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## **CUATRO ESTADOS DECEMBER 2019**

### **CE Officers for 2019- (See *Directory for Contact Info*)**

President: Rae Phillips

Vice President / Wagon master: Gene Dorsey

Secretary: Dianna McVey

Treasurer: Lynn Buckingham

National Director: Mark Wilson

Alternate Nat'l. Director: M.J. Brenner

\_\_\_\_\_Other positions\_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor.....Pat Wilson

Membership Directory.....Bob Coulter

Web Master/ Face Book Manager...Becky Coulter

### **PREZ SEZ...**

Meet your new officers and managers for next year! They all have many years of RVing experience and being invaluable to Cuatro Estados. Check out their detailed profiles on our website, [cuatroestados.com](http://cuatroestados.com).

President – Becky Coulter  
Vice President/Wagonmaster – Gene Dorsey  
Treasurer – Lynn Buckingham  
Secretary – Diana McVey  
National Director – MJ Brenner  
Alternate Natl Dir – Jim Glasmann  
Newsletter Editor – Pat Wilson  
Webmaster/Facebook Manager – Bill Eckel  
Membership Directory Editor/Publisher – Bob Coulter

Watch for them at upcoming rallies, and if you don't yet know them, introduce yourself and get acquainted. They not only have "The Spirit of Adventure" but are a whole lot of FUN too!

Thanks to all of you for your friendship through the years; it's been an amazing ride! You have all been a blessing in my life. Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with fun rallies!

Happy Trails to you ... until we meet again,  
Rae Phillips



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**CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER!!**  
**Fun, Games, and Gift Exchange!**

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 2019

**Time:** Noon

If you still want to come or have questions, contact Lynn or Allen (Buck) Buckingham by Dec. 1 at [lynnbuck2@msn.com](mailto:lynnbuck2@msn.com) or home phone: 505-298-1239 or cell: 505-269-7822.

## REMINDER ABOUT CHAPTER DUES FOR 2020

If you haven't paid your dues for 2020, please do so soon, no later than end of January, but preferably by December 31. Lynn will collect dues any time you care to send her a check, made out to Cuatro Estados, for your 2020 dues and mail to Lynn Buckingham, 11508 Nassau NE, Albuquerque 87111.

Budget issues prompted us to vote in an increase starting in 2020; dues will be \$10 per person or \$20 per couple. Paid in advance are Jamie & Galina Erickson, Robinsons, Wilsons and Vallarie Erickson & Brian Smith. Also, those joining since FMCA National Convention in Minot ND (in August) and through the end of 2019 are paid up for 2020 also.

## WE NEED YOUR MUG SHOT

Got a new Rig or Tow Car? Moved? Leaving Us?

If you are a new single member, we would like to get a close-up photo of you. If you are a new couple, we would like a close-up photo of both. Please no hats or sunglasses blocking your face. If we already have your photo disregard. We also know a number of you have new rigs, and/or maybe even moved. Please check your current listing in the Directory and advise us of any changes. My dear husband Bob is already working hard on updating the membership directory for 2020.

Also, if you do not wish to continue in 2020 please let us know so we won't be waiting for your dues in January. If we do not get your photos, we reserve the right to use any photo available (unusual creative image)...

Becky (2020 President)

Please email your photos & changes, complete with your name(s) to Bob Coulter at [coulter6@comcast.net](mailto:coulter6@comcast.net)

THANK YOU!

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## WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Thanksgiving is now in our rear-view mirror and Christmas is quickly approaching. This is a time to be thankful for another season of fun and fellowship with old and new friends alike. It is also a time to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all of the rallymasters who worked so hard to make each of our rallies so memorable. Thank you to all who keep us informed with our directory, photos and videos, newsletter and website. Thank you to our officers for the many things you do and a special thanks to Rae for your leadership. You too have volunteered to be a part of our Cuatro Estados

family and thank you for joining us.

Hope you have already started booking your reservations for our 2020 rallies! (See additional details elsewhere in this newsletter, and on our website.) Be sure to add our rally schedule to your new calendars as you set them up for next year.

