



CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER November 2020

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PREZ SEZ...

I don't have much to say other than pay you dues for 2021 early you will get credit (Lynn will give you a gold star!). Actually it will really help her get the information to the membership directory guy since he is going to AZ in February and Big Bend in March/ April and Gulf Coast in April. The program he wrote only works from the home computer so we need your help. getting it done early.

If you have changed home, motorhomes, tow cars, phones or emails please let us know also AND if you want a different picture, send it in.

Becky

2021 DUES

Greetings from your treasurer! I'm feeling a little guilty about asking for dues since we have had to cancel almost all the fun stuff this year. However, our expenses are about the same, rallies or not. We still have our directory to publish, website to maintain, etc. In 2019, we voted to increase dues from \$7.50 to \$10 per person to better cover these expenses.

Please make your checks out for \$10 single or \$20 per couple to CUATRO ESTADOS and mail to me at 11508 Nassau NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. The final due date is January 31 but why not send early and be done with it? Also, please let me know if you plan to discontinue membership for 2021. Three couples have already paid and can disregard this notice; Scott, Erickson (J & G), Halasz, and Milhollin. Here's hoping you are well and have been able to avoid the COVID thing. Also hoping for a much better new year and hoping we'll be together again for more fun times! Lots of hoping.

Lynn Buckingham

LAST CALL-Anyone Interested in Going to Big Bend Texas?

Bob and I are planning the first rally of 2021. The dates are March 22nd through April 2nd, departing April 3rd. That's 12 days plus your travel time to our first destination/rally point (Saddleback Mountain RV Park off of I-10 near Balmorhea, TX and the days required to get home.

This rally will be limited to the first ten people to sign up. I already have six on my list- the Coulters, Houstons, Thorton/Jefferies, McVey/Skaug, Eckel and Thomas'.



->October 14-20, 2020
Camp Verde, Arizona
583 West Middle Verde Rd,

Rallymasters: Joe & Anne Thomas 928-218-1332 KG6IDN@gmail.com

We ended up with 9 rigs at the Camp Verde Rally. In attendance were Frank Thornton & Betsy Jeffrey, Richard & Susan Houston, Bill & Beverly Eckel, Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller, Tom & Pat Krouse, Jim & Paula Brown, Vallarie Erickson & Brian Smith, Jamie Erickson and rally hosts Joe & Anne Thomas. Arrival day, Wednesday October 14, was seasonably warm as most of the summer and fall of 2020 has been across the nation as we gathered on the resort's spacious patio to eat dinner and discuss the week's activities. After brief introductions by attendees, including "favorite color", hamburgers, potato salad

and cookies were served. The group voted to have “happy hour” every night at 5pm on the patio except for Friday when we had a group dinner at JT’s Bistro in Camp Verde.

Group outings included a trip to Montezuma’s Castle and Well and Tuzigoot National Monuments. We had two docent led tours, one at the Copper Art Museum in Clarkdale where we learned all about copper and saw an amazing collection of copper items from throughout the world. Our second docent led tour was at Fort Verde State Historic Park where we had a presentation on Geronimo and muskets. On the “free days” some members took a train ride on Verde Canyon Railroad (Houstons), visited the Out of Africa Wildlife Park (Eckels), went to scenic red rock Sedona (Krouses), and took a day trip to Walnut Canyon near Flagstaff (Frank & Betsy). Jerome and old town Cottonwood, antique stores and enjoying a meal at Cliff Castle Casino were also popular destinations.

On Sunday evening an ice cream treat was enjoyed after National Vice President, Rocky Mountain Area, Jamie Erickson spoke about FMCA including dues and the FMC Assist program. Vallarie Erickson, Region 1 Vice President informed us about upcoming region events as well.

On Tuesday morning October 20, most everyone departed except for Jamie, Vallarie and Brian who were staying for regional meetings. The Browns headed to Prescott for a few days while others made their way home or to winter destinations. Everyone enjoyed getting out camping again despite some of the COVID-19 restrictions. We would like to thank everyone who attended. Stay safe and healthy!





