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## CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

### CE Officers for 2022 (See Directory for Contact Info)

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Treasurer: Lynn Buckingham  
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Newsletter Editor.....Becky Coulter  
Membership Directory.....Bob Coulter  
Web Master/ Face Book Manager...Bill Eckel  
Cards for Members.....Bev Eckel



### THE PREZ SEZ...

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! Look for an article in the January FMCA Magazine on page 80, Family Matters, on our membership increases in 2021. Here's the link <https://familyrvingmag.advanced-pub.com?shareKey=qWh6vY>



### LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022

Your annual dues were due by December 31st. If you have not paid, you are in a 30 day grace period during the month of January. We have several new ways for you to pay.

#### PAY ON WEBSITE

- Pay on **cuatroestados.com website** under the membership tab.

Click on the PayPal button and pay \$10 Single or \$20 per couple. You can use your Pay Pal or select credit cards.

OR

#### PAY ONLINE IF YOU HAVE PAYPAL

- Go to: [www.paypal.me/CuatroEstados](http://www.paypal.me/CuatroEstados).

You will see our logo, the Black& White, Spirit of Adventure Mountains. Press SEND, then login with your PayPal account, fill in the amount you owe in US Dollars, and add a note stating your name and that you are paying your 2022 Annual Dues.

OR

Send our treasurer a check, made out to Cuatro Estados, for \$10 single or \$20 per couple to Lynn Buckingham 11508 Nassau NE Albuquerque, NM 87111.

We have been getting good feedback on our new convenient ways to pay.



## Carlsbad Rally Report- Christmas on the Pecos-Nov/ Dec

The Houstons, Dungans, Coulters, Buckingham, Herreras, Kausches, Meiers, Wrights, Grevens, Walkers, Pratts, Brenners and Threatts were in attendance. The Redmans, Manusaks, and the Thomas' had to cancel for various reasons.

This rally was a bit different because two couples stayed in their homes, five couples stayed at a hotel, and five couples stayed at the RV park. Another interesting thing was that there were 3 Mini Coopers in attendance, zoom zoom.

Everyone met at the Dungan's house on the Pecos River for dinner and drinks. The weather was warm and lovely. Many ate outside on the patio, the doors to

the house were open, and the A/C was on as the Christmas sweaters made it a bit toasty. Everyone had a great time. The unofficial winners and first-time attendees were Robert & Lelia Wright from Albuquerque. MJ and Becky were twins in their look alike sweaters.



The next morning, we all met at the Artesia Library to view the huge Peter Hurd Mural and the Library that was built around it.



Then we started our walking tour of the history of Artesia depicted in bronze sculpture. Most of the statues are based on cattle drives, thieves, and branding. The huge stacked books and children right outside of the library were very cute as well as the teacher reading a book to two children; one boy had a tiny frog in his overalls. We went to the Wellhead Restaurant and Brewery for lunch; the food and service were outstanding. Then we walked off our lunch by seeing all the Derrick Floor Sculptures, from the founders to the workers. After that we went on a private tour to the Bulldog Bowl. Artesia has an unbelievable high school stadium where we viewed their Hall of Fame and later saw their aquatic center complete with a Bulldog pool.



Several people visited the Living Desert Zoo. Some of us gathered for a quick bite to eat at PJ&B Rio Café near the embarkation to the boat ride on the Pecos to see the Christmas lights. Luckily the night temperatures were mild. The lights were gorgeous, and the new homes were amazing.

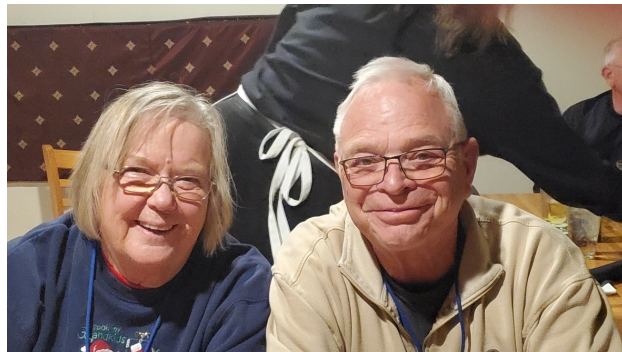


The last day was spent "on your own". Some went to Carlsbad Caverns, some went to Sitting Bull Falls (yes, there is a constant flow of water), and some walked the Ocotillo desert Hills Nature trail.



