

Cuatro Estados Newsletter November 2021

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Thank You George & Pam Raney for putting on a great rally at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. Everyone had a super time!

Lynn Buckingham our Treasurer has placed a new order for Cuatro Shirts. The price may increase by a small amount.

We have several **rallies that need to be booked NOW** if spaces are still available. They are the April rally at Moab, the July rally in Angel Fire, and the August rally in southern Utah, at Kanab and vicinity.



GHOST RANCH RALLY

Nine Cuatros Estados rigs and 17 persons met at Ghost Ranch for some fun together. Each night the happy hour evolved into a camp fire -- we all sat around and told stories to each other. Some were lies, some were half truths. Sometimes marshmallows materialized; we roasted some and s'mores developed.

Thanks to Richard Houston for becoming the fire builder extraordinaire!

What did we do? We took the Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape tour given by the ranch and enjoyed a meal in the dining hall.



We explored Abiquiu and enjoyed fine dining at the Abiquiu Inn...where a tarantula searched for it's mate We all snapped pictures of the big, black hairy "spider" crawling the wall, while the local kitty cat scarfed up anything that fell to the floor.





Some of us took a tour of Los Alamos, where we learned about the Manhattan Project and saw some of the restored bathtub row houses. Several enjoyed hiking and exploring Ghost Ranch.

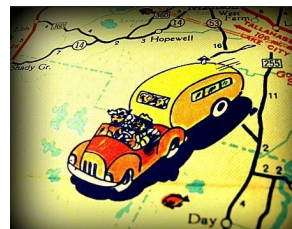


One of the best stories was told by Craig Ford: he picked up a hitchhiker and explained to the fellow that the hearing aids he wore were devices for communication with aliens. The guy wanted off the ride pretty soon after that. Did you learn that story in audiology school, Craig?

Everyone said that they appreciated the ranch and wanted to return.
George Raney

Here's our First Timer Primer for new members but it bears re-reading for the Old Timers. It's just full of helpful hints.

(1) Make your own reservations with the RV Park, providing whatever deposit is required. A deadline date will usually be published, many of which may be months in advance. But in general, the sooner you make your reservations the better, or you may not get in. Also notify the rallymasters that you will be attending. This is important for planning purposes, so please don't just "show up" without them knowing you will be there. Be sure to ask for discounts and to be put with or near the Cuatro Estados Group or by the Rallymasters.



(2) Ensure you have the most recent rally schedule and carry it with you. We will follow the schedule unless told otherwise. You will be notified if an activity is canceled due to weather; otherwise the activity is a go.

(3) If you have a two-way radio, please bring it; that's how we communicate while touring in our vehicles together. Set it on channel 10. If you don't have a radio, many of us carry extra. Please bring your badges... and WEAR THEM. With so many new members, that's the only way we can remember your names!

(4) Meals. Often there will be one or two potluck meals, possibly one provided by the rallymasters (for which you will be asked to pay a rally fee for cost reimbursement) and one or more meals at a restaurant. Many evenings we have Happy Hours, to which we often bring enough snacks to call it dinner. If we are doing a "run" (a scenic drive or to a specific location), often you will be asked to pack a lunch to take with you. Meal information will be provided in the rally schedule posted in the newsletter or sent to you separately after you have signed up for the rally.

Unless specified otherwise, please bring your own 'mess kit' (plate, utensils, napkin, etc.) and drink to all gatherings, which usually take place outdoors at the rallymaster's rig. Bring folding chairs, too, which you can leave set-up for the duration of the rally if you wish. Bring a small table for yourselves if you don't want to hold your plate in your lap. If you have a larger folding table to help us with space for snacks & potlucks, check with the rallymaster to see if they need it.

(5) A few of our rally locations have a rec building or club house for our use. If so, most are set up with tables & chairs and so we will usually hold potlucks and perhaps even happy hours there.

(6) If allowed, "real" campfires may be on the evening schedule; bring firewood if you can. If not, some of us may set up propane "firepits" to gather around. We used to have guitar players and singers to add to the evening fun ... and are always looking for anyone willing to do so again!

(7) On day exploration drives or jeep trails, make sure you have enough gas for the trip. And please be on time because we will leave on time. Also try to double up with others, sharing rides... just make sure you both want to do the same things and/or be gone as long. If someone invites you to ride with them for all the 4WD trips because you don't have 4WD, it is usually appropriate to offer to pay for part of the gas as a thank-you or buy them lunch.

