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# ?QUE PASA?

Cuatro Estados Newsletter

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## THE PREZ SEZ...

**Hasn't this winter been one wild ride?!?** You know it is crazy when the southwestern desert gets *SNOW* ... imagine hiking in it! Across the country we've experienced record cold, heat, snow, rain – and a few times seen all four seasons on the same day! And it's not over yet...

It took some **hardy Cuatro Estados folks** to brave our January and February rallies.

Extra thanks goes to Diana McVey & Bob Skaug for managing to make them adventurous and fun in such uncooperative weather.

We've been "hanging out" in the southern Arizona desert during winter for 30 years, and this was only the second time we've seen water running in the arroyos of Quartzsite, and the first time to see **SNOW** on the desert floor around Phoenix and Tucson (see photos below). Can we blame it all on "global warming"?

Looks like no one wants to go to Patagonia in March (*burr?*), so we are cancelling that rally (3/27-4/1), but excitement is building for the **Amado/Green Valley rally starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>** ("all fool's day")! Check out the details in this issue. And we're also giving you a hint of the adventures awaiting you at the **Albuquerque "Route 66"-themed rally later in April**. You don't want to miss either one of these! Hopefully a time to thaw out and welcome spring!

**Happy St Patrick's Day!**  
**Welcome Spring and**  
**"Spring Forward"**



# WAGONMASTER WHAT DO YOU DO?

When I was asked to consider being wagonmaster, I couldn't even spell it! Wagon Master or Wagonmaster? Rally Master or Rallymaster? Turns out that either is correct and it seemed that within Cuatro Estados we use one word instead of two.

Then I wondered why a wagonmaster was needed. I found reasons for needing a wagon master listed by S. Colin in "***Wagon Masters on the Oregon Trail***"

- *First: We decide on the route to take.*
- *Second: We make the decisions on how to cross a river to keep our passengers safe.*
- *Third: We make a lot of vital decisions for safety*
- *Fourth: We decide where to stop for supplies.*
- *Final: If it wasn't for our money, supplies, oxen and wagon the others would have to walk to Oregon!!!*

Our NEW WEBSITE [cuatroestados.com](http://cuatroestados.com), defines duties thusly:

As Wagonmaster, the Vice President sets up the schedule for all chapter activities/campouts for the year, and makes all arrangements and reservations for campgrounds and facilities. He/She will solicit input and suggestions from the membership for locations and choices. The Wagonmaster shall be in charge of safety, assistance in emergencies, maintenance of law and order, control of objectional noise, marking of confusing road junctions, ground housekeeping, control of campfires, and any and all other matters which relate to the physical arrangements and conduct of said rally or campout.

The rally schedule and any necessary reservations with rally locations should be completed in the fall of prior year. This basic information should be provided to the membership no later than January 1st of that year. The Vice President should also provide the basic rally list (date, location, contact info) to FMCA for inclusion in the Chapter Calendar both on FMCA website and in the FMC Magazine. The VP/Wagonmaster will solicit volunteer "Rally Masters" to be in charge of each individual campout or event.

So, as it turns out, your wagonmaster is responsible for more than just helping you all cross rivers.

Rae and I will need your help and it is not too early to start thinking about rally sites for 2020. Let us know of your favorites.

Our Quartzite and Apache Junction rallies were a success despite the inclement weather they had to deal with. Thanks to all who attended and especially to Rallymasters Diana and Bob.

Now is the time to make reservations for Amado, Albuquerque and beyond!

Wagonmaster Gene Dorsey

PS: the Wagonmaster Winter Woes are now behind us and we have our house and tow car back.

**March 24 – April 1, 2019 -- PATAGONIA, AZ: CANCELLED**

**April 1-6, 2019 -- AMADO, AZ**

**De Anza RV Resort, 888-398-8628**

2024 S. Cortez Rd Apache Junction, AZ 85219 (Just off Hwy 60)

Rallymasters:

Bill & Beverly Eckel, 505-205-7344, [Bbeckel\\_2007@yahoo.com](mailto:Bbeckel_2007@yahoo.com)

or 505-833-1569, [beveckel@juno.com](mailto:beveckel@juno.com)

Bob & Sandy Catalana, 602-989-9060, [bob.catalana@gmail.com](mailto:bob.catalana@gmail.com)

*There was some confusion about the dates, but we have the dates confirmed now (April 1 – April 6) with the RV Resort.*

**Monday, April 1** – Arrival day. We will meet at Bill and Bev Eckels' rig for **Happy Hour at 5:30pm**. We will discuss plans for the Rally. We hope to have 6 to 9 rigs in attendance. Please bring light snacks to share, your own beverages and your chairs. We are certainly open to changes in the itinerary! Since it is April Fools' Day, we would like people to share (if they wish) one of the most foolish or embarrassing things you have done in your life. Please wear your name tags so we can all get acquainted.

