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PREZ SEZ...

Hello intrepid explorers! Venturing beyond the house was quite enjoyable. No they didn't stop anyone at the New Mexico border or put ankle bracelets on anyone to ensure quarantine time was followed. We had two rigs cross over the border from Colorado.

This from the Buckingham's:

"We want to thank you for all you did for our 'protest' rally. It was fun just getting together after all the months of isolation. Hope there's more of this protest stuff in our future". Lynn & Buck

We all experienced a rather unusual thing at the RV park, a separate electric

charge upon checking out. Guessing that is the wave of the future. We paid \$16.76 to \$50.00.

One CE member got all these emails from other email addresses with my name as the sender. Do not respond to these. My email address has coulter in it.

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I look forward to the next rally in Glenwood Springs August 18-24th with the Feltners and the Gurnseys. Gene Dorsey has a great line up of travel locations for 2021 and he will be asking for your input at the Glenwood Rally. I know everyone loves to go on rallies but we do need some help putting them on; please consider volunteering.

Becky Coulter

Show Your Support!

Our rally masters have put lots of thought and careful planning into designing a wonderful rally trip for you. They are not seeing much response and getting a bit discouraged. I know it is typical to want to wait and see but if you are in the least bit interested in the rallies for the rest of the year (Salt Lake City, UT in September and Camp Verde, AZ in October) please let them know and make your reservations they can always be cancelled.

The following people are scheduled to go to Glenwood Springs: Symallas, Parrs, Krouses, Coulters, Feltners, Gernseys, McVey/Skaug, Dorseys, Brenner/Rozdilsky, Eckels, Houstons, and Seversons.



TAOS NO RALLY, RALLY REPORT
July 15-20

Rallymasters: Bob and Becky Coulter

(see all the wonderful pictures taken by George Raney on our website cuatroestados.com -under PHOTOS) The Coulters, Raney, McVey/Skaug, Houstons, Buckingham, Thorton/Jeffery and Erickson/Smith were in attendance.

Well we started out with 32 people coming and the number went down to 12 due to New Mexico's 14 day quarantine requirement, (which by the way was never enforced).

Thursday July 16: we went to the Taos Gorge and walked the bridge and took pictures. They had an emergency phone and little baggies with encouraging words, stickers and small crosses all to prevent people from jumping. No one jumped! We were loving the blue skies and cool day as well as each other's friendship. We spotted some Barbary Sheep imported from the mountains of North Africa. Then we went on a tour of strange homes on the side of the hill called Earthships. They were designed for living off the grid and used tire, dirt, bottles and cans for building materiel. Frank Thorton knew the guy who started the whole thing.

Friday was George Raney's birthday and we surprised him at the rally point with a roaring Happy Birthday song. I have to admit he was a bit surprised but we like to make our new members feel welcome. Then we drove "The Enchanted Circle", which was close to 90 miles. We stopped in Red River for a look see and had coffee. Then on to Eagle Nest for shopping and lunch in a beautiful setting. Then we proceeded to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for a sobering visit. There were many changes to the grounds and a brand new cemetery for NM Veterans. Valerie Erickson and Brian Smith arrived in time for happy hour and Lynn and Buck Buckingham bid us adio as they were leaving in the morning.

Sunday we all took an hour's drive to the Wild Rivers area where the Rio Grande and Red Rivers merge. We were high atop a mesa as were some nice campgrounds, which were closed. Then we drove to the Bavarian House atop a mountain in the Taos Ski Valley. The wine and beer and cool air at 10,000 feet made us hungry for brats, potato salad, goulash soup, and pretzels. I do have to mention the quilting bee that was going on in the Houston's RV. Can you believe they had 3 ladies making quilts? And on the last day they displayed them. Everyone departed on Monday morning.



Glenwood Springs West/Colo. River K.O.A/Silt, Colorado:

Cuatro Rally August 18th to 24th.