Dinner was held at the Trinity Hotel and Restaurant in Carlsbad; the food and wine were delectable. The walk-in humidor was interesting. Bubblegum cigars anyone? The hotel was built in 1892 as a bank, and it now houses a 9-room boutique hotel.

I would like to recognize Cliff and Jeannie Meiers for bringing Don Lee Walker and Sarah Menapace and Ed & Lyn Kausche into the club as well as inviting Erwin and Jeannie Greven as guests.



*Cliff and Jeannie Meiers*

I would like to thank Susan and Richard Houston for the ideas and suggestions for this rally and for being the inspiration for this rally. A big thank you goes to Carla & Neil Dungan for the coordination and hosting our group in your home. You made this a great rally!

Becky Coulter



*Susan & Richard Houston*



*Our Hosts Carla & Neil Dungan*

## **Are you a CE Rallymaster in 2022?**

The holidays would be a good time for upcoming Rallymasters to work on the rally schedule for their rallies. If you have not made your own reservations at the park you selected, that is really important. Yes, some have forgotten to do that in the past. Thanks again to this year's Rallymasters!

### Rally Requirements for Rallymasters

#### 3 Months Before Rally

Prepare a rally teaser to be put in the newsletter to generate interest in your rally. Tell generally what you have planned. This teaser should be provided to both the VP/Wagonmaster and the Newsletter Editor at least three months in advance (for purposes of printing in the newsletter).

#### 2 Months Before Rally

Provide a day by day schedule -- list of planned activities the attendees will experience on your rally.

Include places you will visit, names of restaurants, and areas you will visit by car, etc.

Keep track of attendees.

Members planning to attend your rally should contact you at least 4 weeks before the rally so that you have a head count for buying supplies and making plans.

#### Contact Attendees

A few weeks before the rally, email your final schedule to each attendee with any additional details they need to know. Everyone understands that your list of activities may be altered due to weather and availability. It's also helpful to bring extra copies of your schedule for those who didn't bring theirs or who "never got it".

**Rallymaster Hints and Helps.....see our Rallymaster Duties & Information Guide 2022 at our website [Cuatroestados.com](http://Cuatroestados.com) under the tab Duties.**

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## **Anyone Going to the the FMCA 104th International Convention and Expo in Tucson March 23-26?**

\*\*The club needs someone to host a little get together. FMCA will give you \$50 to hold a Chapter Block Party for our Club.

Thursday, March 24, at 5:00 PM.

The Block party will be held in the RV Parking Area outside your rig. You can buy snacks and drinks with the money.

This party is a gathering for prospective chapter members and for our chapter members.

If you are willing to do this, please contact Gene Dorsey or Becky Coulter.



**MOAB, AZ Rally April 1-6, 2022**

Moab Rim RV Campark [www.moabrimcampark.com](http://www.moabrimcampark.com) 435-259-5002

Rallymasters Brian & Vallarie Erickson-Smith [woffi1963@gmail.com](mailto:woffi1963@gmail.com) 303-880-3141

Jamie & Galena Erickson [larryerickson9935@comcast.net](mailto:larryerickson9935@comcast.net) 505-330-1380

Moab is a gateway to massive red rock formations in Arches National Park.

Southwest of there, Canyonlands National Park features mesas and buttes carved by the Green and Colorado rivers, plus Native American rock art.

Dinosaur tracks can be found at sites like Bull Canyon Overlook and Copper Ridge. In the city, collections at the Museum of Moab include dinosaur bones and archaeological artifacts.