**CUATRO ESTADOS 2020 RALLY SCHEDULE (abbreviated)Boondocks,  
Backroads, and Big Cities**

**January 8-12:** INDIO, CA FMCA Western Area Rally

**January 21-27:** DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, CA

**March 23-2:** TUCSON, AZ Chapter Volunteer Week FUN, EASY, REWARDING

**April 17-21:** MESA, AZ

**May 12-18:** TORREY, UT/CAPITAL REEF NP

**June 14-19:** DENVER/LITTLETON, CO

**July 15-19:** TAOS, NM

**August 18- 24:** GLENWOOD SPRINGS (SILT)

**September 21-27:** NORTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT

**October 14-20:** CAMP VERDE, AZ

**November 12-15:** TBD

**Social Media:** Visit our website [cuatroestados.com](http://cuatroestados.com) for all the latest. Check out the Rally Tab on our website to see what is planned or what you missed. Also visit our Facebook page to see the latest photos from rallies, plus Bill Eckel's videos. See how much fun we Cuatro Estados members have at our rallies!

Gene Dorsey, Vice President/Wagonmaster

[Gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:Gene.dorsey@msn.com)

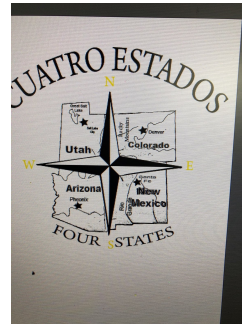
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**THE CLUB IS BUYING T-SHIRTS**

They will look like the ones done for the 30th Reunion, which are black t-shirts with white and yellow/gold lettering. The pocket will be the same as before (see photo) and the logo will be on the pack (see photo). They will be preshrunk and sizes will be true to form (If you wear a large then order a large).

The price will be \$10. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1, 2020. To order, contact Becky Coulter ([coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net)) with your name, size(s), and the number of t-shirts you want to purchase.



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### **JAN 15TH DEADLINE FOR MESA ARIZONA IN APRIL (17-21)**

Please note the January 15th RV park and Amazon tour reservation deadlines. You don't want to be left out of the fun. You were sent a separate email which outlined the schedule, we don't want you to miss out on this! Make your reservations now! At the Good Life RV Resort 480-832-4990 then contact: Nancy & Ernest Keith 417-861-4528 [nancykeith@missourstate.edu](mailto:nancykeith@missourstate.edu) or Karen & Roger Redman 505-362-2219 [redmankl@comcast.net](mailto:redmankl@comcast.net)

### **Death Valley 1 Slot Opening January 21-27**

We have limited the number of rigs to 10 for the room for Death Valley Rally but we have had a cancellation so there is another opening if you are interested. You will need to call 877-444-6777 [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) to check availability. If you get a slot please let Becky know, [coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net), or if you need the full agenda.

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### **REPORT ON PAST RALLY OCTOBER 28-NOV1**

Spooktacular Rally at Elephant Butte, NM Elephant Butte Lake Resort Park  
Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter "These are the Gh'oul Times"

This was a great end of year rally. The following were in attendance: Buckingham, Coulters, McVey & Skaug, Wisemans (guests), Fosters (guests), Sweeneys, McDonald & Motz (new members).

The rally started off Monday, with some windy cold weather, those that drove down from Albuquerque had to fight the wind. Diana and I stopped at the office and asked about a place to hold our events out of the wind. The office staff was so nice and helpful. They blocked out the lower club room for our use Monday night and again on Thursday night for the Halloween Party. Delfina Foster

brought nacho cheese sauce and cream cheese roll ups with Hatch chilies.

Doreen thought that was hot.

Tuesday we headed to Fort Cummings a little know fort that protected travelers along the Butterfield Stage Route and at the underground springs. This area is not visited much and has lots to offer in the way of history. We enjoyed thinking about how the soldiers from Ft. Leavenworth would have found their way to this rough hot area. Of course, we were not hot it was about 56 degrees. We headed over to Hatch, NM to take some pictures with Teako's Giants of Hatch. We ended up at the Pepper Pot where we all enjoyed some delicious New Mexican food. I told them the restaurant was were known for their chili rellenos and advised Doreen to add some green chili sauce to top it off. Poor Doreen, I'm surprised she survived.

We all met for dinner at Los Arcos Steak House which was a fun retro gathering place, meal was so-so.

Wednesday was a day on your own. Several went to the Geronimo Springs Museum, some went to the Veterans Memorial and Museum, I went to the Firefly Spa which was at the back of the RV Parks main building. This lady trained at Baden Baden Spas in Germany and Pat and I would go back in an instant. Of course, Pickleball was out due to the high winds. Well wouldn't you know it many of us went to the Tor C Brewery for food and a beer or two before the hot springs soak. It was a perfect night for the springs. The wind quit blowing and it was cold outside. Seven of us soaked our bones in the mineral waters then went home to bed.

