

Cuatro Estados Newsletter August 2021

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THE PREZ SEZ...

The rally report for Leadville, CO is below. The Del Norte, CO will be out next month. Both Colorado rallies were excellent!

A big thanks to our rallymasters Don and Linda Feltner for the July Leadville Rally.

Yikes 24 people have signed up for Christmas on the Pecos, should be a fun time on the river.

The 2022/23 Cuatro Schedule has been fleshed out a bit more. We have found all our rallymasters. Thanks so Much! The schedule will be out soon!

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Leadville Rally Report

July 21st was arrival day in the rain! HAPPY HOUR deluge: Just poured and we couldn't even RUN-FOR the campground rec-center. Feltner's and Gurnsey's were facing each other, OUR outstretch awnings helped a

“little” but mostly, food and fun was held in the two campers. BUT WE HAD FUN and great finger food.....drinks and catching up with each other.



July 22nd we packed lunches, got out our “Leadville” Mining Tour Map Center-Fold (see photo)...and set off for the alpine flowers (at their peak) at the foot of “Mosquito Pass” (29 mile 4X4 road, Leadville to Fairplay, Colorado). We enjoyed the wild flowers and decided NOT to test the 13,185 foot peak at the top.



Lunch at "The Matchless Mine" while waiting for our very lively, energetic and informative ex-miner lady who gave us a very complete and lengthy verbal description (she is 88 years old/young) of her entering the "mens world of mining" at her age 20, young and blonde. Todays harassment sound like a picnic compared to hers. Her tales of Horace and Baby Doe Tabor kept us entertained for an hour or more!! The Tabors pulled over 7.5 million in Silver from the Matchless Mine.....both died broke. Horace Tabors 1st wife, Augusta, died a millionaire....she invested her "Matchless Mine" proceeds !!



Below: Matchless Mine cabin “Baby Doe Tabor” froze (heart attack most likely) to death in....Don Feltner’s father, George, delivered the “Harold Democrat” newspapers to Baby Doe until she passed.



Below:

The interior of Baby Does cabin. When I was young (Don) the cabin was “plastered with old newspapers” as a form of insulation....visitors decided to take “some of the newspapers’ and so NOW, just brown paper covers the walls. THE newspaper had great 1800’s and early 1900’s ads and news....I have photos of them!



NOT SHOWN: “Quincy Steak House” dinners (Prime Rib some days, yummy steaks other days.....satisfied our 10,200 foot elevation appetites.

Night were cool at 39 for a low and 75-80 for a high. Rain came and went and didn’t ruin anything at all.

Photo Below:

At the foot of “Mosquito Pass” and the wild flowers.....in the background is Mount Massive, 14,300 elevation. This was A clear day as some days the western USA and Canada had smoke that cut visibility 80% on days before and after.

Unseen is Mount Elbert, 14,400 feet, to the left of the edge of this photo....breathing was good, with clean air most of the time.



Below:
Mosquito pass in the background and to the left.



Below:
Wild flowers and Don's Jeep.



Becky and Bob.....flowers and all. Bob celebrated his birthday in Leadville, he just turned.....older.



Below:

Indian Paint Brush flowers add color to the mountain pastures.



July 23rd we drove over independence Pass, altitude 12,120 feet....nice and cool and more traffic than usual, as I-70 closed often for mudslides from rain in the 2020 Glenwood Canyon forest fires.....so traffic as rerouted North to highway 40 OR south over Independence Pass.

We saw a couple 38 and 45 foot motor homes stopped by the police. IF you have ever driven from Leadville to Aspen, there are some very narrow, bad, stretches of the road where two SUV's have trouble passing each other safely.

Some, in our Rally, were delayed by a truck pulling an oversized trailer that had problems.



July 24th and 25th were free days....touring so many places.
The Leadville Mining Museum, 10th Mountain "Camp Hale" memorial....
A lot can be done and tons more to see.....fishing was good as Don caught 4
his first (early day in Leadville)!



