### Cuatro Estados Newsletter July 2021

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#### THE PREZ SEZ...

Did you know we have 77 members and only about 7-10% attend each rally? This year our rallies filled up fast. The only rallies that are still open are July/Aug



Del Norte, CO, in Sept -TX Rolling Rally two spaces and Dec- Carlsbad, NM. Well, if you all are not having fun and great adventures, it means you aren't attending our rallies! Boy, have we had some great ones! I keep hearing great comments about the SLC Rally, "they kept us busy, it was well planned,

informative, historical, it ran like clockwork and was so much fun! "(See rally report directly below) And the surprises just keep coming!

There is one more opportunity for camping this year and it is the Rocky Mountain Ramble in October... the registration form for the RMMA Ramble is available in online at www.rockymountainarea.com. The theme is Sunset on the Sonoran Desert, Oct 20-23 or Oct 19-24 you choose.

We want to have a great schedule for 2022 but we need your help.

Speaking of 2022 ... we are looking for: (1) Locations for next year's rallies! (2) Members to host the rallies! Please send your ideas and suggestions to either Gene Dorsey or I. I know it seems early, but we like to have the schedule set by September so hopefully, you can put our rallies into your next year's calendar FIRST ... instead of after all your other events for the year are already set up. Let's endeavor to attend more CE rallies in 2022!

And last but not least; I'm hearing from our full-timers that camping spaces are almost nonexistent without advanced reservations. Forget going to National Parks without reservations a year in advance. Forget heading (up north) to the cool country (ie Colorado/ Montana,)to find a campground.

HERE WE GO WITH THE JULY/ AUGUST SCHEDULE ... (We will be having a quick annual meeting and I mean quick, most offices will stay the same with the exception of VP/Wagonmaster, (PS the 2022 schedule is almost finished) I'm still looking for a willing soul)

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North Salt Lake City Rally Report, June 7-13.

Thankfully, weather cooperated nicely, delaying the predicted 100+ degree temperatures until the following week. We had 9 rigs in attendance: Scott's & Schmitt (co-rally masters), Dorseys, Glasmans, Herreras, Thomas's, Frank Thornton and Betsey Jeffery, Houstons, and soon to be new members: Matt Bentson and Katrina Cooper from Tucson. We began with a meet and greet with a rally



master-provided
dinner in the airconditioned
clubhouse. Each night
ended with a happy
hour and snacks, with
2 nights including
video previews of the
next day's activities.

We visited downtown Salt Lake City with a tour of Temple Square, hosted by 2 missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The temple, completed in 1893, took 40 years to build. It has been undergoing a massive 4-year seismic renovation since 2020. Still, learning the history of the

temple and square and seeing the enormity of the project which includes lifting the entire building to place movable shock absorbers under it that allow it to move and survive a 7.4 earthquake was impressive. We had lunch nearby at City Creek Mall.

The following day we took a private guided tour of the Utah Olympic Park, home of several 2002 Olympic competitions and where competitors still train. Then we shopped and ate lunch in Park City.

Thursday, we visited The Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island, home to a large herd of Bison and nesting areas for the Utah state bird (Larus Californicus-or as it is more popularly known-the sea gull). We explored the island's Fielding Garr Ranch (in continuous operation from 1848-1981.), where much of the original buildings and equipment had been retained. We lunched at a local restaurant. Friday, we stopped at This is the Place Heritage Park which marks the point at which the Latter-Day Saint pioneers originally crossed into the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. We visited the living museum of more than 50 historic homes and

buildings, brought to life by workers and craftsmen in period costume. We had already been told when we were riding the train around the park that the donuts in the village would "change our lives" so that is where we headed first. We could definitely feel our lives change (well, at least our weight) as we ate those cinnamon/sugar donuts dipped into chocolate/maple/blueberry/or vanilla icing. As we continued on, the barber offered to improve our health with leaches and bloodletting, while the blacksmith offered to fix shoes for our horses. We closed the day with a delicious pot-luck dinner back at that "cool" club house. On our final day, we headed north to Ogden, where the east and west sections of the transcontinental railroad were connected in 1869 with a golden spike. We visited historic Union Station, where numerous locomotives from the last 150 years were also on display and then on up notorious 25th Street where thousands had partied and gambled years ago as they passed through going east and west across the US. Many of those buildings have been preserved or replicated. When we visited there was also a very large craft fair and farmers market in the streets, with music and food. We drove home through the scenic Ogden and Weber Canyons, and the Snow Basin Ski Area, home to the 2002 Winter Olympic Downhill Alpine Ski races.

Bob and Sharee Scott, Joyce Schmitt, Rally Masters









Del Norte Rally Schedule July 28 to *Aug 2* Woods & River Campground 719-657-4530 Gene and Rosie Dorsey 505-974-1845

All common events are planned for the riverside gazebo. Please bring your own chairs, tableware and choice of refreshment. Bring a story, song, instrument, etc. to share.