DON & LINDA FELTNER'S TRAVEL FOLLIES

Here's a synopsis of our first 6 week into our trip:

Left Denver the morning before the Sept. 8th snow storm. East through Kansas and (heavy rain and high winds....lovely driving weather) Missouri to Branson....week 6 now at Oceanside, California, about 3,000 miles through ten states. From the 30's, temperature wise, in Kansas to 102 in Las Vegas and 102 down highway 15 to near Oceanside.

Highlights in photographs:

Branson "Legends Show" with Elvis, in person (he lives, you know)



Below: The Presley Family Show....to us, the Best in Branson....good music and great comedy.

One of the comedy quips:

Thank you all SOOOO Much for coming to our show.....so many of you (40% full)....so many of you disguised as "empty seats".....! They gave us 200% showmanship performances!



Eureka Springs, Arkansas

360 streets in this small town and all crooked as can be, no stop lights and ONE 90 degree intersection.

NOTE a masked Humpty Dumpty....on the wall!



The Passion Play (below) seats over 2,500 and runs the performance at night, highlighting each section of Jesus' life as it is highlighted in the play.....a wonderful experience as His life flashes before you at night. Maybe 600 at this performance night!



Bentonville, Arkansas.....where Sam Walton "Started his first 'Walmart' store.....in 1950".
Building on left is the "Walmart Museum" and ice cream parlor.....closed because of Covid!



On the west side of Amarillo, I-40....Texas, you'll enjoy "Car Henge"....known in the 1960's as "Cadillac Ranch" with ten 1950's and 1960's Cadillac autos buried

into the cornfield.....now its a “BUY your spray-cans-of-paint, \$8.00 each” and spray-paint your name/slogan on the cars.....junky now, to us!!



“Big Texan Steak House”FREE 72 OZ Steak to anyone who can:
Eat the 72 OZ steak, potatoes, salad, veggies rolls and drink in 90 minutes.
MOST, who try....just end up paying the \$72,00 for the meal and take home
'left-overs'!!



Visited Rae Phillips in Albuquerque for a few days....and took the #14 highway up the “Turquoise Trail” through Madrid, New Mexico.....but stopped to see ‘Ex-Mayor Leroy’, OF “Golden, New Mexico”, population 12.....and Leroy’s magical tour of his “STUFF”.....well.....you gotta stop and visit, take the 30-40 minutes ?tour? to appreciate his imagination and ingenuity.

Leroy meets you at the entrance to his 100 year old homestead, from his grandmother, to his parents and NOW his domain!!!

YUP....that’s his motorcycle hanging off that pole to his right (your left, in photo)

....got it back yesterday, was impounded for illegal parking in the 1960's.



Window Rock, "The Home City for "The Navajo Nation" and how the Navajo "Code-Talkers" saved thousands of lives by outfoxing the Japanese 'code-breakers'....who didn't have a clue about the Navajo language.....ha, ha on them.



The "Richardsons Trading Post" in Gallup New Mexico....the whole block IS the "Trading Post" and very important then and now for the locals.

Sue, the original founders daughter can give you hours of history and....WOW...."The Prices" on some jewelry and handcrafted Navajo rugs costing up to \$100,000 or more.

Ask for a tour behind the scenes to see old and new handcrafted Navajo rugs starting at \$1,000 on up over \$100,000.....



Sedona is always fun and plenty of nice yard art and jewelry, clothing and fine food.

Montezuma's Castle, Tuzigoot and Montezuma's Lake , Jerome and Old Cottonwood, Arizona are must see's as well.



Lake Las Vegas, southeast of Las Vegas on the Old Boulder Highway is a giant mile or more lake with million dollar home everywhere. The 2007 Bust killed this area and by 2014 it was in "Re-Bound" and today it's over the top Vegas-Style"!! Las Vegas, "The Forum Shops"...all 140 of them beg your dollars, high end shopping at its best....even has an aquarium.....



Breakfast on the “Oceanside Beaches”....yum yum.....that’s all folks, Don & Linda



FOR SALE

A 2011 38’ Tiffin Open Road Allegro RED (diesel pusher), bunk bed model with 4 slides. It’s in good shape, except the slides have scratched up the tile floor. Everything works. Extras include a solar panel, Genturi generator venting system, rock guard, Queen bed, washer, dryer and Blue Ox tow system. We are asking \$99,500.