Sunday night we shared finger food at the "Sugar Loafing" little rec-hall and I
(Don) told stories I've heard, from my father George, and from Locals like Ellen
Jackson who lived to be 100 in 2012, lived in the same \$750 house her parents

bought in the early 1900's (the family rented it for first 5 years.....Today, in Leadville's Realestate market, it might sell for \$500,000).

What a great time. I thank everyone who came to Leadville (and received a "turn me over"..... rock....hand printed by Don).

Linda and I, Kevin and Paula thank you for helping US make this a grand time in Leadville, where in todays dollars, 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS in minerals were extracted 1879 to early 1940's.



**SEPTEMBER 13-19-
Texas Panhandle
Rollin' Rally
Schedule**

Rollin' Masters Mike
Rozdilsky & MJ
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" From Palo Duro
Rocks to Rockin' with
Buddy Holly"

Texas Rollin Rally, Sept 13 - Sept 19, 2021
Rallymasters: MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilsky

Palo Duro Campground (9/13-9/16) 3 nights (Dianna 806-567-0309)

Monday 9/13 ... Arrive at campground and meet your fellow travelers bring a heavy appetizer to share

Tuesday 9/14 ... Palo Duro State Park (entrance fee \$8.00) We will drive through this beautiful state park, the second largest canyon in the US. We will stop for a visit at the visitor center, several short hikes, and meet for a picnic lunch. In the evening we will gather for a pot-luck dinner

Wednesday 9/15 ... Amarillo, Texas A visit to the Jack Sissmore RV Museum. A fun place that houses some of the oldest and fun RVs from the 30's to the 70's. FREE After some free time to explore Amarillo on your own (we will provide a list of interesting places to visit) we will met for dinner at the famous Big Texas Steak Ranch (free if you can eat a 72 oz steak.....that's 4 1/2 pounds!!!!)

Lubbock RV Park (9/16 - 9/18) 3 nights Depart on the 19th (Karen 866-871-0546)

Thursday 9/16 Drive to Lubbock and check in from 1:00 on In the afternoon those who wish to may visit the Silent Wings Museum just across the road. (hoping for a guided tour ... \$8.00 seniors) Meet for pot-luck dinner)

Friday 9/17 American Windmill Museum - Guided Tour \$8.00 A wonderful museum of wind power located on 28 acres of city park land and has more than 160 American style windmills. (lunch at the museum)

Saturday 9/18 Free day to explore Lubbock at your leisure (Visit a winery, the Buddy Holly Center, Museum of Texas Tech, National Ranching Heritage Ranching Center, The Vietnam Center, etc). Saturday evening ... dinner at a local restaurant TBD

Sunday 9/19 Say our good-bys and head for home or the open road.

We still might have one more opening at both RV Parks so make your reservations today! Then we will start a waiting list.



The October Rally is Full- All attendees will



be sent updates by the Raney's. Sites have been pre-reserved by the rallymasters.

You should have been contacted by Ghost Ranch

by now for your credit card information.

If you have not been contacted you can call them at 505-685-4881 or 505-685-1000 ext 4177 or email at carolh@ghostranch.org or shannonb@ghostranch.org

Please pay attention to this information you are responsible for booking extra tours and the train ride. Your RV cost includes one ticket for The Georgia O'Keef Landscape Tour and 2 tickets for Lunch

To book other tours: landscape, paleontology, archaeology, movies or a trail ride. <https://www.ghostranch.org/things-to-do/activities/>

you should monitor the web site for the opening of the Abiquiu O'Keeffe welcome center.

<https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/visit/visitor-information/directions-to-abiquiu/>

1. Gene & Rosie Dorsey
2. Bob & Becky Coulter
3. Bill & Bonnie Hathaway
4. Richard & Susan Houston
5. Bob & Sharee Scott
6. Joyce Schmitt
7. Craig & KJ Ford
8. Ron & Betty Sue Lyells
9. George & Pam Raney
10. Betsy Jeffrey &
11. Mary & Roy Manuzak
12. Carla and Neal Dungan
13. Chuck Southcomb
14. MJ Brenner & Mike Rozidilsky

Ghost Ranch Agenda

Rallymasters: George & Pam Raney, georgepamr@gmail.com, 618-698-4215

Friday, 1 October, there will be a gathering activity in the early evening at the camp...around 5PM happy hour.