UPDATE FROM RALLY MASTERS. We will be staying at Moab Rim Campark just south of Moab with great views of the Spanish Valley. There are plenty of sites and places to visit in the area. Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Moab giant dinosaur park, petroglyphs in Arches National Park, Moab Museum along with wineries, shops and restaurants in town. We have seven coaches attending the rally and the park currently has no available reservations for coaches over 30' ( electric and water only). We will have group and individual outings and activities to make the most of our time together. We will send out an itinerary for the attendees closer to the rally dates. Thanks, Vallarie & Brian



## **2022 Cuatro Estados Rally Schedule**

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### **March 1-7 Las Vegas, NV WAITLIST ONLY**

Las Vegas RV Resort [www.lasvegasrvresort.com](http://www.lasvegasrvresort.com) 866- 846-5432

Rallymasters Becky Coulter [coulter6@comcast.net](mailto:coulter6@comcast.net) 505- 553-5896

Diana McVey [dondiana@verizon.net](mailto:dondiana@verizon.net) 951-850-1566

### **April 1-6 Moab, UT SPACES VERY LIMITED**

Moab Rim RV Campark [www.moabrimcampark.com](http://www.moabrimcampark.com) 435-259-5002

Rallymasters Brian & Vallarie Erickson-Smith [woff1963@gmail.com](mailto:woff1963@gmail.com) 303-880-3141

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### **May 3-10 Aledo, TX**

Cowtown RV Park [www.cowtownrvpark.com](http://www.cowtownrvpark.com) 817-441-7878

Rallymasters Kathy & Paul Brada [katbrada@gmail.com](mailto:katbrada@gmail.com) 719-661-7915

### **June 12-18 Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE (Book on 14 Dec)**

Soldier Creek Campground [www.nebraskaparks.reserveamerica.com](http://www.nebraskaparks.reserveamerica.com)

Campground 308-665-2900 Reservations 402-471-1414

Rallymasters Susan & Richard Houston [susan1@bajabb.com](mailto:susan1@bajabb.com) 575-706-4470

**June 15-19 Santa Fe, NM-** Santa Fe Skies, Rocky Mountain Motorhome Assn (RMMA) -**Region 1 Rally** Vallarie Erickson-Smith  
Region 1 VP, [woff1963@gmail.com](mailto:woff1963@gmail.com), 303-880-3141

### **July 18-24 Angel Fire, NM SPACES LIMITED**

Angel Fire RV Resort [www.angelfirervresort.com](http://www.angelfirervresort.com) 855-421-0308

Rallymasters Nancy & Art Utech [nancyutech@gmail.com](mailto:nancyutech@gmail.com) 303-550-5215

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

Grand Plateau RV Resort [www.gprvresort.com](http://www.gprvresort.com) 435-610-2500

Rallymasters Sharee & Bob Scott [southwestgal234@gmail.com](mailto:southwestgal234@gmail.com) 505-220-0547

### **September 18-24 Dolores, CO**

Dolores River Campground [www.doloresrivercampground.com](http://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](http://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.



## **FIRST RALLY OF 2022- Las Vegas Area WAITING LIST**

### **1-7 March 2022-**

Las Vegas RV Resort (3890 S Nellis Blvd)- 866-846-5432  
3890 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas, NV (866-846-5432)  
March 1-7 (6 nights)

### **Las Vegas Nevada Rally Schedule**

#### **Tuesday March 1st- Arrival**

4:30 PM Happy Hour & Heavy Snacks at club house (reserved for us)

#### **Wednesday March 2nd-**

Morning on your own. Sleep in or swim in the pool. Visit nearby Sam's Town Hotel & Casino or gamble in one of the largest casinos in Las Vegas. Enjoy their 6 restaurants and food court, movie theater, and bowling center. Sit in the large indoor atrium and people watch.

4:15 pm – Depart RV Park via Uber, Lyft or Taxi for The Heart Attack Grill- 450

E Fremont St #130, Las Vegas, USA.

If you want to drive, you can find parking at Fremont Street Experience Parking or at the large parking lot at the D Hotel and Casino. The walk is .02 miles to the restaurant. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes.

5:00 pm-Dinner at The Heart Attack Grill- We will meet at 5pm by the weight scale (eat free if you weigh 350 lbs) outside the front entrance at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Fremont Street.

6:30 pm to 9:30pm - Downtown Las Vegas Walking Tour Night

**Thursday March 3rd-** You have choices today.

**Kayak the Colorado River to Emerald Cove-** Depart 9am (bring your senior park pass).

49.5 mi/54min, be at ticket booth at 10:40 to get equipment, tour starts at 11:00

**Gamble at Local Sam's Town**

**Tour Hoover Dam**

*\*The Neon Sign Museum\** at 770 Las Vegas Blvd N, Las Vegas isn't just a tourist trap. It showcases some of the most iconic signs that have been displayed throughout the city, highlighting the rich Las Vegas history. Guided tours and immersive shows and events are only a few of the activities available at this 3-acre museum. If you are an avid photographer and always looking for that "one shot," check out the Photo Walk; this allows you to bring in your equipment and focus on finding that perfect photo. Not only are the 200+ signs a highlight of the museum, but the visitor center is a mid-century modern design using atomic and space-age shapes by architect Paul Revere Williams, making this stop a must-see.