KOA Silt, 629 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652

Phone 1-970-876-4900 or Reservation line 800-562-3708

Call early for reservations as this KOA cannot hold sites for our "Cuatro Group".
Don, Linda, Kevin, Paula have tried (2-20-2020) to reserve sites along river from
"W12 to W14"...as our main meeting area....try to reserve in a group around that
S.W. area of the park. **Leann, Manager.**

Please Do Your Internet Homework

Look at "25 Things To-Do In/Around Glenwood Springs, CO".
Site is loaded with photo's and information you'll want to know
before you arrive in Colorado!
You'll be glad you did.

[4-26-2020 update]
Team unable to provide 1st
day meal...**SORRY !!**

Tues Aug. 18th: Arrive Silt/West Glenwood KOA
From 4 to 6PM...Plan ahead for a "Pot-Luck" item to share that does not
require a lot of preparation—"think CostCo/Sams Club" easy-fix stuff 😊
Bring your own chair** and drinks to the Feltner/Gurnsey SITES...#13/14.
**bring a side dish [salad, desert] to share, your plates & silverware.

Wed: Aug. 19th: **9AM Departure:** Put on your walking shoes for a great walk around Rifle
Falls State Park (park fee \$8 each) and 40 minute drive [15 miles] from
camp, with great "Photo-Op" of Falls, lakes, streams & more.
LUNCH at the "Shooter's Grill", as shown on national TV the waitstaff
open-carry their Colt 45's or Glock 9mm, etc.
OR Brown-Bag a lunch, and stay at stay at Rifle Falls.....OR.....join us...
52 miles west on I-70 to Debeque and into the "Book Cliff's" area,
visit the range of wild horses found on the mesa tops...very interesting 4
hour adventure with photo ops everywhere. Think Goblins State Park,
in Utah. Or enjoy the Rifle area, or shop until Happy Hour time.
4:00 Happy Hours 😊 ❤️

Thurs: Aug. 20th **9:00 Depart for Carbondale** (great artist village), Red Stone (1800's Red
Stone, [great lodge] & Inn, [tour the 1800's castle for \$20 each..Senior \$]
[Coke Ovens in Red Stone, must see]
...on to Marble, CO. Where a great amount of white marble grace the
Washington Monument and other notable Govt. buildings in D.C.
BRING a chair and picnic lunch and enjoy Beaver Lake or enjoy
stream-side *snacks* along the Crystal River (**fabulous fishing**).
4x4 enthusiasts can 4-wheel to Lizard Lake 1.25 miles above Marble, or
8 miles to the nationally known "Crystal Mill" for great photo's. Schofield
Pass, near "Crested Butte" is infamous for the 40+ lives lost on it's 30/30
slopes! Turn around in Crystal (Mill site)? Don/Linda have been over
'the-pass' many times.....**30 years ago!**
Dinner on your own. Dine in Marble, Red Stone, Carbondale
or Glenwood Springs

**Hanging Lake Trail, a 1.25 mile uphill walk, (strenuous) A Fantastic
Site, see web-pix). Need reservations months in advance!!**

Fri. Aug. 21st:

9AM Departure: We head for a day in Glenwood Springs: Glenwood Hot Springs Pool and SPA are a must IF you like mineral springs, 1.50 million gallons in two pools, big pool 50' X 300 feet, 98* and hot pool 100X35 at 104* — restaurant, snacks water slides MORE. \$30/person with in/out all day privileges. Less money after 6-7PM.

Glenwood Caverns and Adventure Park. Great underground caverns, amusement park, eatery....\$20/ each.

Rent a bicycle (\$9.00/ hour or \$33 all day. 50 miles plus, bike trails on Colorado River and Frying Pan rivers.....moderate workout.

Hanging Lake Trail... a 1.25 mile uphill walk, (**strenuous**) THIS is a Fantastic Site, see web-pix). **Need reservations months in advance!!**

Lunch, by reservation, (?as a group?) for "Doc Holiday's Saloon"?? A fun place with good hamburgers N beer...sit in Doc's chair for free 'extractions' — (*kidding!*)

4:00 Happy Hour and [to be determined]....dinner/snacks??