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Wagonmaster Notice

With COVID we had to cancel almost all 2020 rallies and events. Due to social distancing, a lot of folks bought RV's and are overrunning RV Parks, and state and national parks. It is getting difficult to find rally locations and hold spots, rates are going up and cancellation policies are becoming stricter.

For 2021 we have tried to find parks with generous cancellation policies but would advise everyone to:

---Reserve camp spots soon for the rallies you think you might like to attend

---Be aware of the cancellation policy and cancel if need be within policy timeframe

---Let the rallymaster(s) and Wagonmaster know what rallies you will attend

Thank you to all rallymasters who volunteered for 2020. We are very disappointed that your event was cancelled. Thanks to Anne & Joe Thomas for October and Becky & Bob Coulter for July in Taos.

Thank you to 2021 rallymaster volunteers and we are all looking forward to a "more normal" season.

Gene Dorsey

Wagonmaster



Cuatro Estados Snowbirds –

Looking for other members in Quartzite?

Let our Wagonmaster know, he will put you in touch with other CE members.

Wagonmaster Gene Dorsey (505)974-1845 gene.dorsey@msn.com



**Cuatro Estados 2021
Rockin' Rollin' Recovery Tour**

January 16-24: Rockin' with the Snowbirds

Quartzite, AZ Quartzite RV Show & POWWOW Gem & Rock Show

No Host: Traditional CE folks get together

Mar 22-Apr 3: Rollin' along the Big Bend

Big Bend, TX Various Campgrounds TBD – to (10 rig limit), Balmorhea St, Park, Ft Davis National Historic site, Marfa Lights, Big Bend State park, Big Bend National park.

Rollin' Master: Bob and Becky Coulter, 505-814-1293, Coulter06@comcast.net

Big Bend National Park is in southwest Texas and includes the entire Chisos mountain range and a large swath of the Chihuahuan Desert. The Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive leads to the ruins of Sam Nail Ranch, now home to desert wildlife. The Santa Elena Canyon, carved by the Rio Grande, features steep limestone cliffs. Langford Hot Springs, near the Mexican border, has pictographs and the foundations of an old bathhouse. And this is just one of the stops on this tour!

April 20-26: Rollin' Rally – follow the tracks to the Harvey House

Winslow, AZ Homolovi State Park Campground,

www.waszstateparks.com/homolovi) 877 697-2752

Rollin'Master: Vallarie Erickson & Brian Smith, 303-880-3141,

Woffi1963@gmail.com

Stand on the corner in Winslow. Arizona like the Eagles; visit Homolovi State Park, Painted Desert, Petrified forest, a Harvey House, and maybe even a Star Party

May 17-22 Recovery Rally (a do over of a well-planned 2020 rally)

Littleton, CO Chatfield Lake state park (www.cpwshop.com), 505-553-5896

See what we got Covid'ed out of in 2020

Rollin'Master: Jim & Joan Glasmann, 303-870-2964, jim_glassman@msn.com

and Bill & Beverly Eckel, 505-833-1569, bbecjek_2007@yahoo.com

If you've never been fortunate enough to tour Denver area, here's your chance! Sitting at the eastern edge of the Rockies, their majestic "fourteeners" towering above, Denver offers the perfect blend of big city adventures and nature's playground as its backyard. Take the fun train to the 16th Street downtown open-air mall chockfull of sidewalk cafes & entertainment & clever stores and play one of the several pianos up and down the street. Drive the only paved road that goes to the top of a 14ers, Mt Evans, to see wildflowers & herds of mountain goats. Visit the outdoor amphitheater in Red Rocks Park and stay for the fun hiking trails. And so much more!

June 7-13 Recovery Rally (a do over of a well- planned 2020 rally)

North Salt Lake City, UT See what we got Covided out of in 2020

Rollin' Masters: Bob & Sharee Scott 505-453-8643, rwscott234@gmail.com

And Joyce Schmitt 505-321-4501, j2b3s@msn.com

From the Great Salt Lake to the west to the ski slopes of the Wasatch Mountains to the east, adventures abound in all directions. The RV Park is located just 6 or 7 miles from the State Capitol and Temple Square, and adjacent to the Jordan River & a state OHV rec area. Several National Historic Trails route through SLC. Some of the best-preserved historical areas are in and around SLC. Several scenic mountain roads offer access to endless hiking and picnicking along rushing creeks and waterfalls. The ski villages offer summer activities also.