**Tuesday, April 2** – Day on your own to explore the **Tubac Artists' Colony** located approximately 6 miles south of Amado. There are many neat shops to peruse and several restaurants to enjoy. Happy Hour and **Potluck Dinner at 5:30pm** in the Rally Room at the main building. Please bring your own plates, silverware, glasses, serving utensils if needed and your main dish, side dish or dessert to share with the group.

**Wednesday, April 3** – An excursion to the **Pima Air and Space Museum** near Tucson. This place is Amazing! Admission price is \$16.50 or \$13.75 for seniors. Wear your comfortable walking shoes because there is a lot to see. If you simply can't get enough of the indoor exhibits there is also a tour of the "Bone Yard" outdoors for an additional charge of \$6.00 and reservations are required. There is a fast food type restaurant on site which is open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. If you are interested in more adventure, you may want to stop at The Pecan Store which

is the location of one of the largest pecan farms in the country. It is located at 1625 E. Sahuarita Rd. in the town of Sahuarita which is on your way back to the RV Resort. We will **meet beside the enclosed pool at 6:00pm for Happy Hour**. Please bring hearty snacks to share and your chairs. You may also want to bring your bathing suits for a dip in the pool or a soak in the hot tub!

**Thursday, April 4** – Bob and Sandy Catalana are planning to lead a **drive and hike to Arivaca Cienega** which is reputed to be a great wildlife sanctuary. Be prepared with a full tank of gas and a picnic lunch. Some of the road is not paved. Perhaps we will want to share rides. We will be going through the town of Arivaca twice and if it looks good, we may stop in Arivaca at the La Gitana Cantina (which is labeled as “Arivaca Soul Food” makes you wonder doesn’t it) for lunch, if it is open. Bob is checking it out. Happy Hour when we get back to the resort.

**Friday, April 5** – Drive to **Tumacacori National Historic Park**. It is a walk back in time to the early days of Spanish colonization. There is an easy walking trail through the historic site; some of the buildings have been restored. It also has a very interesting book store and gift shop. Please be sure to bring your Senior Pass for the National Parks which we think will admit you for a reduced price. We may **do lunch at the Wisdom Café** which is south of Tumacacori. If you wish to cross the border into Old Mexico, Please be sure to bring your passports!! You may get out of the USA without your passport, but you will not be able to come back across the border without it. On your way back to the RV Resort, you may wish to stop at the Santa Cruz Spice Store. It is a delight for your sense of smell. Farewell **dinner that evening at the Greyhound Café** at the RV Resort. It got its name because this is the former site of a greyhound race track.

**Saturday, April 6** – Good-bye and Safe Travels to all! We hope you have enjoyed the rally and will join us again sometime soon.

Bill and Beverly Eckel and Bob and Sandy Catalana

## **ALBUQUERQUE, NM APR 24-29**

### **ENCHANTED TRAILS RV PARK & TRADING POST**

14305 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121

800-326-6317, 505-831-6317, [enchantedtrails.com](http://enchantedtrails.com)

Rallymasters: **Rae & Dub Phillips**, 505-235-5992, [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com)

**Come celebrate historic Route 66 with us!** Enchanted Trails – originally a Trading Post built in the late 1940’s – has retained much of its historical look, complete with furnishings of that time in the original flat-roofed adobe building. Sitting high

on the west mesa overlooking Albuquerque, they even have a vintage trailer “court” complete with matching vintage cars! The trailers are also for rent, if you don’t want to come in your RV.

The park itself has been updated to provide all the conveniences you would expect at a RV resort, including a wonderful gathering room for our use along with a complete kitchen... which will come in handy during this our windy season.

Think you know Albuquerque and New Mexico? Guess again! We’ll explore sights and sounds many of us never knew. Drive the original Route 66 through the pueblos west of town – including lunch at Acoma Pueblo and tour of their “Sky City.” And the route through downtown, enjoying a nostalgic lunch at Route 66 Diner and seeing all the restored neon lights.