Saturday, 2 October, we will do the Ghost Ranch Georgia O'Keefe landscape tour, lunch at the dining hall. **These reservations will be made for you when you register and make camp reservations with Carol Ho at the ranch.** You may also want to book other tours: paleontology, archaeology, movies or a trail ride. <https://www.ghost ranch.org/things-to-do/activities/>

Sunday, 3 October, we are planning a dinner at the Abiquiu Inn. Pam will arrange the reservations for the group. <https://www.abiquiuiinn.com/> Oh, by the way, the town name is pronounced: "A-bih-cue"

Monday, 4 October, we will trek to Ojo Caliente hot springs. It's currently closed due to a fire, but expected to reopen this summer. "Ojo" has hiking trails, a full restaurant and of course, hot springs. We'll monitor the web site and let you know when you can make reservations. <https://ojocaliente.ojospa.com/>

Tuesday, 5 October Day on Your Own

Wednesday, 6 October, we will do the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge train ride from Chama. You can make your own reservations for this online or by calling. We have opted for the "Chama All Aboard"----- It departs Chama at 10AM and returns approximately 4:05PM. Lunch is included in the cost. <https://cumbrestoltec.com/> Call 1-888-286-2737, or email reservations@cumbrestoltec.com for more information or to book your ride.

Thursday, 7 October

Departure

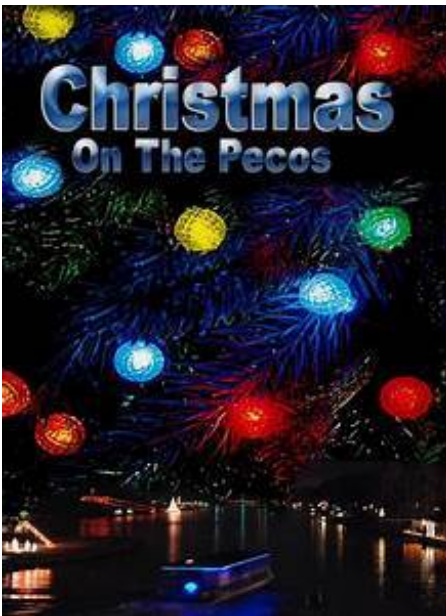
There will be an optional activities list for you...in about a month. It can help fill in the gaps in your seven day Ghost Ranch experience.

Meanwhile, one of the "optional activities" is the Georgia O'Keefe house tour in Abiquiu. The house is owned by the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe (not part of Ghost Ranch) and they do tours of the house. Those tour reservations are very popular and are often backed up for a year; but, for now it's closed because of Covid. We expect that the museum will awaken soon and begin scheduling tours. If you want to do this tour during one of our "free days", you should monitor the web site for the opening of the Abiquiu O'Keefe welcome center.

<https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/visit/visitor-information/directions-to-abiquiu/>



October 20-23 - Sunset on the Sonoran Desert Tucson, AZ or stay longer Early Bird arrival and late departure from Oct 19-24. Registration Forms can be found at www.rockymountainarea.com. click on the more tab, then 2021 Ramble tab, then registration tab.



Carlsbad Attendees

Houstons, Richard & Susan
Dungans, Neal & Carla
Coulter, Becky & Bob
Buckingham, Buck & Lynn
Redman, Roger & Karen
Herrera, Oswaldo & Estella
Thomas, Ann & Joe
Kausche, Ed & Lyn
Manusak, Mary & Roy
Meier, Cliff & Jeanne
Wright, Robert & Lelia
Greven, Erwin and Jeannie (friends of the Meiers)

Carlsbad KOA-For Reservations online go to <https://koa.com/campgrounds/carlsbad/reserve/>

or call 575-457-2000 around \$50 per night with 48-hour cancellations.