June 9-13: RMMA Area 1 Rally (for those who can't make it to Utah)

Albuquerque, NM: Enchanted Trails RV Park, (505)831-6317

Rally Coordinator: Volunteer needed

July 21-26 Rockin' Mountain High Rally

Leadville, CO Sugar Loafin' Campground

Rollin' Masters: Don & Linda Feltner 303-232-0859, donlindaafeltner4339@gmail.com and Kevin & Paula Gurnsey, 303-829-9932, pmbake66@gmail.com

At 10,152 feet above sea level, Leadville is the highest incorporated city in North America. Colorado's two tallest fourteeners — mountains higher than 14,000 feet — tower above the area, including 14,433-foot Mt. Elbert and 14,421-foot Mt. Massive. Twin Lakes, located adjacent to the state's two largest glacial lakes in the shadow of Mt. Elbert, provides gorgeous views of the neighboring summits and is a popular spot for photographers. A drive on the 'Top of the Rockies' Scenic and Historic Byway is an excellent way to capture Lake County's best views. The 82-mile route traverses the 12,095-foot Independence Pass, affording sights of sky-scraping peaks, sprawling valleys and reflective lakes.

August 28- September 2 Rockin' in the Fiery Sun

Del Norte, CO Woods and River Campground 719-657-4530, www.woodsandrivercamping.com

Rollin' Masters: Gene and Rosie Dorsey 505-974-1845, gene.dorsey@msn.com

Located at a relatively higher altitude than its neighboring towns, Del Norte boasts of a balanced landscape that allows tourists to enjoy beginner to advanced hiking trails. Since the town is also rich when it comes to wooded and water resources, camping, fishing, and rock climbing became one of the top activities in the area.

September 13-18 Rollin' Rally (From Palo Duro Rocks to Rockin' with Buddy Holly)

13-16 Palo Duro Canyon, TX Sagebrush Campground, www.texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com, (512)389-8900 Make reservations beginning June 15, 2021

6-18 Lubbock, TX Lubbock RV Park, www.lubbockrvpark.com, (806)747-2366

Rollin' Masters: MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilski, 773-368-3535, rio365@aol.com
Palo Duro Canyon (from the Spanish meaning "hard wood" or, more exactly, "hard stick") has been named "The Grand Canyon of Texas" both for its size and for its dramatic geological features, including the multicolored layers of rock and steep mesa walls similar to those in the Grand Canyon. Lubbock is known as the birthplace of rock 'n' roll legend Buddy Holly. The Buddy Holly Center celebrates his life and music with artifacts and mementos. Nearby is the West Texas Walk of Fame, with a statue of Holly and plaques honoring musicians from the region. The Museum of Texas Tech University houses millions of objects of art, history and paleontology, plus the Moody Planetarium.

October 1-5 Rockin' with the Ghosts

Abiquiu, NM Ghost Ranch RV Park, 505-685-1000, www.ghostranch.org

Rollin' Masters: George & Pamela Raney 618-698-4215/505-231-8089

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George has given tours for several years and we are lucky to have him as our Ghost Ranch guide during Fall color season.

Ghost Ranch is a 21,000-acre retreat and education center located close to the village of Abiquiú New Mexico. It was the home and studio of Georgia O'Keeffe, as well as the subject of many of her paintings. Ghost Ranch is also known for a remarkable concentration of fossils, most notably that of the theropod dinosaur Coelophysis, of which it has been estimated that nearly a thousand individuals have been preserved in a quarry at Ghost Ranch.

November 29-December 3 Rollin' Christmas on the Pecos

Carlsbad, NM Carlsbad KOA Holiday, 575-457-2008 or Stay in a Hotel if your rig is winterized.

Rollin; Masters: Richard & Susan Houston, 575-706-4470 or 575-706-0748, Susan1@bajabb.com or rhouston@bajabb.com

The Houstons will be our hosts but **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

It doesn't get any better than Christmas in Carlsbad, and this annual river event is sure to kick off the holiday spirit right. This boat ride will take you through one of the most extravagant and delightful light shows right on the Pecos river. Get ready to hop aboard a boat in Carlsbad and see what beautiful twinkling displays have been put together this year for a holiday event unlike any other.



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