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Cuatro Estados Newsletter

May 2019

PREZ SEZ...

So the birds are singing, and the plants are blooming, and the sap is flowing ... and we are growing! **We have new members!** After staying in touch through the winter with several people interested in our chapter, we had three couples come to our ABQ rally and join up after “enjoying” how crazy we are! (*We introduce them to you elsewhere in this newsletter.*) Without hesitation, they jumped right in and became “one of us” in a very short time. And there are several other interested people planning to attend some of our upcoming rallies, who undoubtedly will become one of us as well. We are just too much FUN to resist!

Just this morning I got a call (at 7 am!) from someone who says they recently joined FMCA and are looking at the various chapters, and from checking out our website they like the looks of us and how we seek adventures! Sure wish other FMCA chapters would take the hint and liven up their activities. After all, **most people who have an RV have it for the purpose of going and seeing and doing!** NOT sitting around playing cards and knitting and reading... (altho’ we can sometimes be seen doing a little of that too).

And we’re just getting started with the 2019 adventures! Our rallymasters have been busy lining up all sorts of amazing activities & day trips for upcoming rallies. So be sure and **watch your emails** (and our website and our facebook page) for more details. There’s bound to be at least one that matches up with your timing and location while you’re traveling about this summer.

AND ...It wouldn’t be May if I didn’t also **WISH ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL MOTHERS A VERY HAPPY & BLESSED MOTHER’S DAY!**

Happy Trails! Rae

WAGONMASTER WONDERS WHERE YOU LIKE TO RALLY?

From **Flagstaff** to **Farmington** to **Fredricksburg** to **Phoenix**?

Will you choose **Tucson** or **Taos** or **Toquerville**?

Maybe you like the **Grand Canyon**, **Escalante Canyon** or **Canon City**?

What about **Salt Lake City**, **Jacobs Lake** or **Lake City**?

I know we are just getting into the heart of this rally season and we have a lot of great locations and rallies remaining this year but it is not too soon to start drafting a schedule for next year.

What is your favorite camping spot? What neat scenery, history or points of interest would you like to share with us? If you will be rallymaster, you can pick a location and if you commit soon enough even the month that works best for you. Will you send ideas? Will you be a rallymaster? Please?

We look forward to hearing from you with a commitment, a suggestion, and ideas. We know you have something in mind.

Thank you to all who made the Albuquerque Route 66 Rally. Rae and Dub had a great schedule with fun events. If you missed it, you missed a great rally.

We hope to see you at some of the upcoming rallies this season and wish you safe travels along the way.

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.

HURRICANE, UT MAY 15-21

Willow Wind RV Park 435-635-4154

80 S. 1150 West Hurricane, UT 84737 (Just off Hwy 9 (aka State Street))

Rallymasters: Gary & June Stroschein, 505-563-0037

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A message from Rallymasters Gary and June. Due to the close proximity of our home to the RV Park, we have opted to not stay in the park, but rather use the park as our rally base. Bob and Becky Coulter have graciously agreed to use their space as our meeting place for our get togethers in the evenings and for our continental breakfast on departure day.

May 15, Wednesday – Arrival Day, Welcome to the ‘Greatest Earth on Show.’

Get parked and settled in. 6:00 p.m. meet at Bob and Becky’s RV for “happy hour”, bring your own drinks and a snack to share. We will go over the schedule and discuss any modifications needed.

May 16, Thursday - Zion National Monument. Today will be a full day at the park. We will head out at 9:00 a.m. and caravan to the town of Springdale, UT to catch the shuttle to the park’s Visitor Center, then ride shuttle through the canyon. Be sure to bring your Golden Age or Senior Pass if you have one. Also, no dogs are allowed in the park. June will stay at the RV Park and take care of dogs if necessary. There are shuttles along the park canyon every 7-10 minutes so those who want to hike a trail will always have transportation. Everyone will be on their own to choose their destinations in the park. There is a nice restaurant at Zion Lodge (for lunch), plus a very nice area to picnic on the lodge grounds. Everyone will meet back at the visitor’s center at 5:00 p.m. to shuttle back to Springdale. We will have dinner at the **Bit and Spur Restaurant** (our very favorite in Springdale).

May 17, Friday – Leave at 9:00 a.m., drive by **Colorado City** (the polygamist city that was ruled by Warren Jeffs) and travel through beautiful red rock country to the amazing **Coral Pink Sand Dunes**. From there on to **Peek-a-boo Canyon** (4-wheel drive needed – we will double up). Next we’ll drive to the **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary** and into the cute little town of **Kanab** for lunch at **Houston’s Restaurant**. Leaving Kanab, we will go to the **Pipe Springs National Monument** located on the Paiute Reservation in Arizona. Then back to Hurricane. Happy hour whenever we get back.

May 18, Saturday – Gather and leave at 9:00 a.m. for the **Red Cliffs National Conservation Area**. You will be able to see Dinosaur tracks and other interesting attractions. Then on to **Silver Reef Ghost Town**. This will be a fun, close-by adventure. They are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area. There will be much information and a “shoot out” along with

the history of the town. Time and weather permitting, we will also go to nearby Babylon, an interesting area near the Virgin River with amazing rock formations. Happy hour at 5:00 p.m.

