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PREZ SEZ... THANKFUL

This is my favorite time of year to count all my blessings, especially friends like YOU! I believe Thanksgiving through Christmas and into the New Year can hold so many opportunities for reflection, appreciation, dedication, and resolution.

We are thankful for those of you who spent time and energy on our behalf this year, particularly our officers & managers: **Vice President/Wagonmaster Gene Dorsey, Treasurer Lynn Buckingham, Secretary Sanna Obermiller (and Diana McVey who took over in August), National Director Mark Wilson, Alternate National Director MJ Brenner, Webmaster & Facebook Mgr. Becky Coulter, Newsletter Editor Pat Wilson, and Membership Directory Editor/Publisher Bob Coulter.**

We are especially grateful for our amazing 2019 rallymasters who brought us such *great adventures* this year: **Diana McVey & Bob Skaug** (Jan & Feb); **Beverly & Bill Eckel** and **Sandy & Bob Catalana** (late Mar & early Apr); **Rae & Dub Phillips** (late Apr); **June & Gary Stroschein** (who took over after Pat & Mark Wilson had to drop out); **Sanna & John Obermiller** (June Region 1 rally); **Joan & Jim Glasmann** (June); **Lynn & Allen Buckingham** (who took over July rally after Obermillers dropped out); **Rosie & Gene Dorsey** (Aug National Convention); **Becky & Bob Coulter** (Aug); **Patricia & Tom Krouse** (Sept); **MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilsky** (Oct RMMA Ramble); **Becky & Bob Coulter** (Oct/Nov); and **Buckinghams** (Dec).

Our gratitude is also for all of you, our members, who attended our rallies this year, and kept our **"Spirit of Adventure"** going; you are "the best in the west!"

It was a joy to serve as your President for the last time. Dub & I will always be grateful for the friendships we've made the past 30 years we've helped keep the *Cuatro Estados' spirit* alive.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving ... and always, *Happy Trails!*



Rae Phillips



CHRISTMAS PARTY ALERT!!
Fun, Games, and Gift Exchange!

When: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Time: Noon

Where: Buckingham's residence, 11508 Nassau NE, Albuquerque (turn right behind Sprouts, 1 block N of Montgomery when going N on Juan Tabo)

Details: We will furnish turkey, gravy, drinks and tableware. You bring something to share to go with our dinner. Please let me know what you would like to bring.

After dinner, we'll play some Christmas-themed games, with prizes. This can get kinda wild sometimes, but participation is always optional. Be a kid again!

We'll end the party with a gift exchange that includes stealing one from someone else if it better meets with your desires! \$10 limit value. Again, participation is optional.

We will collect new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Note the \$10 limit on exchanged gifts. We seem to collect too much STUFF and we'd like to see more go to those less fortunate.

Parking: Please leave the driveway for those who may have trouble walking or need to be closer to the door.

RSVP: If you plan to join us, please contact Lynn or Allen (Buck) Buckingham by Dec. 1 at lynnbuck2@msn.com or home phone: 505-298-1239 or cell: 505-269-7822. This is basically a repeat of the past few years, but it has seemed to work well so let's do it again. Hope to see a lot of you, both from the local area or if you happen to be passing through!

WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Supply and Demand! 2020 RV season is coming up fast. While not yet final, the rally schedule is updated with reservation and rallymaster contact information so that you may make plans and reservations. **Where shown in RED, make reservations as quickly as possible** due to short time frame or high demand on the park. Remember that YOU are responsible for making your own reservations with RV parks. Always mention that you are with **Cuatro Estados**. Ask for discounts you may qualify for including, Good Sam, AAA, AARP, FMCA, Military, Fire, Police, etc., and sometimes we get a special group rate.