If your rig is winterized and you prefer to stay in a hotel try the- Comfort Suites- call 575-725-2134, no-cancellation rates \$120 per night, reservations with

cancellations are \$149.00 per night. NOTE if you find a better rate you can always stay at another hotel. Here's a list of hotels that are offering special rates if you are on the Pecos River of Lights Tour.
<https://christmasonthepecos.com/lodging-specials/>

The boat ride will be Tuesday 30 Nov, reservations for all activities are being made by the rally masters/ co-rally masters with the exception of Carlsbad Caverns. The Dungans will be coordinating and purchasing Tickets for the group for the night of 30 November, so we will all be on the same boat. Tickets will be passed out at their house the first night and you will pay them, please have cash. We are not sure of the cost this year but it was around \$15 per person last year and might be a bit more this year.

Any questions call or email me. Becky Coulter @ 505-553-5896,
coulter06@comcast.net.

It does not get any better than Christmas in Carlsbad, and this annual river event is sure to kick off the holiday spirit right. This 40-minute boat ride departs from the turn-of-the-century Pecos River Park in Carlsbad and take you past panoramic views of illuminated islands, boat docks and backyards. Display themes depict Santa's workshop, the Southwest desert and more as the reflections in the river create a magical shimmering effect. Christmas on the Pecos is considered one of the top 100 "must-see events in North America."

REST OF CUATRO ESTADOS 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

Please pay attention to deadlines Please confirm w/ rallymasters if attending.

September 13-19 Rollin' Rally (From Palo Duro Rocks to Rockin' with Buddy Holly) OPEN FOR 1 MORE RIG- THEN A WAIT LIST

13-16 Palo Duro Canyon, TX Palo Duro RV Park Canyon TX 806-488-2548
www.palodurorvpark.com

June 15, 2021

16-19 Lubbock, TX Lubbock RV Park, www.lubbockrvpark.com, 806-747-2366

Rollin' Masters: MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilski, 773-368-3535, rio355@aol.com

Palo Duro Canyon (from the Spanish meaning "hard wood" or, more exactly, "hard stick") has been named "The Grand Canyon of Texas" both for its size and for its dramatic geological features, including the multicolored layers of rock and steep mesa walls similar to those in the Grand Canyon. Lubbock is known as the birthplace of rock 'n' roll legend Buddy Holly. The Buddy Holly Center celebrates his life and music with artifacts and mementos. Nearby is the West Texas Walk of Fame, with a statue of Holly and plaques honoring musicians

from the region. The Museum of Texas Tech University houses millions of objects of art, history and paleontology, plus the Moody Planetarium.

October 1-7 Rockin' with the Ghosts FULL

Abiquiu, NM Ghost Ranch RV Park, 505-685-1000, ask for Carol Hoe at Ext #4177, www.ghostranch.org

Rollin' Masters: George & Pamela Raney 618-698-4215/505-231-8089
georgepamr@gmail.com THIS RALLY IS FULL!

George has given tours for several years and we are lucky to have him as our Ghost Ranch guide during Fall color season.

Ghost Ranch is a 21,000-acre retreat and education center located close to the village of Abiquiú New Mexico. It was the home and studio of Georgia O'Keeffe, as well as the subject of many of her paintings. Ghost Ranch is also known for a remarkable concentration of fossils, most notably that of the theropod dinosaur *Coelophysis*, of which it has been estimated that nearly a thousand individuals have been preserved in a quarry at Ghost Ranch.