Club "Annual Meeting" required, one DAY (30 minutes or less) during this Rally, please!

Sat: Aug. 22nd:

"Day on your own" OR "Team-UP-With" another couple/member:

(1.) trip to Aspen, 60 miles (take loads of \$\$\$)...or Vail, 70 miles or.... return to Glenwood, 20 miles, for a raft trip "Colo. River Raft Co., \$62 ea. for 1/2 day trip. (2.) Trout Fish (with guide) Colorado River OR Frying Pan, \$450 1/2 day. (3.) Fish on your own, where ever you like, Colo. fish-lic. is (non-res) \$17 a day or \$32 5-days). (4.) Hanging Lake Trail...it doesn't get better than this anywhere!!..**Reservations required!!** (5.) NEW HOT SPRINGS. Try "Iron Mountain Hot Springs, \$27-\$30 per person, with dozens of hot tubs along the bank of the Colorado River, restaurant on site! (6.) Bike the 50 miles of bike trail along the Colorado and Frying Pan Rivers...rentals available at Canyon Bikes, Glenwood Springs, \$9/ hour or \$33 per day

Dinner and final "Happy Hour" at 4:30....details available after first day of Glenwood/Silt Rally.

Sun: Aug. 23rd:

Normal Departure Day....Happy Trails to you and yours.

Because of the "Summer-Peak-Season" and all the "Denver bound" I-70 traffic....We, Feltner's/Gurnsey's, have elected to go home [To Denver] on Monday....less traffic.

We'll enjoy our "River-Side" site, read a book, cast-a-trout-line. Maybe do things we missed, on this "free-day"?? YOU are welcome to join us.....

Staying in the area, enjoy doing what you missed or....

Mon: Aug. 24th:

"Traffic-Delay" Departure Day....Happy Trails to you and yours.





September 21-27, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah

1012 Recreation Way, North Salt Lake, UT

(<https://www.ponyexpressrvresort.com>)

Rallymasters: Bob (505 453-8643, rwscott234@gmail.com) & Sharee (505 220-0547, southwestgal234@gmail.com) Scott in Pleasant Grove, Utah and Joyce Schmitt (505 321-4501, j2b3s@msn.com) in Ogden, Utah

Reservation Details: Call Pony Express Resort (877-421-7002) to make your reservation and advise them that you are with Cuatro Estados for a group rate parking with our group. Please also give one of the rallymasters, above, a call and let us know you are coming. They also have noted on their website “no cancellation fees for 2020”, so sign up now, even if you are not sure.

NOTE: The state of Utah is in the process of returning to the “new normal”. Hopefully, all planned activities will be available by the time of our rally. The exact order of the days/events will be determined when the Rally draws closer.

Day 1, Monday, Sep 21: Arrive/check-in

Day 2, Tuesday, Sep 22: Exploring Park City We will visit the Utah Olympic Park in the morning. No charge to visit two museums, watch athletes train or explore the venue. We will then go into Park City where we will eat lunch and

explore on our own. The Park City Museum is very interesting and covers the mining industry and skiing history of Park City. You may want to take a scenic gondola ride or chairlift ride. There is a hop on, hop off trolley that runs through Park City and, of course, there is plenty of shopping. It is also a great leisurely stroll, if the weather cooperates.

Day 3, Wednesday, Sep 23: The Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island State Park We will drive across the Great Salt Lake on the 7-mile causeway. First, we will spend time in the Visitor Center. Then we will drive south on the island to the historic Fielding Garr Ranch, hoping to see the herds of buffalo and other wildlife along the way. We can tour the ranch house and out buildings. We will take a sack lunch.

Day 4, Thursday, Sep 24: Downtown Salt Lake City We will visit Temple Square, the No. 1 tourist attraction in Utah. We will enjoy the beautiful gardens. Three buildings on the square were built by the pioneers: the six-spired granite Salt Lake Temple; the acoustically perfect domed Tabernacle, original home of the Tabernacle Choir and the famed organ; and the Assembly Hall with its white spires and stained-glass windows. There are museums and a Visitor's Center on the square. At 12:00 we will make our way to the Tabernacle to hear a free organ concert. We will eat lunch near the square (restaurant to be determined). In the afternoon, we will visit the Family Search Center where you can explore your own family history and records.