CUATRO ESTADOS 2020 RALLY SCHEDULE (UPDATED 10/29/19)

BOONDOCKS, BACKROADS, AND BIG CITIES

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January 15-20 Boondocks Rallymasters	QUARTZITE, AZ ('Big Tent' RV Show - Jan 18-26) <u>Hi Jolly BLM free area or Split Rail RV Park</u> (both north end of town) Snowbirds get together only; need coordinators!
January 21-27 Boondocks Rallymasters	DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, CA <u>DVNP-Furnace Creek Campground</u> 877 444-6777 www.recreation.gov Becky & Bob Coulter 505-553-5896 coulter06@comcast.net Sorry... spaces sold out. We have 10 rigs attending.
February ??-?? Boondocks Rallymasters	<u>Somewhere warm – You pick the location</u> <u>You pick the site</u> <u>Step up and be a rallymaster</u>
March 23-29 March 26-29 FMCA Convention Chapter Coordinator	TUCSON, AZ Chapter Volunteer Week FUN, EASY, REWARDING FMCA 101ST International Convention & RV Expo www.fmca.com Register for the convention then join us as volunteers for 3 free nights Tom & Pat Krouse 970-433-0531 tompatkrouse@bresnan.net Make FMCA reservations NOW
April 17-21 Big City Rallymasters	MESA, AZ <u>Good Life RV Resort 480 832-4990</u> Nancy & Ernest Keith 417 861-4528 nancykeith@missourstate.edu Karen & Roger Redman 505 362-2219 redmankl@comcast.net
May 12-18 Backroads Rallymasters	TORREY, UT/CAPITAL REEF NP <u>Thousand Lakes RV Park</u> 435 425-3500 thousandlakesrvpark.com Sandy & Steve Varley 801 641-4416 sndyvarley@yahoo.com

June 14-19	DENVER/LITTLETON, CO
Big City	Chatfield Lake State Park, Loop D 800-244-5613
Rallymasters	Joan & Jim Glasmann 303-870-2964 jim_glasman@msn.com Bill & Bev Eckel 505-833-1569 bbeckel_2007@yahoo.com
July 15-19	TAOS, NM
Backroads	Taos Valley RV Park 575 758-4469 www.taosrv.com
Rallymasters	Carl & Linda Threatt 256 656-9529 clthreatt@gmail.com
August 18-24	GLENWOOD SPRINGS (SILT), CO
Backroads	West Glenwood KOA 800-562-3708
Rallymaster	Don & Linda Feltner 303-232-0859 donlindafeltner4339@gmail.com Kevin & Paula Gurnsey 303-232-6368 kevincg68@gmail.com
September 21-27	NORTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT
Big City	Pony Express RV Resort 877 421-7002
Rallymasters	Bob & Sharee Scott 505-453-8643 rwscott234@gmail.com
Joyce Schmitt	505-321-4501 j2b3s@msn.com
Make reservations soon. Rallymasters advise that there is a lot of events in SLC at this time. Reservations are fully refundable up to 72 hours prior.	
October 14-20	CAMP VERDE, AZ
Backroads	Distant Drums RV Resort 928 554-8000 ddrvresort.com
Rallymasters	Joe & Anne Thomas 928 218-1332 kg6ifn@gmail.com
November 12-15	ROSWELL, NM
Boondocks	Bottomless Lake SP 575-624-6058 newmexicostateparks.reservations.gov
Rallymasters	Need Rallymasters

Social Media: Visit our website cuatroestados.com for all the latest. Check out the Rally Tab on our website to see what is planned or what you missed. Also visit our Facebook page to see the latest photos from rallies, plus Bill Eckel's videos. See how much fun we *Cuatro Estados* members have at our rallies!

Be sure to add our 2020 rally schedule to your new calendars as you set them up for next year.

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER LYNN BUCKINGHAM

I'll be collecting dues any time you care to send me a check, made out to **Cuatro Estados**, for your 2020 dues, until the end of January, preferably by the end of December. Lynn Buckingham, 11508 Nassau NE, Albuquerque 87111. As you probably know, we voted in a dues increase starting in 2020; dues will be \$10 per person or \$20 per couple. Paid in advance are Jamie & Galina Erickson, Robinsons, Wilsons and Vallarie Erickson & Brian Smith. Also, those joining since FMCA National Convention in Minot ND (in August) and through the end of 2019 are paid up for 2020 also. Budget issues have prompted us to increase dues from the old \$7.50/person, which was held at that rate for many, many years.

