

OFFICERS 2019

President

Rae Phillips

Cell 505-235-5992

raecyp65@gmail.com

Vice President,

Wagonmaster

Gene Dorsey

Cell 505-974-1845

gene.dorsey@msn.com

Treasurer

Lynn Buckingham

Home 505-298-1239

Cell 505-269-7822

lynnbuck2@msn.com

Secretary

Sanna Obermiller

Cell 239-841-4084

Johnsann@trailnet.com

National Director

Mark Wilson

Cell 801-597-4799

mrwilson13753@gmail.com

Alt Natl Director

MJ Brenner

Home 505-771-0058

Cell 773-267-1243

rio355@aol.com

Membership Directory

Bob Coulter

Home 505-814-1293

Cell 505-274-1211

coulter6@comcast.net

Website & Facebook

Manager

Becky Coulter

Home 505-814-1293

Cell 505-553-5896

coulter06@comcast.net

Newsletter Editor

Pat Wilson

Cell 801-870-0985

pswilson1123@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: Cuatro
Estados FMCA Chapter

Website:

cuatroestados.com

?QUE PASA?

Cuatro Estados Newsletter

August 2019

PREZ SEZ...

There was a real *“Spirit of Camaraderie and Helpfulness”* expressed at the July rally in Chama! Thanks to Lynn Buckingham (rallymaster and only attending officer), the annual meeting took place without a hitch, accomplishing the decisions that needed to be made. The slate of 2020 officers and 2021 nominating committee were voted in, and the annual dues increase approved. (The minutes were sent to everyone in a separate email with the details.) Special thanks to Sanna Obermiller for handling the original arrangements for both the rally and the annual meeting; so sorry she couldn't make the rally.

Thanks to Becky Coulter's “persuasive” & enthusiastic attitude, many members agreed to be rallymasters & co-rallymasters for next year. Handing out Gene Dorsey's tentative schedule for 2020 enabled Becky to help fill in many of the blanks. There was much enthusiasm for the possibilities for adventure next year! Once again it shows how much you all care about the future of *Cuatro Estados*, to will do what is necessary and keep our *“Spirit of Adventure”* continuing!

In addition to our officers and rallymasters, there are other important positions to be filled each year for our chapter to function smoothly and efficiently. Newsletter Editor Pat Wilson is willing to continue in 2020, and so is Bob Coulter who produces our Membership Directory. Webmaster & Facebook Manager duties will be taken over by Bill Eckel (in addition to his being our videographer).

Even though our fiscal year doesn't end until Dec 31st, it is a relief to know that at that time I will be leaving *Cuatro Estados* in very good hands ... not just for next year, but hopefully to continue indefinitely. I have no doubt that many of you may someday be celebrating *Cuatro Estados' 50th Anniversary!* (Originating in 1986, that's only 17 years to go!)

Happy Trails! Rae

Wagonmaster CHATTER

Chama – What a Rally; What a Tally

The rally report is in. The pictures are on social media. The meeting was a success. The smoke and cinders were survived. The memories will last a life time. Chama was one of the best attended rallies we have had for quite a while with about 30 members in attendance. Not a single couch potato in the bunch.

2020 Rally Sneak Peak

It is not official yet but get ready for some fun times in the boondocks, on the backroads and near some big cities next year. Don't make any travel plans next year until you see our final schedule. Then plan your other boring travel around our exciting rallies.

Rallymasters have stepped up

Thank you to the *Coulters, Krouses, Keiths, Redmans, Varleys, Glasmanns, Eckels, Threatts, Feltners, Gurnseys, Scotts, Schmitt, and Thomases* who have volunteered to be rallymasters or assistants next year. Why let them have all the fun and get all the accolades? You too could be among their number. Let me know, I have a spot for you.

Minot Magic

Rosie and I signed up to be chapter coordinators thinking that it would be nice to have another couple or two join us for happy hour. We have 20 members going to Minot. We may need to rent a hall. Cuatro Estados, YOU are amazing! Expect to receive a text message from me upon our arrival and travel safely to Minot.

Social Media

Visit our website *cuatroestados.com* for all the latest, and our Facebook page to see the latest pictures and Bill's Chama video

Gene Dorsey, Wagonmaster

Gene.dorsey@msn.com

505 974-1845

Think Outside – No Box Required

REMINDER TO RALLYMASTERS

The Treasurer offers \$50.00 for each rally for enhancing it, such as providing food for a meal, etc. You don't need to account for how you spend. Contact Lynn Buckingham at lunnbuck2@msn.com.

WELCOME Kevin & Paula Gurnsey



The Gurnsey's are neighbors of Don & Linda Feltner and live in Wheat Ridge Colorado. Kevin is still working, Paula was a Navy Corpsman (medic) and has an ankle tattoo to prove it. They have a 5th wheel pulled by a Ford 7.3 diesel truck (someone said it was as rare as a unicorn). They are full of fun and joined right in with the group and became members on their first rally. They even volunteered to co-host a rally next year in Glenwood Springs, CO with the Feltners.