Day 5, Friday, Sep 25: Union Station and Notorious 25th Street in Ogden We will visit the historic Union Station and learn about its history as we follow along with a 30-minute podcast. We can spend additional time in Union Station viewing the Railroad Museum, the John M Browning Firearms Museum, or the Classic Car Museum, depending on your interests. We will eat lunch on historic 25th Street and after lunch we will walk 2 blocks up and back 25th Street as we listen to another podcast and learn the history of why it is called "Notorious 25th Street". We will return to our RV Park by driving east through Ogden Canyon (a scenic byway), over Trapper's Loop and Snow Basin Ski area (amazing views and vistas) and west through Weber Canyon back to our RV Park.

Day 6 , Saturday, Sep 26 Free day On your own to explore what interests you. So many possibilities and we will have a list for you. Perhaps, some may want to take the drive to the Golden Spike National Historical Park, or visit This is the Place Heritage Park, or visit Trolley Square or more museums in SLC.

Day 7, Sunday, Sep 27: Departure Day If you paid for 6 nights, you got a 7th night free and will then have the option to spend this day in the area as well, leaving on the morning of Sep 28



October 14-20, 2020

Camp Verde, Arizona

583 West Middle Verde Rd, 877-577-5507

877-577-5507 (<https://ddrvresort.com/>) Group Coordinator at resort McKayla

Rallymasters: Joe & Anne Thomas 928-218-1332 KG6IDN@gmail.com

Please call and reserve your site under Joe/Anne Thomas. The group rate if we get **10 rigs** is \$36 plus tax = \$40.67 per night, \$244.03 (6 nights). You will be charged a \$44 deposit. Any additional days will be at the peak rate of \$44 plus tax = \$49.71 **OR** if we don't get 10 rigs this will be the daily rate as well. The resort does offer a discount for AAA, Good Sam, AARP, FMCA and veterans with ID. Cancellations 48 hours prior to arrival date \$20 administrative fee charged, less than 48 hours \$44 deposit will be forfeited. If the resort must cancel our event for COVID-19 regulations, there should not be a cancellation fee.

Please email us also once you make your reservation.

We will not have use of the social gathering room, but the pool and laundry should be open; fitness center and library presently closed. We should be able to gather outside. At this point **MASKS** are required inside the resort and most of the surrounding areas we plan to visit.

RALLY SCHEDULE

Due to COVID-19 and the unpredictability of what places may be open or allow a limited number of people in at one time we are not making a day by day schedule. Instead, will leave it open for members to choose if they car-pool or where they would like to explore each day. We plan to visit the Chamber of Commerce to collect brochures to provide to everyone upon arrival and invite everyone do some research upfront online as well.

Wednesday October 14: Arrive at Distant Drums, check in at 1:00pm. Gather around 4 pm to enjoy a burger or hotdog off the grill and discuss activities in area.
Thursday October 15 to Monday October 19: Meet at predetermined departure time or go on your own to explore. Gather together around 4 pm to socialize/ Happy Hour. At the present time Blazin M Ranch is closed so most likely we won't be able to attend the Western Dinner Show.

List of places to visit

Montezuma Castle (Montezuma's Well currently closed) and Tuzigoot National Monuments: short hike a both places, bring National Park pass in case fees aren't waived, 25 mile scenic drive between sites on County Road 30 thru Cornville, which is good place to stop for lunch at Grasshopper Grill. Other options are to go to lunch in Camp Verde at JT's bistro or Crusty's Pizza and take AZ -260 to Tuzigoot thru Cottonwood or make a complete circle coming back thru Cottonwood.

Old town Cottonwood: offers a variety of shops, antiques, restaurants and enjoy some of Verde Valley wine trail wineries.