More (a little bit of) bad news. We will be able to pay the rally enhancement \$50 until the end of 2019. That's something to reimburse rally masters for expenses and was instituted when we had a budget surplus. In 2020 we will go back to the old method of rally masters collecting a "rally fee," (a proportion of their expenses, if any) from each attendee. Happy autumn!

Lynn

WE NEED YOUR MUG SHOT!

Got a new Rig or Tow Car? Moved? Leaving Us?

If you are a new single member, we would like to get a close-up photo of you. If you are a new couple, we would like a close-up photo of both. Please not hats or sunglasses blocking your face. If we already have your photo disregard. We also know a number of you have new rigs, and/or maybe even moved. Please check your current listing in the Directory and advise us of any changes. My dear husband Bob is already working hard on updating the membership directory for 2020.

Also, if you do not wish to continue in 2020 please let us know so we won't be waiting for your dues in January.

If we do not get your photos, we reserve the right to use any photo available (unusual creative image)...

Becky (2020 President)

Please email your photos & changes, complete with your name(s) to Bob Coulter at coulter6@comcast.net THANK YOU!

REPORT ON PAST RALLY
OCTOBER 17-20, 2019 Rocky Mountain Area Rally
“RAMBLE IN THE OLD PUEBLO” -- Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ
Chapter Coordinators: Mike Rozdilsky & MJ Brenner



The RMMA rally was a great success, especially for the Cuatro Estados chapter. Those attending were: Mike Rozdilsky & MJ Brenner (hosts), Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller, John & Carol Herr, Ernest & Nancy Keith, Art & Denise Nelson, Carl & Linda Threatt, Roger Fulmer, Allen & Lynn Buckingham, Frank & Dessa Halasz, John & Sanna Obermiller. We were very happy to have our new members join us: Richard & Susan Houston and John & Sherry Murphy.

Although our group was spread out and busy with various activities, we managed



to get together for two happy hours. A special thanks to everyone who helped at the

Chapter Fair. We all enjoyed meeting with other RMMA chapter members as well. Several of the chapter members bought new rigs while at the rally; Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller, Roger Fulmer, and new members John & Sherry Murphy who will be joining us in Death Valley. We were also well represented in the 'Frustrated Maestros' with Allen & Lynn Buckingham and Frank & Dessa Halasz.



The Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association (RMMA), an “Area” of FMCA, incorporates the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming. Our area holds a rally once a year, called “The Ramble,” and will be held in Tucson again next fall. This is a great location for our area rally.

Report from Executive Board Meeting – Oct 17, 2019

RMMA Area of FMCA is further subdivided into 3 Regions: Region 1 covers CO, NM & WY, Region 2 covers NV & UT, and Region 3 is just AZ. (Theoretically we should be listed in all 3 Regions, but we were arbitrarily put in Region.)

RMMA new officers were elected at the annual meeting Oct 17th. The new FMCA VP, Jamie Erickson, is also the President of RMMA, and a member of our chapter. He is replacing Jack Mayberry. Also elected was Connie Jones as Senior Vice President of RMMA. The VP of RMMA’s Region 1 is newly elected Vallarie Erickson, also one of our chapter’s members. All new officers were sworn in.

The 2020 RMMA Ramble will again be held in Tucson, AZ on Oct 22-25.

MJ Brenner
Alternate National Director (2019)
New National Director (2020)

ONCE AGAIN WE’D LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Cuatro Estados has been blessed with **FIFTEEN** new members this year! They will be included in the 2020 Membership Directory, which should be coming out around the end of February.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Frank Halasz (4th)

Nandy Fowls (9th)

Barbara Severson (10th)

Carol Herr (10th)

Charles Carlson (14th)

John Herr (18th)

Bob Skaug (19th)

Pat Wilson (23rd)

Stephanie Bishop (25th)

Sharee Scott (27th)

Jim Ball (29th)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Paula Gurnsey (1st)

Jamie & Galina Erickson (3rd)

Steve & Sandy Varley (23rd)

Gene & Rose Dorsey (26th)

Walt & Pam Parr (30th)

Coming in December newsletter

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND MANAGERS FOR 2020!

Learn more details about the 2020 Rally Schedule!