JULY 20-26 RALLY REPORT CHAMA, NM -- LITTLE CREEL RV PARK

2631 Hwy 84, Chama, NM -- 855-756-2382

Rallymasters: Lynn & Buck Buckingham

We were delighted to find the perfect set-up for a large group, circling the "wagons" around a central meeting place, a large open pavilion with a BBQ grill at one end and a fire ring at the other and new tables. We found out, just before the rally that we had to pay \$200+tax for it. But all 15 "wagons" pitched in \$10 so that and our rally enhancement fee paid the \$200. Donations for the tax ended up including \$20 for the treasury too. Attending were Ackerman/Miller, Buckingham, Coulters, Eckels, Feltners, Glasmanns, Gurnseys (became new members), Keiths, Krouses, Nelsons and granddaughter Rachael, Redmans, Seversons, Threatts, Vasquezes and Wallaces.



Monday, July 22nd-

After getting settled, we had our usual yummy heavy snacks, including lightly roasted hot dogs that were so good, some took seconds. Sanna had sent a large jar of golf balls and a few other items with Nelsons, and we had a contest to see who could guess the number of balls in the jar. Bill Eckel won. She had also mailed a box of prizes to me and Bill had added to it so we were well-supplied

with prizes. After other and chowing started a campfire, many.

Tuesday, July 23rd- This own and some of us Pagosa Springs, as Buck checked out a couple campgrounds for our



meeting each down, Bill enjoyed by

was a day on our drove over to and I did. We of nearby master rally

master, Gene, then discovered the river and lots of hot spring pools. We ate at a fun-type Mexican restaurant overlooking all the action and thought that it was a real cool place to be. We had scheduled light snacks at 5 but most turned out to be pretty heavy but then not everyone had a big lunch, as we did. Keiths won a prize for coming the farthest distance to the rally, from Sun City West, AZ. Then master fire-builder, Kevin Gurnsey, got a beautiful fire going and Paula Gurnsey surprised us with the fixings for s'mores, including the roasting sticks. Gurnseys are new members.

Wednesday, July 24th- This was train day. Ackerman/Miller, Buckingham, Feltner, Glasmann, Gurnsey, Nelsons & Rachael, Seversons and Vasquez rode the narrow-gauge, historic train to Antonito, CO. It was running late and the south-bound train arrived at the lunch stop first. However, there was plenty of good food left for us but it was a challenge finding a place to sit. Most had to go downstairs. A bus took us back to Chama. We had a rainy evening so no camp fire. The train was fun.

Thursday, July 25th- Game day. Becky was busy recruiting rally masters for next year. Some played Quarkle. More popular was a bean-bag toss and bocce ball. Coulter's dog, Casey, had a great time with the bocce balls. Valdean won the scavenger hunt with Linda Feltner a close second. It's amazing how much "stuff" one has in their RV! Dinner was at the High Country restaurant, where we had a separate room. The annual meeting was also accomplished there, with a quorum of 15 units. Yeah!

Friday, July 26th- Farewell and "See you down the road" day.



AUGUST 14-17
FMCA INTERNATIONAL RALLY
MINOT, ND

Rallymasters: Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com.

It's FMCA's 100th Convention! Registration is in current issues of FMCA's magazine or register on line. Rallymasters will plan to **arrive on Aug 11th**. **Please plan to assist us at the Chapter Fair in the afternoon of Tues, Aug 13.** This is a great opportunity to share what *Cuatro Estados* is all about and encourage others to join us!

AUGUST RALLY
CAPULIN, NM AUG 22-27

RESERVE NOW Capulin RV Park 575-278-2921

Located at the intersection of Hwy 64/67 & Hwy 325 (in far NE NM)

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896

coulter06@comcast.net

Let's discover the northeast part of New Mexico. Yes, you know this going to be a weird rally when Becky hosts it!

The first day we will stop for coffee and to poke around in the local country store then off to see the largest intact volcano cone in North America. Those that are game can hike down into the cone. It's an easy hike. Then we will gather for a picnic.

The name Capulin is Spanish for choke cherry which makes sense to me, this breathtakingly awesome intact volcano crater is a cherry on my list.

Capulin Volcano National Monument is an example of an extinct cinder cone volcano crater it is part of the Raton-Clayton Volcanic Field. It was established in 1916 and has five miles of hiking trails but you can see it all from your car This is a great natural landmark to visit. Historical and amazing to see all the Lava Rock formations from thousands of years ago. The eruptions were massive and the scenery is beautiful.

A paved road spirals around the volcano and visitors can drive up to a parking lot at the rim. There is a steep drop off that increases, of course as you make your way up the winding road to the top and no railing throughout the 20 mph route. Hiking trails circle the rim as well as down into the mouth of the volcano. From the highest point of the volcano you can see New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado. Pictures do this majestic area no justice. You have to stop and see to understand the overall magnitude of this volcano! Bring your National Parks pass.