Jerome: visit State Historic Park tour Douglas Mansion, take a Ghost Town tour, visit Gold King Mine, eat at the famous Haunted Hamburger, plenty of shops, wineries to visit, bring your walking shoes the town is built on a side of a hill.

Sedona: take a Pink Jeep tour, stroll around the town's many shops and restaurants, drive Red Rock Scenic Byway, visit Chapel of Holy Cross, hike in the red walled canyons.

Clarkdale: enjoy Fall colors by taking train ride on Verde Canyon Railroad (may

want to make reservation before arrival at www.verdecanyonrr.com) visit Copper Art Museum (currently closed due to covid-19).

Camp Verde/Fort Verde: State Historic Park, old downtown, Cliff Castle Casino (across from Distant Drums), Out of Africa Wildlife Park

Prescott: day trip (45 miles)/visit downtown shops, antique stores, historic Courthouse Square, museums, hiking, biking, and kayaking

Tuesday October 20: Depart, check out time 11 am. Safe Travels!

We would like to thank everyone in advance for being flexible.



RALLY SCHEDULE for the rest of 2020

August 18-24: GLENWOOD SPRINGS (SILT), CO

Backroads: Glenwood Springs West KOA 800-562-3708

Rallymasters: Don & Linda Feltner 303-232-0859

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This popular KOA fills up quickly for the summer months, so you need to make reservations NOW! The well-known Glenwood Springs Pool is the big draw to this area, but it's not the only attraction. The drive east of town through

Glenwood Canyon is an engineering marvel, with a hike/bike trail that goes the whole distance practically on top of the raging Colorado River. The Redstone's interesting history and coal company town, along with its Castle, is 20 miles south, and continuing south is Marble CO, where the marble for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier & Lincoln Memorial came from. You can also reach famous Aspen ski village an hour out of Glenwood Springs, and adventure further to hike to the Maroon Bells (one of the most picturesque views in the Rockies). Perhaps one of the most iconic hikes in this region is to Hanging Lake, a steep and challenging route. Reservations are required WAY in advance, and a shuttle takes you there from Glenwood Springs.

September 21-27: NORTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Big City: Pony Express RV Resort 877-421-7002

Rallymasters: Bob & Sharee Scott 505-453-8643 rwscott234@gmail.com

Joyce Schmitt 505-321-4501 j2b3s@msn.com

Make reservations soon; deposit fully refundable up to 72 hrs prior so book even if just THINK you'd like to attend. From the Great Salt Lake to the west to the ski slopes of the Wasatch Mountains to the east, adventures abound in all directions. The RV Park is located just 6 or 7 miles from the State Capitol and Temple Square, and adjacent to the Jordan River & a state OHV rec area. Several National Historic Trails route through SLC. Some of the best preserved historical areas are in and around SLC. Several scenic mountain roads offer access to endless hiking and picnicking along rushing creeks and waterfalls. The ski villages offer summer activities also.

October 14-20: CAMP VERDE, AZ

Backroads: Distant Drums RV Resort 928-554-8000 ddrvresort.com

Rallymasters: Joe & Anne Thomas 928-218-1332 kg6idn@gmail.com

A good Arizona destination for seeing fall color, Distant Drums is conveniently located just off I-17 in the Verde Valley between Phoenix & Flagstaff. Every type of terrain and scenery is in and around Verde Valley. A long history of settlements, military trails & forts, and mining development dot the region. Visit Fort Verde Historic Park, then drive parts of General Crook's Trail through the Mingus Mtns. Nearby are the ancient ruins of Montezuma Castle & Tuzigoot National Monuments, and the fascinating Montezuma's Well. Not too far away are the red rocks of Sedona, picturesque Oak Creek Canyon, historic mining town of Jerome (don't miss the mining museum), backroads drives into surrounding mountains, Verde Canyon Railroad scenic train ride, and so much more. There's even a casino across the highway from the resort!

Any questions please contact Wagonmaster Gene Dorsey
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