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Cuatro Estados Newsletter

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PREZ SEZ...

Hope everyone took time this past **Memorial Weekend** to somberly remember & honor the over 1.1 million men & women who have given it all to keep us free. Without their sacrifice, we would not be able to enjoy the lifestyles we have chosen for ourselves.

Even though summer doesn't officially arrive until later this month, this past weekend has also traditionally marked the beginning of school's out, summer fun, and family vacations begun. Isn't it great that most of us don't have to wait for then to get out and travel?!?

While some are **returning** home from rallies and great trips, and even world travels, others are **heading out** to places like Alaska and points north to cooler climates for the summer ahead. Be sure to keep in touch... and share photos!

Realized I was remiss in not listing our attendees at the Albuquerque rally in April, so here's who we had sharing in our *fun & adventures*: Ackerman/Miller, Buckingham, Dorsey, Eckel, Krouse, Lehman, McVey/Skaug, Obermiller, Phillips, and Stroschein. Guests included Brian Smith/Valerie Erickson (who joined our chapter), Carl & Linda Threatt (who joined also) Paula & Jim Brown (coming through for only one night, but became members too), and Jane & JD Larson (who were only with us one evening but jumped right into playing our silly games too!)

Once again at our May rally in Hurricane, Utah, we had guests who joined our chapter: Welcome to Bob & Sharee Scott, based out of Pleasant Grove, Utah. [Their personal info will be sent to you in a separate email, to add to your directory.] We are now getting more members in Utah and even points west of there (Browns are from Las Vegas, Nevada). I see more rallies in Utah in our future... (?) As always, many of our new members come from YOU who spread the word about our "Spirit of Adventure" and encourage others to come to a rally and check us out. Thanks, and keep it going! Remember to direct them to our website or facebook page for more info.

HAPPY TRAILS! Rae

WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Our President, Rae, publishes a monthly article she calls “Prez Sez” which is always full of fun, informative, and important information. This month she reminds us that Memorial Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of so many.

One of my most memorable trips was to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, France. This June 6th marks the seventy fifth anniversary of Operation Overlord. Remember those sacrifices and visit this historic area if you can.

What a difference the weather makes! After a regional cold, wet winter, rally attendance was slight, but our last two rallies in Albuquerque and Hurricane were very well attended. Several members will be attending the RMMA in Creede and the Glasmann’s report that they expect 9-10 rigs at their Montrose rally. We hope to see you too, at one of our rallies this season.

Thank you to Gary & June Stroschein for hosting a great rally in their home stomping grounds. The rally report tells another great Cuatro Estados story of fun, fellowship and exploration.

After months of Wagonmaster articles with various titles, I have finally found a title which may describe my contribution and even has a nice ring to it.

Henceforth, this article will be known as “Wagonmaster Chatter”.

Chatter is defined as: **Verb** - Talk rapidly or incessantly about trivial matters. (“Gene chattered on about the upcoming rally”) **NOUN** - Incessant trivial talk. (“His presentation was just a stream of idle chatter?”)

But I hope you view it as more than trivial. Remember that we need your commitment, suggestions, and ideas.

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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.



RMMA Region 1 RALLY

June 5-9 – CREEDE, CO

Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort

Region 1 Rallymasters: Connie & Jack Jones, 719-499-9740

Our chapter coordinators: Sanna & John Obermiller, 239-841-4084

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The deadline for registration was May 15th, so we hope you have already signed up and are ready to have a good time, meeting other FMCA-RMMA members outside our own chapter. You'll notice most of the day you are on your own, so check with Sanna & John to see if they will be planning a drive or something that day.

We usually try to gather up before a meal at whoever's rig is camped closest to the **Bear Lodge**, where the meals will take place. We often try to go in together, to sit together... but that's not necessary. Bring your own drinks to meals. In years past, they have provided the paper products & eating utensils, but if you want your own "real" plate & utensils, bring them.

Wed June 5 – Gather at John & Sanna's between 4:00 & 5:00 p.m., to get acquainted with our own members in attendance. And talk about what you might want to do together. Like attending the Creede Theatre or taking scenic drives.

6:00 pm -- Happy Hour, BRING 'heavy' hors d'oeuvres to share

6/6-8, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:00 am Breakfast provided; 5:00 pm Dinner provided.

6/9 Sunday – 9 am Breakfast served; Departure day

JUNE 12-18 RALLY

MONTROSE, CO -- CEDAR CREEK RV PARK

126 Rose Lane, Montrose, CO -- 970-249-3884

Rallymasters: Jim & Joan Glasmann, jim_glasmann@msn.com 303-870-2964 or joanglasmann@yahoo.com 720-936-9194



Make sure the rallymasters know you will be attending. The Montrose area has so much to offer with spectacular scenery, historic towns, hiking, fishing, biking, hot springs, and more. We will not be able see and do everything in the five days of our

rally. However, if you are not familiar with area or have not visited in quite some time this may whet your appetite for future trips.

Wednesday 6/12 Arrival Day **Happy Hour at 5:30 PM**. Meet at Jim and Joan site #1 or at the pavilion. Bring an hors d'oeuvres and your favorite drink. After introductions we'll review the itinerary.