May 19, Sunday – Day on your own. We have many brochures available for points of interest right within the St. George area. Depending on everyone's choice, we can caravan together, or go on your own. Whatever you decide it will be a busy day. Happy hour and snacks at 5:00.

May 20, Monday -- Gather and leave at 9:00 a.m. Proceed to **Red Hills Desert Garden** on top of the red cliffs towering above St. George. This is a beautiful area with very nice trails and views overlooking the town. We will continue to **Snow Canyon** with its spectacular views. Afterward we will lunch at **Cracker Barrel**. Then off to the **Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farms**. This is not really a farm, but a museum on the actual site of the discovery. Price is \$8 per adult and \$7 per senior. From there we will head back toward Hurricane and drive by **Sand Hollow State Park**. Happy hour and snacks at 5:00 p.m.

May 21, Tuesday-Departure Day -- 8:00 -9:00 a.m. Farewell continental breakfast, bring an item to share. Safe travels

Zion National Park Information

2019 Shuttle Schedule (After downloading pdf file scroll down to see entire schedule).

When the shuttle is running no private vehicles are allowed on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. The only access is by free shuttle bus. Free shuttles will leave frequently from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. There will be shuttle buses arriving at every stop every 7-10 minutes.

When the Shuttle is in Operation

Parking is limited inside Zion, and all parking lots commonly fill early in the day. To avoid parking hassles it is easiest to park in the town of Springdale and ride the free Springdale Shuttle to the park's Pedestrian Entrance.

Map of Springdale Shuttle Stops (2019 Season)

How to Use the Shuttle System

There are two shuttle loops. The Zion Canyon Shuttle connects the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to stops at nine locations on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. The Springdale Shuttle has nine stops in the town of Springdale. The Springdale Shuttle will take you to the park's Pedestrian Entrance near the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. You may get on and off as often as you like. Riding the shuttle is free.

Buses are wheelchair accessible.

Click here for additional **Traffic and Travel Tips**. Tune your radio to 1610 AM for additional information.

During the busy season the free buses run from early morning to late evening, as often as every seven minutes. Times and intervals change with the seasons. Current schedules are posted at each shuttle stop, at park visitor centers, and in the **Map and Guide**.

Take Your Time

Buses run frequently throughout the day, as often as every seven minutes. You do not need to rush to catch one. Take your time to plan your visit. Use the exhibits outdoors and the

information inside at the **Zion Canyon Visitor Center** to make the most of your time. **Ranger presentations** at the **Zion Human History Museum** are a great way to learn more about the park before you ride the shuttle up canyon. The bookstore has maps and publications that can augment your visit.

What to Bring-- For a day trip on the shuttle, you should take: Water/Snacks, Walking Shoes/Map, Sunscreen/Hat/Sunglasses, Camera/Binoculars, Flashlight or headlamp. Dress for the weather and bring everything you need for a day in the park. Be sure to bring your Interagency Pass or park entry receipt for re-entry into the park.

Please -- No eating or smoking on the bus. Beverages other than water are not allowed. Pets are not allowed on the shuttle buses.

REPORT ON APRIL 24-29 RALLY ENCHANTED TRAILS RV PARK & TRADING POST

Rallymasters: Gene & Rosie Dorsey and Dub & Rae Phillips



Nobody has more FUN than us, or has more interesting adventures! We were even able to show Albuquerque residents things about the area they didn't know! From the "Diner Dinner & Dance" the first evening to the final "Farewell 50's" brunch, we had a "sock-hopping" good time with our 50's/Route 66 theme.



In between we: (1) toured the Bio Park's Botanical Gardens and enjoyed lunch with the

sharks at the Aquarium, (2) drove the old Hwy 66 west out through classic New Mexico scenery and several pueblos – including seeing the wonderful old church at Laguna Pueblo -- finishing up with tour of “Sky City’s” original mesa-topped Acoma Pueblo, (3) learned all about Albuquerque’s history and enjoyed room-size on-the-floor photo of the city (try to find the campground!), plus great outdoor sculptures, and a little bit of Old Town speed-shopping, (4) driving classic Route 66 through downtown with nostalgic drive-in-style lunch at 66 Diner...and more.

Enchanted Trails was a perfect base for our activities back in camp, with its 50’s- style décor and great rally room, outdoor covered patio, and cottonwoods shading our coaches. In addition to dancing to ‘oldies but goodies,’ there were crazy games such as the Elephant Game (even first-timers participated) & the TP-Plunger game (you had to be there),



hilarious RV-related stories of things gone wrong (everyone had several), silly jokes (had to explain a few), Route 66 movie/slide show, many challenging quizzes about Route 66 and things from the 50’s, and even a quarter game (where someone won \$11).