We’ll start the party off the first evening with a “Diner Dinner & Dance Party” with build your own “Dagwood” sandwiches, and sock-hop music from the 50’s & 60’s.

You are highly encouraged to dress from that era, too! **A day at the Bio Park** – botanical gardens, aquarium & zoo – will be offered, as well as leaving time for shopping old town or riding the tram to the top of the Sandia Mtns. Or explore our railroad history in renovated buildings now housing everything from arts & crafts to memorabilia. Back in camp, we’ll provide games, puzzles, and other fun “stuff” from the era too.

Hope you’ve already made your reservations, but if not they may have a few sites left. Also remember to notify rallymasters! Put on your dancing shoes and come join us on a trip down memory lane!

## **Report on Past Rally**

**FEB 19-25, 2019**

**Budget RV Park, APACHE JUNCTION, AZ**

Rallymasters: Diana McVey & Bob Skaug

We just finished the Feb rally. The weather was very uncooperative, so a few activities were cancelled but we still had fun.

The attendees where: Kathy and Paul Brada, Bob Catalana, Sandy and Steve Varley, Bob Skaug and me (Diana McVey). A few other people joined for some of the activities. David and Susie Pickthorn joined us for happy hour the first night and at Organ Stop Pizza. Frank and Betsy Thornton joined us for happy hour the first night and for the trail runs the next day. Lynn and Buck Buckingham joined us for a happy hour one evening.

We all wished that the weather had been better, but we still had a good time. Maybe next time we will have blue skies!

Diana



## UPCOMING CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE

**Wagonmaster 2019 -- Gene Dorsey, [gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:gene.dorsey@msn.com), 505-974-1845**

Make most reservations now. Tell them you are with Cuatro Estados. Always also confirm with the rallymasters that you plan to attend.

**May 15-21 -- Hurricane, UT (Zion NP/St George) – Willow Wind RV Park, 435-635-4154 (can reserve now, but no later than Mar 15) -- Rallymasters Mark & Pat Wilson, 801-597-4799, [mrwilson13753@gmail.com](mailto:mrwilson13753@gmail.com)**

**June 5-10 -- Creede, CO -- Region 1 Rally -- Mtn Views at Rivers Edge Resort, 719-658-2710 (make reservations ASAP) tell them you are with Region 1 Rally -- Chapter coordinators John & Sanna Obermiller, 239-841-4084, [johnsann@trailnet.com](mailto:johnsann@trailnet.com)**

**June 12-18 -- Montrose, CO -- Cedar Creek RV Park, 970-249-3884 (Should have reserved before now, but might see if still have space) -- Rallymasters Jim & Joan Glasmann, [jim\\_glasman@msn.com](mailto:jim_glasman@msn.com), 303-870-2964**

**July 22-26 -- Chama, NM – Little Creel RV Park, 855-756-2382 (Should have reserved before now, but might see if still have space) -- Rallymasters John & Sanna Obermiller, 239-841-4084, [johnsann@trailnet.com](mailto:johnsann@trailnet.com)**

**August 14-17 – Minot, ND – FMCA International Rally – Chapter Coordinators, Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, [gene.dorsey@msn.com](mailto:gene.dorsey@msn.com)**

**August 22-27 -- Capulin, NM (NE corner of state) -- Capulin RV Park, 575-278-2821 (reserve by June 22) – Becky & Bob Coulter, [coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net), 505-553-5896.**

**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](mailto:tompatkrouse@bresnan.net)**

**October 17-20 -- Tucson, AZ -- RMMA Ramble -- Pina County Fairgrounds -- Chapter Coordinators needed**

**October 28-November 2 -- Elephant Butte, NM -- State Park -- Rallymasters needed**



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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

Valdean Severson (1<sup>st</sup>)

Cathy Soto (7<sup>th</sup>)

Patricia Krouse (7<sup>th</sup>)

Patsy Sayers (10<sup>th</sup>)

Kathy Brada (11<sup>th</sup>)

Ardith Millar (11<sup>th</sup>)

Todd Towell (12<sup>th</sup>)

Don Feltner (16<sup>th</sup>) – his 80<sup>th</sup>!

Joyce Williams (19<sup>th</sup>)

Susie Pickthorn (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Diana McVey (24<sup>th</sup>)

Steve Varley (28<sup>th</sup>)

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Lori Landers (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Ron & Jenny Zawistoski (30<sup>th</sup>)