On Thursday we headed to the ghost towns of Winston & Chloride. The road on the scenic byway had been repaved and the scenery was spectacular. A lot of lunches didn't get eaten because some stopped for breakfast burritos outside of Chloride and some went to the new Bank Café in Chloride. They have a real chef working there and the food was delicious. The new founders of the town are getting older but we were greeted by their daughter Linda who gave a brief tour of the Pioneer Chloride Museum.

The Halloween party started around 4pm with pumpkin carving, some remarked that they hadn't carved a pumpkin in 30 to 50 years. The winner of the contest was Bob Skaug and Diana McVey. The winner of the best decorated motor home was Pat & Jim Wiseman (guests). The "Roger Minner" Hobo Stew was delicious and turned out to be a hit. Thank you, Roger, wish you could have joined us!



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## RALLY 2020 SCHEDULE

### Boondocks, Backroads, and Big Cities

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

You must make your own reservations with the campgrounds/parks. Specify you will be with the CUATRO ESTADOS, FMCA chapter, for a rally at their location. In nearly all cases, a deposit will be required; it is up to you to know the cancellation policy. We select places that are in high demand, so the sooner you book, the more likely you will be able to get in. Be sure you let the rallymasters know you plan to attend!

**March 23-29:** TUCSON, AZ Chapter Volunteer Week FUN, EASY, REWARDING

**March 26-29:** FMCA 101ST International Convention & RV Expo  
[www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)

FMCA Convention. Register for the convention then join us as volunteers for 3 free nights

Chapter Coordinator: Tom & Pat Krouse 970-433-0531  
[tompatkrouse@bresnan.net](mailto:tompatkrouse@bresnan.net)

Check out the registration and details on [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) or Family RVing magazine. The full hookup sites are taken, but there are still plenty of Electric sites available; reserve NOW! Since this is in our "area" where we have members, it provides an excellent opportunity to meet potential new members in our territory. Volunteering to "work" the convention is rewarding & great fun; drive trams or golf carts, help with seminars, provide security, handle registration, and more. The Entertainment is excellent, the seminars educational and informative, and there's no end to the things you can buy for your RV – and even a new one of those if you like! We will again be participating in the chapter fair, so will need help with that, so plan to join us early!

**April 17-21:** MESA, AZ

Big City: Good Life RV Resort 480-832-4990

Rallymasters: Nancy & Ernest Keith 417-861-4528

nancykeith@missourstate.edu

Karen & Roger Redman 505-362-2219 redmankl@comcast.net

Please book quickly! And tell rallymasters! "Big City" doesn't mean all concrete! Adventures abound all around this metro location: Superstition Mtns, Lost Dutchman State Park and The Apache Trail offer outdoor hikes and drives and lakes. Playing tourist at outdoor venues is great fun, including recreated "ghost town" of Goldfield, and the Lost Dutchman/Superstition Museum. The "Organ Stop Pizza" is great food and one-of-a-kind entertainment. Attend a Branson-style western cabaret, see historic gardens, attend a rodeo or go horseback riding, take a lake boat tour, tour an olive mill & gardens (for great tasting too as well as an unusual lunch), get educated at local museums ... the choices are limitless!

**May 12-18: TORREY, UT/CAPITAL REEF NP**

Backroads: Thousand Lakes RV Park 435 425-3500 thousandlakesrvpark.com

Rallymasters: Sandy & Steve Varley 801 641-4416 sndyvarley@yahoo.com

Capital Reef National Park is one of those less crowded but more interesting parks in the amazing labyrinths of geological wonder of southern Utah. In the valley, the Fremont River provides irrigation to generations of fruit trees from a much earlier historic settlement. There's a scenic paved drive out from the visitor center leading to great hiking trails. Giant monoliths rise from the desert floor in North Valley, accessed via jeep trails, and many more back country jeep trails even further out to more fascinating arches and such. The hike to the "Waterpocket Fold" is worth the trip by itself, but there is oh so much more. And the RV Park provides the perfect shady oasis, with stars at night close enough to touch.