#### Wed July 28th Arrival/check-in/circle the wagons

5:30 Meet, Greet, Grub and Gripe on the Gazebo

Being on the Spanish Trail and in an old mining community, your rallymasters will fix up something with Spanish Rice for those that might object to our miner grub of ham and beans. Bring something to warsh it down with. And don't ferget

ur mess kit! After some vitals, there will be a gripe session as we discuss the schedule. (could be some groanin' about the grub too).

#### Thu July 29th Depart at 9:00

Why Del Norte? Museum and History Day

At the Old Spanish Trail Monument, a special guest will enlighten us (\$donation).

Back in Del Norte we will visit the Rio Grande County Museum (\$2) then have a group lunch followed by a walking tour of this quaint and historic town. Another short drive will take us to the Natural Arch Trailhead and La Garita Arch. Dinner on your own tonight.

Friday July 30th Depart at 9:00 Pack a lunch Load up SUV's – no passenger cars

"Ghost Rider in the Sky" drive and hike

Today we will take a scenic, bumpy and dusty ride to the Summitville Ghost town. Then continue on through the mountains, up Beaver Creek Road to Million Reservoir, Beaver Lake and a short hike up Big Fir Tree Trail #864. Down we come for a refreshing and well-deserved treat at the South Fork Malt Shop.

Dinner on your own tonight.

#### Sat. July 31st Free Day/Game time/Annual Meeting

4:00 Game Time – be prepared for about anything – Maybe even getting wet? 5:00 Annual Meeting/Happy Hour 6:00 Pot luck

#### Sunday Aug 1st Depart at 9:00

Tribute Day – to our veterans and forbearers

Today we will make a short stop at the Home Lake Veterans House (\$ donation) then visit the San Luis Valley Museum (\$5), Mural and Welcome Center. From there we will tour Ft. Garland (\$5pp) and have a picnic lunch. Take a ride/stroll through the Monte Vista NWR for some game and bird sightings.

Happy Hour and finger foods to share

#### Monday Aug 2nd Break Camp

At our rig, or your rig, or on the Gazebo, with breakfast drink in hand it is time for fist bumps or hugs as we pack up, break camp and depart for a safe trip home.







SEPTEMBER 13-19-Texas Panhandle Rollin' Rally Schedule

Rollin' Masters Mike
Rozdilsky & MJ
Brenner 773-2671243
Rio355@aol.com
" 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 have one more opening so make your reservations today! There will be a waiting list.



The October Rally is Full- All attendees will be sent updates by the Raney's. Sites have been pre-

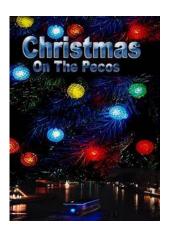


reserved by the rallymasters. Look for more information in your email soon.

See alternate activity below.

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 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, coulter 06@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.

# July 28- August 2 Rockin' along the Rio Grande River OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

**Del Norte, CO** Woods and River Campground 719-657-4530, www.woodsandrivercamping.com

**Rockin' Masters:** Gene and Rosie Dorsey 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com

Located at a relatively higher altitude than its neighboring towns, Del Norte boasts of a balanced landscape that allows tourists to enjoy beginner to advanced hiking trails. Since the town is also rich when it comes to wooded and water resources, camping, fishing, and rock climbing became one of the top activities in the area.

September 13-19 Rollin' Rally (From Palo Duro Rocks to Rockin' with Buddy Holly) OPEN FOR 2 MORE RIGS- 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.

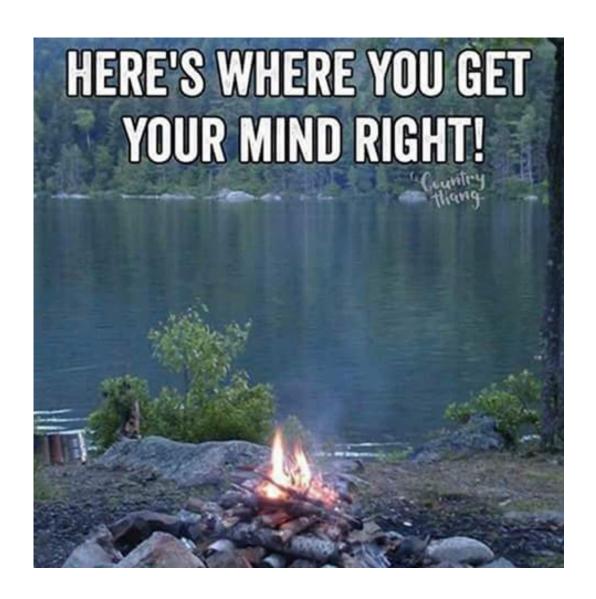
Ghost Ranch is a 21,000-acre retreat and education center located close to the village of Abiquiú New Mexico. It was the home and studio of Georgia O'Keeffe, as well as the subject of many of her paintings. Ghost Ranch is also known for a remarkable concentration of fossils, most notably that of the 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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