pasties, fish pie, pork pie, meat pie, peas, and Shepard's pie followed by cupcakes and a wonderful British trifle. The costumes were amazing (the Queen of England and Pussy Galore graced us with their presence), and the background music was from James Bond movies. Buck Buckingham, aka Dark Snake, won the competition for the best spy. He completed his missions first and had the best score on his quiz. Professional photos were taken by our own Joe Thomas. Thank you, Joe! **To see more of his pictures, go to our website photo gallery at cuatroestados.com.** Sunday was spent at the Red Rock National Conservation Area or other destinations as people desired. Thornton/Jeffery, Herreras' and Thomas' hiked 4 miles. On Monday, some departed for home while others stayed on for a couple of days to see more of what Vegas and the surrounding area had to offer. Everyone said they had a great time.

ALEDO TEXAS AREA RALLY- MAY 3-9

DEADLINE APRIL 19TH

Attendees are: Brada's, Lehmans, Motz/McDonald, and the Reids. We need more people for this rally, won't you consider coming? Kathy and Paul used to live in Colorado but have moved to Texas and have put lots of love and planning into this rally. It is going to be FUN!

When you make your reservations, CALL 817-441-7878 and ask for the FMCA May Rally, not Cuatro Estados. Jayne put our group in the computer that way. Also, do not try to reserve on-line; you must call on the phone to get the discount and to verify the number of coaches we need to get the rally room for free.

ALEDO TEXAS RALLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday May 3, 2022. Arrive at Cowtown RV, 7000 E I-20, Aledo, Texas.

Dinner of tacos and Spanish rice will be provided by the Rallymasters at 5:30 or 6:00. Remember to bring your favorite drink and dinnerware.

Wednesday May 4, 2022. Civil War Museum, 760 Jim Wright Freeway, FW. Leave RV park at 9:30. If we have a group of 10 or more for a tour, we must notify the museum in advance, and the fee will be \$6 per person. If you want to go on the tour, please inform the rallymaster before the rally begins. The tour is about 2 hours, and the rest of the day is on your own.

Happy hour at 5, bring a lite snack to share.

Thursday May 5, 2022. Fort Worth Stockyards, 131 E Exchange Ave, FW. DON'T FORGET YOUR COWBOY HAT!! We'll leave the RV park at 9:30. Parking lots are at the far end of Exchange Ave. Parking is \$7.00/day by credit card (know your license plate). The cattle drive is at 11:00 am. There is also the Cattlemen's Exchange Museum, live longhorn steers to sit on for photo ops, and lots of shopping and restaurants. Plan to meet as a group at 5:00 at Billy Bob's Texas Honky Tonk at 2520 Rodeo Plaza, FW. We'll have dinner at Billy Bob's and then head back to the RV park.

Friday May 6, 2022. On your own. Here are a few suggestions that might help:

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, 2515 Rodeo Plaza, FW

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 E Elm St, Dallas
Site of the Kennedy Assassination
Open Wednesday-Sunday, 10-5

Vintage Flying Museum, 505 NW 38th St., Hanger 33S, FW

Fort Worth Water Gardens, 1502 Commerce St., FW

City of Granbury - visit Courthouse Square, 1890 Hood County Courthouse, many antique shops, and the Hood Co. Museum in the 1880-era jail.

City of Grapevine - half a dozen winery tasting rooms, visit the 1888 Grapevine Cotton Belt Railroad Depot.

Potluck dinner at 5:30. Anything Texan! Armadillo steaks? Red hot chili?
Or out for BBQ?

Saturday May 7, 2022. Fort Worth Aviation Museum, 33 Ross Ave, FW. Leave at 9:30.

Sunday May 8, 2022. We'll leave the RV park at 9:30 heading to Fort Worth Nature Center and Trail, 9601 Fossil Ridge Road, FW. Pack a picnic lunch. There are lots of trails and boardwalks for bird watching. Search for the alligator

in Lake Worth; it's real!

Happy Hour at 5:30. Clean out the refrigerator! And tell tall tales of Texas!

FORT ROBINSON SP AREA RALLY-JUNE 12-19 Crawford, Nebraska

Rally masters are Susan and Richard Houston, susan1@bajabb.com, 575-706-4470.