Thursday 6/13 **Pack a lunch. 9 AM departure**. We'll explore the south rim of the **Black Canyon National Park**. Our first stop will be the visitor center, from there we continue stopping at various overlooks. After the last overlook we double back and drive to the East Portal for lunch. After lunch we take a short drive to explore the Crystal Dam and Reservoir. At **5:00 we meet for dinner at the Mi-Mexico Restaurant**.

Friday 6/14 **Pack a lunch. 9 AM departure**. We'll take **Owl Creek Pass to Silver Jack Reservoir**. This drive was recommended by the locals (and some Cuatro Estados members who love it!) Scenes from *How the West Was Won* and *True Grit* were filmed along the route. There is a picnic area at Silver Jack where we can have lunch. After lunch we can explore one of the trailheads or continue the drive to Beaver Lake.

Saturday 6/15 **Pack a lunch. 9 AM departure**. We'll take a drive to **Blue Mesa Visitor Center** and continue past Gunnison to **Almont**. Almont is home to the headwaters of the Gunnison River. Almont was a railroad junction for transporting ore. After the mines closed Almont returned to its fishing heritage. From Almont we continue to **Crested Butte (CB)**. CB is now famous as a ski destination and offers art galleries, historical sites, walking tours, and of course shopping. At the city park we may find a vacant table for lunch or dine in one of the local restaurants. Afterward we continue over **Kebler Pass** or turn around and go back to Montrose the way we came.

Sunday 6/16 **Day on your own**. Here are suggestions:

Morrow Point Boat Tour – This boat tour takes you down the Gunnison River where you can look up at the Black Canyon walls and maybe spot a bald eagle or two and a waterfall. There are 232 steps and ¼ mile walk along the Gunnison River to reach the boat dock. This is operated by the NP Service and due to popularity advance reservations required. The boat tour lasts approximately 1 and ½ hours. Call 970-641-2337 x 205 or visit the Elk Creek Visitor Center for reservations.

Explore the sights and attractions of Ouray. This is a popular and busy town offering famous hot springs pool (giant size), plenty of shops, and restaurants.

Waterfall Hikes – Chipeta, Box Canyon, Cascade, Middle Fork, Escalante, Bridal Veil

Museums – Montrose County Museum and the Ute Indian Museum

Antique Shops in Montrose

San Juan Skyway Scenic tour

Monday 6/17 **Pack a lunch. 9 AM departure.** We start with a visit to the **American West Museum**. After the museum we'll take the **Grand Mesa National Forest** drive. We'll head north to Delta, Cedaredge and to Grand Mesa. 75% of Colorado's apples are from Cedaredge. The Grand Mesa Forest has lakes, reservoirs, and trails.

6:30 PM. Ice Cream for desert. Rallymasters will furnish ice cream and toppings. We'll meet in the pavilion.

Tuesday 6/18 Departure day; some indicated they may stay an extra day or two. Wishing everyone safe travels to your next destination.

REMINDER: BRING YOUR NATIONAL PARK SENIOR PASS!

REPORT ON RALLY MAY 24-29
WILLOW WIND RV PARK -- HURRICANE, UT
Rallymasters: Gary & June Stroschein
Assistants: Michael Stroschein & April Mai Sutton

This rally was a prime example of “a work in progress” of changes to rally schedule due to road conditions, weather, campground, and group decisions...(In other words, not much different than most of our rallies). But thanks SO much to the rallymasters – who went way beyond requirements of rallymaster – for providing such an adventurous, fun-loving rally!

In addition to rallymasters and assistants, attending were: Ackerman/Miller, Buckingham, Coulter, Lehman, McVey/Skaug, Parr, Pickthorn, and guests Bob & Sharee Scott (who became members at this rally – welcome!) New members, Paula & Jim Brown had planned to attend but had RV repair issues happen so at last minute didn't make it. June and Gary handed out packets of information to attendees as they arrived, including a sign to put in your RV window to let other attendees know who was parked where (we were scattered around the park). At Happy Hour they had a LOT more literature, maps, points of interest, brochures, etc. available for everyone to have plenty to peruse about the region.

Thursday, everyone braved the I-o-n-g line of traffic getting into Zion National Park. But were still smiling when we got there! We parked at the museum, and took the shuttle from there. They run every few minutes up and back through Zion Canyon

(which is the only way you can access it other than on foot), with stops at every point of interest along the route. High waters of the Virgin River prevented a few of the better-known hikes, but there was still plenty to do and see in the valley.



Plus you could drive your car east on Hwy 9 (just recently opened) through the tunnels to see the rest of the sights, like Checkerboard Mesa, to the east end of park. That evening we all met for dinner at the Bit & Spur Restaurant in Springdale and shared stories of our day.



Friday a fun and interesting drive through some beautiful red rock country, saw Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, lots of wild flowers around too, then to Hidden Lake, and on to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary for a talk about the important rescue work being done by this organization based in Angel Canyon. After lunch in the cute little town of Kanab at Houston's Restaurant, the winds and cold had us aborting rest of day's drive and returning to camp.

