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Cuatro Estados Newsletter

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PREZ SEZ...

Today is Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year and it still flies by as fast as the others! Seems like the more travel and interesting things you pursue, the less time you have for just “pondering.” Remember that word? When my Dad would ask what I was doing sitting around doing nothing, Mom taught me to say “just pondering” “What?” He’d ask. Very wisely I’d reply, “things...” So what are you pondering these days? Where you’ve been, or where you’ll go next? It’s supposed to be the height of the summer season, when in fact most of us haven’t gotten into the real hot weather yet. But **oh the possibilities** that spread out before us! At least 4 glorious months without worry of snow!! The choices are endless. I ponder the sound of a clear mountain stream, the breeze in the pines, the sound of waves rushing to the shore, the first dive into a warm lake, walking barefoot through the grass at dusk catching fireflies, hiking through fields of wildflowers and my heart swells with JOY!

May you find joy in the simple surprising moments of each day **especially when attending one of our rallies!** Recent *Cuatro Estados Adventures* included surprises around each bend of a trail or a road, meeting new members and becoming instant friends, and hopefully looking forward to many more years of sharing and caring and laughing with your fellow Cuatro Estados.

Please keep taking me along on your adventures through emails, and Facebook postings, and phone calls, and our web site, and blogs. I enjoy them ALL so much! I even accept “real” mail like a postcard! – (ponder those days...)

Want more adventures? Attend more rallies!

Happy 4th of July & be safe out there,

Rae



WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Blessed! That is what we are.

We are blessed with the wonders of these four states we call home.

We are blessed with the four seasons we enjoy.

We are blessed to have great rallymasters in wonderful locations.

We are blessed with volunteers that step up to take the reins of our chapter.

We are blessed with your membership, friendship and involvement.

We are thankful for all of the blessings we enjoy.

Rally Location Survey. Thank you to all who have responded. Several locations were mentioned more than once and all sound intriguing. There is so much to see and do, and so little time. While all cannot be selected, each suggestion is considered as we develop next year's schedule and file the others away for future consideration. And by the way – YOU would be a great rallymaster!

Rally attendance. We have had great turnouts in Albuquerque (28); Hurricane (20); Creede (16) and Montrose (19). We are expecting 14 rigs in Chama (Annual Meeting on the 25th) and 18 people have told me they will be in Minot.

Give yourselves a pat on the back! If you have not joined us on a rally yet, cCome see what you are missing.

Social Media: You have received an e-mail on how to access our **website** cuatroestados.com. You really need to check it out! Make sure you see the photo and video tabs! Thank Bill Eckel for the photos & videos, Pat Wilson for the Newsletters and Becky Coulter for the website. There are also some wonderful postings on **Facebook** too.

Gene Dorsey, Wagonmaster

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Think Outside – No Box Required

REMINDER TO RALLYMASTERS

The Treasurer offers \$50.00 for each rally for enhancing it, such as providing food for a meal, etc. You don't need to account for how you spend. Contact Lynn Buckingham at lunnbuck2@msn.com.

JUNE RALLY REPORT

CREEDE, CO JUNE 5-9

Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort

Attending the rally were: Bob & Gail Downs, Ed Boedeker/ Nancy Hobbs, Gene & Sher Brown, Gene & Rosie Dorsey, Brian Smith/Vallarie Erickson, Don & Linda Feltner, John & Sanna Obermiller, Michael Rozdilsky/M.J. Brenner, Tim & Todd Towell

The park owners of many years, the Zimmermans, have retired. Their son has taken over. We were scattered all over the park, none of us anywhere near any other Cuatro! It took 2 days to find everyone in our chapter. Even the office didn't have a list of us.

Brian and Vallarie volunteered to have the Happy Hours at their lot which worked



out great since they were the closest to the lodge where the meals were served. Another couple from

Alamogordo/Smokey Bears chapter joined us. Obermillers met them at the Roadrunner RV Park north of Santa Fe on the way to the rally.

The best thing about this rally, according to Sanna, is that all breakfasts and dinners are provided with the rally fee.

“Packing the rig is easy with a handful of shirts and another handful of underwear. It's the FOOD which is the hardest. No problem at this rally!”

Creeks, river and snow melt all added up to water, water, everywhere. Don Feltner, who kept trying to find places to walk and/or ride his bike, stated “Walking/ATV/bike trail from Mtn Views to downtown Creede was washed out starting at 9 pm Thursday, peak water-flow day and time. I biked to within ¼ mile of town one day, and the next day the



trail, creek bed and all were washed out including creek-side benches, new trees and other décor... GONE! Couldn't even get within 1 mile of the town by bike trail."

The town still managed to have their annual Donkey Race one day, although a longer route had to be taken due to too much water. Several of us attended that. There were sure some exhausted people/donkeys at the end! There was also a Derby race with a variety of entries - anything that could roll down the street! Members took off to enjoy other local attractions during the daytime. The Clear Creek waterfall north of town was spectacular, the cemetery is unique, and museums depicting the history of the town are informative. It is a great area to explore.