Red Cloud Campground and Soldier Creek Campground (adjacent)

Reservations for both campgrounds: call 308-665-2900 (best to call park directly). Red Cloud has smaller sites but full hookups. Soldier Creek has larger sites but is electric/water only with a dump station available.

June 12 - 19 Fort Robinson State Park Rally Schedule

Sunday, June 12 Arrive –

- Meet and Greet Dinner hosted by the Houstons, Soldier Creek Space 74

Monday, June 13-

- Explore Fort Robinson Historical Museum and Cheyenne Outbreak Barracks

Happy Hour.

Tuesday, June 14-

- Hayrack Breakfast followed by hiking trails for all ability levels. Maps will be provided.

- 8:00pm-Post Playhouse Musical "Desperate Measures." Make your reservations at: postplayouse.showare.com

Wednesday, June 15-

- Explore Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron and lunch at Bean Broker Coffee house and Pub also in Chadron.
- Happy Hour

Thursday, June 16 Free Day –

- followed by Hayrack Steak dinner and Rodeo, 6:00 PM

Friday, June 17 –

- Walking tour of the Historical Chadron District and lunch at the Just Love

Coffee Cafe located in Petersen Drug, 302 Main St., Chadron. Menu available at: justlovecoffeecafe.com

- Happy Hour

Saturday, June 18-

- Oglala National Grasslands, Warbonnet Battlefield Monument, Toadstool Geologic Park, Univ. of Nebraska Trailside Museum of Natural History, and Old Town City Mall (local artisans).

- Farewell Happy Hour hosted by Houstons

Sunday, June 19-

- Depart the park for more adventures down the road.

Will everyone going please send me a confirmation email as soon as you get the newsletter: susan1@bajabb.com

These are the couples I have so far; if you are not on the list let me know.

Joyce Schmitt Soldier Creek # 59

David & Laura Farrington Red Cloud #116

Bill Eckel Red Cloud # 120

Joe and Anne Thomas Red Cloud #118

Bob & Sharee Scott Red Cloud #109

F Thornton/B Jeffery. Red Cloud #112

Looking for sites to host Happy Hour on June 13, June 15, and June 17. Need only supply the site to sit and sip. BYOB.

Susan and Richard Houston

June 15-19 Santa Fe, NM- Santa Fe Skies, Rocky Mountain Motorhome Assn (RMMA) -**Region 1 Rally** Vallarie Erickson-Smith
Region 1 VP, woffi1963@gmail.com, 303-880-3141

2022 Cuatro Estados Rally Schedule

May 3-9 Aledo, TX

Cowtown RV Park www.cowtownrvpark.com 817-441-7878

Rallymasters Kathy & Paul Brada katbrada@gmail.com 719-661-7915

June 12-19 Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE **

Soldier Creek Campground or Red Cloud Campground
Campground-308-665-2900 Reservations-402-471-1414

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July 18-24 Angel Fire, NM SPACES LIMITED

Angel Fire RV Resort www.angelfirervresort.com 855-421-0308

Rallymasters Nancy & Art Utech nancyutech@gmail.com 303-550-5215

August 19-26 Southern Utah, Kanab and vicinity SPACES LIMITED

Grand Plateau RV Resort www.gprvresort.com 435-610-2500

Rallymasters Sharee & Bob Scott southwestgal234@gmail.com 505-220-0547

September 18-24 Dolores, CO

Dolores River Campground www.doloresrivercampground.com 970-882-7761

Rallymasters Frank Thornton & Betsy Jeffery fnt8100@gmail.com 720-880-8396

Oct- TBA Ruidoso, NM (The dates and RV park are being finalized, should be first week in October)

Rallymasters MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilsky rio355@aol.com 773-267-1243
Philip & Stephanie Bishop philsteph.bishop@gmail.com 214-725-0816

October 25-30 Tucson, AZ -2022 RMMA Regional Rally Pima County Fairgrounds.

Notes:

- Check www.cuatroestados.com for most current park & rally information.

- Check with rallymaster(s) for help in site selection and let them know where you will be.
- Understand the park cancellation policies.

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