The next day we will visit the elevated fossil trackway of dinosaur foot prints at Clayton Lake State Park. Have lunch in the historic and haunted restaurant and bar of the Hotel Eklund Hotel in Clayton. Then we will stop at the Herzstein Memorial Museum (on state register of historic places) which is touted as the best museum in the 5 state area. It houses Santa Fe Trail memorabilia, dinosaur relics and other interesting themes and things from around the world. Bring your favorite knife for “Knife Day” and tell a story round the campfire with knife prizes for the best stories.

The third day we will visit the Folsom Museum in Folsom, NM. Bison bones and Folsom arrow tips confirmed the theory that man had occupied the New World at least 10,000 years. We will take a scenic drive the back way over the mesa through Raton, which is longer but a beautiful drive. Those that want to can hike the Climax Canyon in Raton. This is an excellent hike for novices, families and even more advanced hikers. It is a 2 trail system with multiple entry points, easy to find and well-marked trails, lots of parking, and wonderful views that you hardly notice you are climbing a mountain to see the view. There is an East Loop and West Loop Trail, both are under 2 miles so they could be combined for a longer hike.

When we get back to camp we will combine whiskey Sours with tongue twisters. The hosts will provide the main entrée you provide a dish.

The last day will be one day for rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing you!

SEPTEMBER RALLY
GRAND JUNCTION, CO SEPT 24-30

RESERVE NOW Palisade Base Camp 970-463-9712
985 N. River Rd. Palisade, CO
Rallymasters: Tom & Pat Krouse, 970-433-0531

A few reminders: 1) Bring your own beverages and plate service to pot luck & get together; 2) All events are optional, don't feel you have to attend everything; 3) Be sure to wear your Cuatro Estados badges; 4) Bring two way radios if you have them.

Tues, Sept 24th-

Arrival day – set up your rig and relax until meet and greet at 5:30 PM. Dinner provided (pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans and rolls). Bring your preferred beverage and a dessert to share. Will discuss the following day's activities after dinner.

Weds, Sept 25th-

9:00 AM meet for convoy across Colorado National Monument (National Park Pass needed) If you do not have a pass we can check for ride sharing among other attendees. Lunch at Edgewater Brewery at 12:30, visit the Museum of the West in Grand Junction (\$6.00 fee for seniors) or enjoy an afternoon on your own. Happy Hour at 5:00 PM. Bring your beverage and a light snack.

Thurs, Sept 26th-

Free day on your own to rest or take in other sights in the area. Pot luck at 5:30 PM – Bring your beverage and a favorite Western Dish.

Fri, Sept 27th-

Meet at 10:00 AM for tastings and tours of local wineries, with lunch at 12:00 at the 357 Bar & Grill in Palisade. After lunch tour Suncrest Orchard Alpacas (\$2.00 / person). As time permits for visit more wineries on East Orchard Mesa. Happy hour at 5:30 – Bring light snacks.

Sat, Sept 28th-

Meet at 9:00 AM and pack a lunch for a Scenic drive over the Grand Mesa (highest flat top mountain in the world). Brief stops at Powder Horn ski area, and Grand Mesa Visitors Center. Proceed down off the mesa to Cedaredge CO. to visit the Pioneer Town Museum, Museum Tour is \$3.00 per person or you can relax and visit some of the quaint shops in Cedaredge. Drive back to town via Delta, CO and have dinner on your own. Happy hour to be determined.

Sun, Sept 29th-

Meet at 10:30 for a ride to the Fruita Fall Festival in Fruita CO. (parking is an issue so ride share if possible) Out house race, food trucks, vendors, entertainment,

etc., or rest up and prepare for your trip home tomorrow. Happy Hour at 5:30
Bring your Beverage and whatever you have left to share.

Mon, Sept 30th-

Get away day. Enjoy Muffins/Danish at the Krouse rig. Bring your beverage of choice and bid all a fond farewell. Have a safe trip home or to your next destination !!

CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE FOR REST OF 2019

(Remember to check this over each month for updates/changes!)

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." Please contact Gene Dorsey, gene.dorsey@msn.com, 505-974-1845 if you are thinking of going; if no interest, we may need to try for a different location... (any ideas/thoughts?)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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

Flo Warshauer (1st)

Jerry Brown (2nd)

Bob Downs (6th)

Judy Stouffer (9th)

Sher Brown (12th)

Norma Coonrod (15th)

Gary Stroschein (16th)

Betsy Jeffery (18th)

Sandy Catalana (20th)

Nancy Williamson (21st)

Barry Engelman (22nd)

Diana Vasquez (25th)

Mark Wilson (28th)

Rochelle Landeros (29th)

Rae Phillips (30th)

Sanna Obermiller (30th)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Sher Brown (8th)

Bob & Becky Coulter (17th)

Glenn & Ardith Millar (24th)

Ernest & Nancy Keith (25th)