JUNE RALLY REPORT

MONTROSE, CO –JUNE 12-17

Cedar Creek RV Park



The Montrose Rally was hosted by Jim and Joan Glasmann. We had members and new members from all four states. Those attending included Gene & Rosie Dorsey, Bill & Bev Eckel, Allen & Lynn Buckingham, David & Susie Pickthorn, Joyce Schmitt, Bob &

Sharee Scott, Joe & Anne Thomas, and guests Leroy & Jean Waldo. Generally we had good weather, missed a hail storm, and had to shift some of our activities which overlapped with the Colorado Ride the Rockies Bicycle Tour.

The first day included a tour of the south rim of the Black Canyon National Park. One of our first stops was Tomichi Point where this group photo was taken. After a few more picture-taking stops we descended to the East Portal Road (in 1st gear) where we had a picnic lunch under a pavilion next to the Gunnison River. Bob and Becky Coulter met us there (and later that day for dinner). After exploring the canyon all of us walked to the Mi Mexico Restaurant and enjoyed Margaritas and fine food.

The second day began with a 2 hour tour of the American West Museum which was a favorite. The owner just celebrated his 79th birthday and is an archaeologist

who began collecting since the age of 8. You cannot see everything in one tour because of all he collected. There was a room filled with all sorts of early firearms, within the same building were reproductions of early dry goods stores, dentist office, Drs. Office, and a General Store. There were more out buildings that included a schoolhouse, church, hotel with a saloon, and the original Telluride County jail.

After prying everyone from the museum we had a scenic drive to Silver Jack Reservoir where everyone enjoyed lunch while taking in the magnificent views. Later in the evening most us walked to Ted’s Steakhouse and dined in the patio area.

Day 3 we headed north to our first stop in Delta and stopped at Confluence Park. An unexpected surprise was we were able to take a self-guided tour of the Fort Uncompahgre which was on the Old Spanish Trail. From Delta we proceeded along highway 65 to the Appleshed in Cedaredge. The Appleshed was very unique in that it offered fine art, gourmet food, furniture, décor, wines, and had a



lunch counter where you could order a sandwich. After leaving the Appleshed we found a city park where we all had lunch. After lunch all headed back to the RV Park in Montrose except the rallymasters who had to make a stop at the local Subaru Dealer to get a car repair. Fortunately, the dealer provided a brand new loaner car so our rally

could continue.

Day 4 was a free day and rally attendees explored downtown Montrose, Ouray, Ridgeway, went on waterfall hikes and other nearby attractions. Later that evening a “Father’s Day Miniature Golf Tournament” was held at the campground. Prizes were awarded (courtesy of Bill Eckel) for those who managed to finish the tournament without going over 144 points.

Day 5 began with a drive past Blue Mesa Reservoir. We had a surprise stop (which Gene suggested) in Cimarron. Off highway 50 is a short canyon drive to the Morrow Point Dam. Along the way to the dam is a freight locomotive with rail cars



perched on a trestle over the Cimarron River. The clear water discharge from the dam could be seen mixing with the muddy waters of the Cimarron River. Further back on the same road is a picnic area with a hiking trail which has a beautiful bridge spanning the river. From there we proceeded through the town of Almont and arrived in the scenic town of Crested Butte. Some of us had lunch in small park downtown while others dined at local restaurants. The park had a small river running nearby and a totem pole. After lunch all explored many of the shops and nearby attractions that Crested Butte had to offer. That evening an ice cream social was held and everyone said their goodbyes.

Best Regards from the rallymasters,
Jim & Joan Glasmann

JULY 22-26 RALLY

CHAMA, NM -- LITTLE CREEL RV PARK

2631 Hwy 84, Chama, NM -- 855-756-2382

Rallymasters: Lynn & Buck Buckingham, lynnbuck2@msn.com 505-269-7822

Monday, July 22nd- Arrive and get settled. Meet and greet! Happy Hour with heavy snacks at 5:00pm at the pavilion. With 14 RV's attending, it'll take a while to get acquainted! Be sure to wear your Cuatro Estados badge. We will have blank badges for guests.

Tuesday, July 23rd- Tour the town as you wish - in groups or solo. There are lots of quaint little shops and restaurants for lunch. Check out the museums, fishing on two rivers, or take a scenic drive around the area. Lots of "camera" country. Check Visitor Center for back country or jeep trails or hiking trails. Happy hour with snacks at 5.

Wednesday, July 24th- TRAIN DAY! You should have your reservations by now, but if not, check availability online or call 888-286-2737. Be at the Train Depot in Chama by 9:30 am, for a 10 am departure. We return via bus from Antonito around 5-6 pm.

Thursday, July 25th- Hang around the park and play games! Bring one of yours. How long has it been since you played Battleship? Have you ever played Farkle? Sequence? Learn a new game. Still working to secure a meeting place for our annual meeting to be held at 7pm. For a quorum we need you all there! At least one per family unit or F number. Further info about dinner etc. to follow.

Friday, July 26th- Farewell and goodbye hugs day. Hope to see you down the road soon!