Special thanks to **Gene & Rosie Dorsey**, who proved they are more than qualified to successfully run a rally, and keep everyone entertained, extremely well. Not only were they one of the “best-dressed” at the dance, but also Gene kept trying to give away bottles of wine except no one could answer his quiz questions. Also special thanks to **Bill & Beverly Eckel**, who provided the music and movie, took so many photos (watch for the video that will eventually be on website & facebook), and helped with much of the “muscle” effort of managing things. Considering that I (Rae) was sick much of the time, without **everyone** pitching in it wouldn’t have been such a great rally. Thank you for being such great Cuatro Estados friends. YOU are ALL the greatest!

RMMA Region 1 Rally -- June 5-10, 2019

MOUNTAIN VIEWS AT RIVERSEDGE, Creede, CO

719-658-22710/908-806-7625

Rallymaster: Connie Jones 719-499-9740, cjiji@aol.com

Cuatro Estados Chapter Coordinator: John & Sanna Obermiller,
johnsann@trailnet.com, 239-841-4084

Make your own reservations, specifying you are with Region 1 Rally, in order to get the better rate. Nightly rates (full hookups) are \$34 for 30-amp & \$36 for 60-amp, plus tax. Rally fee is \$35 per person and must be paid in advance with check made payable to Connie Jones and sent to her at 4510 Debonair Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917. Please let our chapter coordinators John & Sanna know you plan to attend as well.

Region 1 covers Colorado, New Mexico, & Wyoming; however members & guests from Arizona, Utah, and other western states attend as well. So it is a great opportunity for us to meet/greet potential new members! We anticipate 30-50 rigs in attendance (up to 100 people; keep this in mind when you prepare anything for the evening gatherings).

This very nice resort is in a park-like setting near Creede, surrounded by the San Juan Mountains of southern Colorado and along the banks of the Rio Grande. We will have use of a very nice "Lodge" complete with kitchen for our meals.

Creede offers the charm of an old western mining town with eclectic stores & eateries and even a famous repertory theatre. There's a great scenic backroad drive out of Creede that takes you through the original mining districts, some still operating, and several with buildings intact. Much of the route follows a tumbling creek that will be showing lots of white water this time of year. One of the most scenic drives in all of Colorado takes you from Creede, up and over Slumgullion Pass and, down into the lovely village of Lake City. The Obermillers will probably lead you on this route one of the days you are there. Also plan on a couple of happy hours for our members before some of the evening meals.

Schedule – all events take place in the Bear Lodge

Wed, June 5 – 6:00pm bring heavy snacks to share for happy hour

Thurs, June 6 – 9:00am breakfast provided, 5:30pm dinner provided

Fri, June 7 – 9:00am breakfast provided, 5:00pm Potluck (bring a dish for plenty)

(Creede Repertory Theatre presents the magical musical "Peter & the Starcatcher" that evening; must buy your tickets via internet in advance if you hope for a seat.)

Sat, June 8 – 9:00am breakfast provided, 5:30pm dinner provided

Sun, June 9 – 9:00am breakfast (ETLO), departure day (or stay over; rates honored for week)

JUNE RALLY MONTROSE, CO JUNE 12-18

CEDAR CREEK RV PARK, 126 Rose Lane, Montrose, CO 970-249-3884

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



You should've booked your reservations way before now, but if not, might check if space still available.

Also 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 a 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!

CUATRO ESTADOS RALLY SCHEDULE FOR REST OF 2019

(Remember to check this over each month for updates/changes!)

July 22-26 -- Chama, NM – Little Creel RV Park, 855-756-2382 (should've booked way before; but check with park if interested) -- Rallymasters **John & Sanna Obermiller**, 239-841-4084, johnsann@trailnet.com. RSVP to them too! Ride the train...

August 14-17 – Minot, ND – FMCA International Rally -- Rallymasters Gene & Rosie Dorsey, 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com. A caravan may be part of this too! Explore some country & history in route. It's FMCA's 100th Convention!

August 22-27 -- Capulin, NM (NE corner of state) -- Capulin RV Park, 575-278-2821 (reserve by June 22) – Rallymasters Becky & Bob Coulter, coulter06@comcast.net 505-553-5896. Drive/hike ancient volcanoes...& more.

Sept 24-30 – Palisade (Grand Junction), CO – Palisade Base Camp RV Resort, 970-462-9712 (should have reserved by now; but can check if space still open), 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”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Add to your Membership Directory:

Brian Smith & Valerie Erickson, Farmington NM, vae@centurylink.net

Carl & Linda Threatt, Corrales NM, clthreatt@gmail.com

Jim & Paula Brown, Las Vegas NV, paulabrown2010@gmail.com

They were at ABQ Rally ... and joined even AFTER meeting us all! 😊

Directory Change – new email for FELTNER, donlinda4339@gmail.com



MAY BIRTHDAYS



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

Glen Millar (4th)

Michael Stouffer (4th)

Jose Soto (22nd)

Walt Parr (24th)

Lynn Lehman (31st)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Genevieve Carlson (1st)

Lynn & Julia Lehman (11th)

Dub & Rae Phillips (12th)

John & Carol Herr (16th)

Steve & Nandy Fowls (19th)

Barry & Jann Engleman (31st)