Saturday we had the morning to sleep in, then went to Silver Reef Ghost Town for a fun, nearby adventure.

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the area, there was a parade in historic town of Leeds, a “shoot out,” and much history of Silver Reef. Then a visit to Red Cliffs National Conservation Area for great red rocks with interesting formations, and a hike through them lead by Coulters.

Sunday was on your own, for people to pick from dozens of suggestions of what to do ... or just hang out in camp and do laundry or something ... 😊 Finished a busy day with another happy hour in the very nice clubhouse.

Monday we headed towards St. George, first visiting the fascinating Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farms and looked for Dinosaur tracks (don't miss it if ever in the area). After lunch in town at Cracker Barrel, we headed to Red Hills Desert Garden on top of red cliffs towering above St. George. Nice trails, a wonderful grotto, desert gardens, and amazing views. After more great red rock scenery and sand dunes in Snow Canyon, we returned to camp. That evening we were entertained by Gary and June's son, Michael, with storytelling, magic tricks and snake oil (and interesting things to purchase too).



After a very nice continental breakfast (June makes a great Frittata!) Tuesday morning, it was time to say goodbye and “see you down the road!” Even though many of us arrived as strangers to each other, after sharing all these

adventures we were fast friends upon departure... Thanks to Gary and June (along with Michael & April) for a GREAT rally!

*** Be sure to check out many more photos on our Facebook group site, individual attendees sites, and our website! ***Share YOUR rally photos on our facebook site too!

JULY 22-26 RALLY

CHAMA, NM -- LITTLE CREEL RV PARK

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

Rallymasters: John & Sanna Obermiller, johnsann@trailnet.com 239-841-4084

We have 14 rigs signed up for this rally! We have spots along the river running through the rustic park. Chama is a laid-back little town. Their claim to fame is, of course, the Cumbers & Toltec Railroad, the longest and highest narrow-gauge. Even if you've already ridden those rails, you might want to do it AGAIN.

Monday, July 22nd

Arrive and get settled. Starting at 3:00 we will have a Happy Hour with light munchies (nuts, pretzels, cheese/crackers) -things which can sit around as people arrive.

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. You may want to go as far as Pagosa Springs. It's a 55-minute scenic drive OR just stay in the park to visit and relax.

Happy Hour at 5:00 with munchies which can be our dinner. Most of us prefer a heavier meal at noon and not evening.

Wednesday, July 24th

This is TRAIN DAY! You must make your own reservations by calling 1-888-286-2737. Prices are not reduced for groups, so you can pick the level of ticket(s) you prefer. Here's the info:

Depart 10 a.m. from the depot (5 minutes from the park).

Chama to Antonio by train. It will stop at Osier where we will get off to have lunch at a restaurant. When we arrive at Antonio, we will return by motor coach, arriving back in Chama at 6 p.m. followed by Happy Hour (dinner type munchies which you can have ready BEFORE the train ride because you'll be gone all day!)

Levels of reservations & price:

COACH CLASS: \$99.75/adult. Nice wide windows, snacks/drinks available in the Concession Car.

TOURIST CLASS: \$155.75/adult. Includes unlimited non-alcoholic drinks and a snack. Alcoholic beverages are available. Attendant will take your orders.

PARLOR CLASS: \$195.75/adult. Alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Includes a continental breakfast, snacks, beverages, and a gift collectable. Attendant will take your orders.

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS YOU READ THIS!

TRAINS FILL FAST! 1-888-286-2737

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.

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour -- Drinks only as we will be having dinner at a local restaurant at 6 pm.

Friday, July 26th

Continental breakfast in the pavilion. Bring your own beverage. Unplug and pass around the hugs. Vaya con Dios!

Coming up in August ...

August 14-17 – Minot, ND – FMCA International Rally – 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 courage 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 22-27 – Capulin, NM -- Capulin RV Park – Reservations should've been made long ago; but if want to check, their number is **575-278-2921**. Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896, coulter06@comcast.net. You know if they are in charge it can be a weird rally ... Plus bet most of you have never explored that far northeast corner of New Mexico! Schedule was previously mailed to everyone, plus it's on the website. Contact Coulters with any questions.

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?)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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

Edith Osburn (1st)
June Stroschein (2nd)
Thomas Krouse (5th)
Phyllis Carr (6th)
Julia Lehman (6th)
M J Brenner (7th)
Gene Brown (9th)
Loretta Brand (13th)

Frank Thornton (13th)
Marja Ball (14th)
Steve Fowls (16th)
Ron Wallace (17th)
Jim Sanders (22nd)
Ann Thomas (27th)
Genny Zawistoski (27th)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Roy & Mary Manuszak (1st)
Jim & Joan Glasmann (11th)
Allen & Lynn Buckingham (14th)
Henry & Rochelle Landeros (17th)

Paul & Kathy Brada (21st)
Thomas & Patricia Krouse (23rd)
Roger & Karen Redman (23rd)
Gary & Paula Kology (28th)