Note: We'll all miss Sanna and John but they weren't able to make the rally and Buck and I decided to do it. I'll be the only officer present and will conduct the annual meeting. Diana McVey has offered to run for secretary but also won't be at the meeting so I need someone to take notes at the meeting. Any volunteers?
Lynn

AUGUST 14-17
FMCA INTERNATIONAL RALLY
MINOT, ND

Rallymasters: Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com.

It's FMCA's 100th Convention! Registration is in current issues of FMCA's magazine or register on line. Rallymasters will plan to **arrive on Aug 11th**. **Please plan to assist us at the Chapter Fair in the afternoon of Tues, Aug 13.** This is a great opportunity to share what *Cuatro Estados* is all about, and encourage others to join us! **Check out the tentative schedule on our website; rallymasters will be leaving ABQ on Aug. 8th and viewing Lewis & Clark locations along the way, and happy to have you join them! More details will be forthcoming... Or contact Gene with any questions.

AUGUST RALLY
CAPULIN, NM AUG 22-27

RESERVE NOW CapulinRV Park 575-278-2921

Located at the intersection of Hwy 64/67 & Hwy 325 (in far NE NM)

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896

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Let's discover the northeast part of New Mexico. Yes, you know this going to be a weird rally when Becky hosts it!

The first day we will stop for coffee and to poke around in the local country store then off to see the largest intact volcano cone in North America. Those that are game can hike down into the cone. It's an easy hike. Then we will gather for a picnic.

The name Capulin is Spanish for choke cherry which makes sense to me, this breathtakingly awesome intact volcano crater is a cherry on my list.

Capulin Volcano National Monument is an example of an extinct cinder cone volcano crater it is part of the Raton-Clayton Volcanic Field. It was established in 1916 and has five miles of hiking trails but you can see it all from your car This is a great natural landmark to visit. Historical and amazing to see all the Lava Rock formations from thousands of years ago. The eruptions were massive and the scenery is beautiful.

A paved road spirals around the volcano and visitors can drive up to a parking lot at the rim. There is a steep drop off that increases, of course as you make your way up the winding road to the top and no railing throughout the 20 mph route. Hiking trails circle the rim as well as down into the mouth of the volcano. From the highest point of the volcano you can see New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado. Pictures do this majestic area no justice. You have to stop and see to understand the overall magnitude of this volcano! Bring your National Parks pass.

The next day we will visit the elevated fossil trackway of dinosaur foot prints at Clayton Lake State Park. Have lunch in the historic and haunted restaurant and bar of the Hotel Eklund Hotel in Clayton. Then we will stop at the Herzstein Memorial Museum (on state register of historic places) which is touted as the best museum in the 5 state area. It houses Santa Fe Trail memorabilia, dinosaur relics and other interesting themes and things from around the world. Bring your favorite knife for “Knife Day” and tell a story round the campfire with knife prizes for the best stories.

The third day we will visit the Folsom Museum in Folsom, NM. Bison bones and Folsom arrow tips confirmed the theory that man had occupied the New World at least 10,000 years. We will take a scenic drive the back way over the mesa through Raton, which is longer but a beautiful drive. Those that want to can hike the Climax Canyon in Raton. This is an excellent hike for novices, families and even more advanced hikers. It is a 2 trail system with multiple entry points, easy to find and well-marked trails, lots of parking, and wonderful views that you hardly notice you are climbing a mountain to see the view. There is an East Loop and West Loop Trail, both are under 2 miles so they could be combined for a longer hike.

When we get back to camp we will combine whiskey Sours with tongue twisters. The hosts will provide the main entrée you provide a dish.

The last day will be one day for rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing you!

CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE FOR REST OF 2019
(Remember to check this over each month for updates/changes!)

Sept 24-30 – Palisade (Grand Junction), CO – Palisade Base Camp RV Resort, 970-462-9712 (reserve now or ASAP), Rallymasters Tom & Patricia Krouse, 970-433-0531, tompatkrouse@bresnan.net. Come explore Grand Junction region!

October 17-20 -- Tucson, AZ – RMMA Ramble (Rocky Mountain Area of FMCA) -- Pina County Fairgrounds -- Chapter Coordinators needed! This is always a great gathering of LOTS of different chapters from the area, and an excellent opportunity to enthuse others with the desire to join OUR chapter! Many members have come from them seeing how much fun we were having at the Ramble and joined us.

October 28-November 2 -- Elephant Butte, NM -- State Park -- Rallymasters needed." Please contact Gene Dorsey, gene.dorsey@msn.com, 505-974-1845 if you are thinking of going; if no interest, we may need to try for a different location... (any ideas/thoughts?)



JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

Henry Landeros (6th)
Rosie Dorsey (11th)
Jamie Erickson (16th)
Bill Williams (23rd)

Bob Coulter (24th)
Jann Engleman (25th)
Chuck Ackerman (28th)

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Nancy Williamson (1st)
David & Susie Pickthorn (5th)
Bill Manchester & Patsy Sayers (14th)

Fernando & Diana Vasquez (14th)
Don & Linda Feltner (16th)