**June 10-14: CREEDE, CO – Rocky Mountain Area, Region 1 Rally**

RMMA: Mountain Views at Rivers Edge Resort, 908-892-1734

Rallymaster: Vallarie Erickson-Smith (Region 1 VP) woffi1963@gmail.com

Need Cuatro Estados coordinator

You can start making your own reservations anytime, but the earlier the better. Specify you will be attending the "Region 1 Rally" in order to get the discounted rate. This is a fun time to enjoy activities with other chapters within our Rocky Mountain area. Most meals are included in the rally fee (amount not known yet, but it's usually very reasonable). June 14th will be a travel day, with plenty of time to get to our chapter rally in Denver.

**June 14-19: DENVER/LITTLETON, CO**

Big City: Chatfield Lake State Park, Loop D 800-244-5613

Rallymasters: Joan & Jim Glasmann 303-870-2964 jim\_glasmann@msn.com

Bev Eckel 505-833-1569 bbeckel\_2007@yahoo.com

Reservations required! Can book up to 6 months in advance at



cpwshop.com/camping. Recommend you do so on December 15th! If you've never been fortunate enough to tour Denver area, here's your chance! Sitting at the eastern edge of the Rockies, their majestic "fourteeners" towering above, Denver offers the perfect blend of big city adventures and nature's playground as its backyard. Take the fun train to the 16th Street downtown open-air mall chockfull of sidewalk cafes & entertainment & clever stores, and play one of the several pianos up and down the street. Drive the only paved road that goes to the top of a 14ers, Mt Evans, to see wildflowers & herds of mountain goats. Visit the outdoor amphitheater in Red Rocks Park, and stay for the fun hiking trails. And so much more!

**July 11-16: TAOS, NM**

Backroads: Taos Valley RV Park 575 758-4469 [www.taosrv.com](http://www.taosrv.com)

Rallymasters: Carl & Linda Threatt 256 656-9529 [clthreatt@gmail.com](mailto:clthreatt@gmail.com)

Taos is a one-of-a-kind village; a blend of ancient history and modern art, deep white-water canyons and ski resorts on mountain tops, arid prairie and lush forests, off-the-grid housing from the 1000+ year old Taos Pueblo to the Earthship community (both equally worth the tour). Centered on a classic Spanish adobe town square are eclectic shops and eateries. Surrounding countryside offers remote backroads exploring and challenging hiking. But if you're into art or history museums, you'll find some of the best in the country.

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

Backroads: Glenwood Springs West KOA 800-562-3708

Rallymaster: Don & Linda Feltner 303-232-0859

[donlindafeltner4339@gmail.com](mailto:donlindafeltner4339@gmail.com)

Kevin & Paula Gurnsey 303-829-9932 [pmbake66@gmail.com](mailto:pmbake66@gmail.com)

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

Rallymaster: Bob & Sharee Scott 505-453-8643 [rwscott234@gmail.com](mailto:rwscott234@gmail.com)

Joyce Schmitt 505-321-4501 [j2b3s@msn.com](mailto: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. A number of 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](http://ddrvresort.com)

Rallymasters: Joe & Anne Thomas 928-218-1332 [kg6idn@gmail.com](mailto: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!

And after all these adventures, head on down to Tucson for the Rocky Mountain Area Rally.

### **October 22-25: TUCSON, AZ**

FMCA: Rocky Mountain Area "Ramble" (RMMA rally) Pima County Fairgrounds  
Watch for more info from RMMA & notice in Family RVing. Go early, right after the Camp Verde Rally, and volunteer to help with the Ramble, once again being held in our region. We need a chapter coordinator for this rally. Won't you please volunteer?

### **November: TBD**

If you have any suggestions about someplace for a final rally in 2020 – such as a possible stop in route to ultimate snowbirders destinations – please let Gene know.

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS\*\*

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

Todd Towell (1st), Ron Zawistoski (1st), Doug Motz (2nd), Dub Philips (2nd), Bill Robinson (4th), Denese Nelson (7th), Becky Coulter (8th), Dessa Halasz (8th), Joyce Schmitt (9th), Mike Van Rooy (9th), Pam Parr (9th), Joe Sweeney (18th), Ernest Keith (19th), Roger Fulmer (20th), Carl Becker (20th), Donna Van Rooy (21st), Lynn Buckingham (27th)

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

LeRoy & Jean Waldo (15th), John & Sanna Obermiller (17th), Joseph & Anne Thomas (27th), LeRoy & Jean Waldo (15th)



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