**The Mob Museum-**300 Stewart Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101

(Parking on site) -Learn about the birth of the Mob and how law enforcement caught them. Interactive exhibits and artifacts are located just a few steps away from Fremont Street inside a restored 1933 Las Vegas courthouse.

The exhibits connect both the academic community and the public with artifacts, digital records, and educational resources. Check out the Crime Lab Experience, a Prohibition-era world, and Mob's Greatest Hits.

**Antelope Canyon** (this must be pre-booked by you) and Horseshoe Bend (all day trip)

**Friday March 4th-** Pack a lunch - bring your national senior park pass.

**7:30am- Hikers Depart for the Valley of Fire**, arrive 8:45. Hike the Seven Wonders Loop to the Fire Wave and White Domes, 3.2 miles, 2hrs, moderate. You can go to the Fire Wave and return for a shorter hike to the petroglyphs and Atlatl Rock, .01mile.

**8:30am-** Depart for Valley of Fire on your own.

If you are not hiking, it's a 45-minute drive from Valley of Fire to lunch in Overton.

2 choices for lunch-

1. La Fonda Mexican Restaurant, 461 S Moapa Valley Blvd, Overton
2. The Inside Scoop, 395 S Main St, Overton

**12:00** Picnic Lunch @ location to be determined

Afternoon-St Thomas Ghost Town -Walk among Nevada's own Atlantis, a ghost town that was underwater over 60 years. This former Mormon settlement is reemerging from the receding waters of Lake Mead. Watch a video at <https://www.nps.gov/lake/learn/nature/st-thomas-nevada.htm> Loop hike is a flat

2 miles.

Directions: From the Valley of Fire, turn left from the visitor's center, go east on Valley of Fire Rd., turn right on Hwy 169, go through Overton Lake Meade Fee Station (bring your park pass). Take an immediate left on Old St Thomas Rd (it turns into a dirt road) to the Historic St Thomas Trail.

Loop is 2.5 miles or go as far as you like.

**Saturday March 5th-**

**8:30 am- Departure for the Historic Railroad Hiking Trail\*\***

*Afternoon on your own*

**5pm- James Bond Themed Potluck, (black and white dress, sun glasses and chocolate guns)- bring British Food, pot pies, tuxedo dipped strawberries....etc.(no stove or sink in clubhouse)**

**Sunday March 6th-**

**8:30 am- INDIVIDUAL Departure for Red Rock National Conservation Area**

UPDATED CHANGE: YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS FOR THIS AREA WE CANNOT MAKE GROUP RESERVATIONS. Here's where to go to <https://www.recreation.gov/timed-entry/10075177> or call 877-444-6777 . Timed Reservations are required for vehicle entry to the Scenic Loop between 8am-5pm from October 1 through May 31 \* entry is free with your America the Beautiful Annual Senior Pass but you must reserve the time.

**Monday March 7th- Depart for Home**

Las Vegas Rally Attendees -March 1-7 (6 nights)

1. Becky & Bob Coulter
2. Diana McVey and Bob Skaug
3. Gene & Rosie Dorsey
4. Will & Judy Perkins
5. Cheryl & Corky Gainsford
6. Susan & Richard Houston
7. Frank Thornton & Betsy Jeffery
8. Matt Bentson & Katrina Cooper
9. Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller
10. Lynn & Buck Buckingham
11. Anne & Joe Thomas
12. Robert & Lelia Wright
13. Dee & Carole Ennis (not staying @ park, may join for activities)
14. Dave & Judy Miller
15. Oswaldo & Estella Herrera

Rallymasters are Diana McVey 951-850-1566 & Becky Coulter 505-553-5896. Please make reservations under your own name, and then contact one of us.

**Las Vegas Rally** - We have 30 attendees; there is now a waiting list. Let me know if you want to be on the waiting list; invariably people drop out.

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