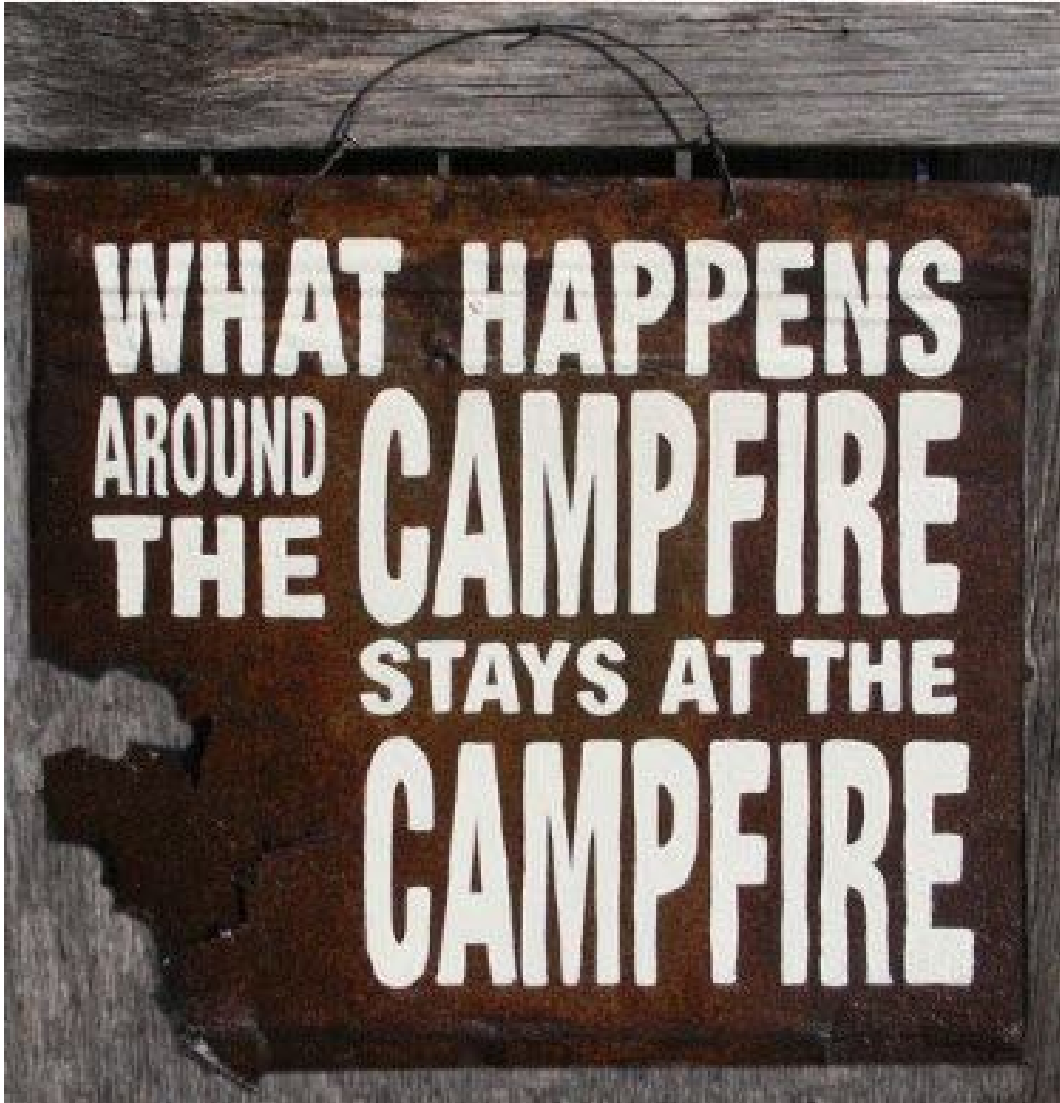
November 29-December 2 (Departure Date) Rowin' Christmas on the Pecos NOTE DATE & RALLY MASTER CHANGE OPEN TO MORE GUESTS Carlsbad, NM _

(3 Nights at either) Carlsbad KOA Holiday, 575-457-2008 or or stay at the Comfort Suites, 833-441-1202 if your rig is winterized._

Rowin' Hosts: Becky Coulter, 505-553-5896, coulter06@comcast.net

The Dungans will be coordinating the Tickets for the night of 30 November, Purchase info to come

It doesn't get any better than Christmas in Carlsbad, and this annual river event is sure to kick off the holiday spirit right. This boat ride will take you through one of the most extravagant and delightful light shows right on the Pecos river. Get ready to hop aboard a boat in Carlsbad and see what beautiful twinkling displays have been put together this year for a holiday event unlike any other.



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