(8) Whether drives or hikes or whatever, remember to bring enough water! And always snacks, even if a lunch isn't scheduled; many times that may turn into lunch. We also suggest you keep a jacket handy. In the high mountains where we hold so many summer rallies, it can turn cold & windy quickly. You might want to bring some chairs in case there are no picnic tables.

(9) Camping Etiquette

I know how exciting it can be to see friends at rallies that we haven't seen in a while. We tend to rush up to say hello as soon as they arrive. Out of respect for people wanting to get their rigs set up and get settled in, please give them some space and time. Unhooking and setting up is often a time when mistakes are made, and accidents can happen. When they are ready, they will come out

of their rigs ready to join in the fun. Please remember this also applies when the rally is over and people are trying to hook up their car or trailer for departure, as mistakes can be made then, and accidents could result. Thank you!

(10) REMEMBER: Everything we offer at a rally is optional -- day trips, meals, hikes, and any other scheduled activities. We hopefully attend a rally to SHARE adventures, but if you'd rather spend the day reading a book or going on a long hike by yourself or whatever, that's fine. We're a bunch of very independent people, and it's perfectly acceptable if you want to take a hike, a bike ride, or go kayaking instead of that day's scheduled drive... and if you want company doing it, you'll usually find someone else who'd rather do that, too!

(11) Most importantly, come prepared to have an adventure, make new friends, and see old friends ... expect to have a great time of Fun, Food & Fellowship!



PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022

Your annual dues are due by December 31st. Why not save a stamp and get a jump on paying them. If you could pay early, this would help Lynn, our treasurer, out by spreading out the deposits over 2 months. We have several new ways for you to pay.
PAY ON WEBSITE

- Pay on cuatroestadotdos.com website under the

membership tab.

Click on the PayPal button and pay \$10 Single or \$20 per couple. You can use your Pay Pal or select credit cards.

OR

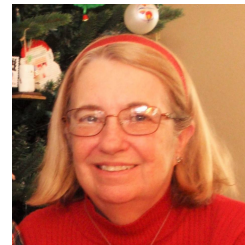
PAY ONLINE IF YOU HAVE PAYPAL

• Go to: www.paypal.me/CuatroEstados.

You will see our logo, the Black& White, Spirit of Adventure Mountains. Press SEND, then login with your PayPal account, fill in the amount you owe in US Dollars, and add a note stating your name and that you are paying your 2022 Annual Dues.

I have been working hard on this new feature and hope it will be convenient for both you and our Treasurer.

We are sorry to say we have lost one of our CE Members. Patricia Krouse passed away on October 11th after a battle with cancer. Pat was such a vibrant person with an infectious laugh who loved life. She often spoke with her husband Tom of their travel adventures with the club. Some of you may recall the wonderful rally they put on in Grand Junction, CO, where they lived. Please send your condolences to Tom Krouse at 604 Stan Dr. Grand Junction, Co 81504



Nancy Utech is Excited and so are we!

It is like looking forward to Christmas in 2023. Yes, you heard that right. We already have one rally on the books for October 2023!!!

Neither Nancy or Art have been to one of our rallies yet. But they have signed up to be Rallymasters for the Angel Fire, NM rally coming up in July and the Willcox, AZ rally in October 2023.

She has lots of ideas, and we are liking everything she comes up with!

In Nancy's words:

WILLCOX 2023!!!

"Ok. So we came down to Willcox to start initial planning so we can really hype this one.

I can tentatively reserve 25 spaces to be secured by May 2023 at the Willcox/Cochise KOA; \$55/night except during weekends; then it's \$65/night with a 10% discount for our group. Easy access off I-10.

Dates: Oct 4 check-in and Oct 10 check-out. Dates are firm as this is the Rex Allen Days Festival.

What we have thus far:

1. Private tour of the newly renovated Rex Allen Museum. Small charge.
2. Private tour of Aridus Winery including the crushing room. This is the largest crushing room in AZ, and they actually crush for other vineyards. Generally the crushing room is off-limits.
3. Tour of Ft. Bowie (attempting to reserve a private) and a drive to the Cochise Stronghold.
4. Discounted concert tickets for Fri/Sat night. - John Richard Schneider (born April 8, 1960) is an American actor and country music singer. He is best known for his portrayal of Beauregard "Bo" Duke in the American television action/comedy series The Dukes of Hazzard (opposite Tom Wopat, Catherine Bach and James Best), Jonathan Kent in the 2001–11 TV series Smallville, and James "Jim" Cryer on the television series The Haves and the Have Nots, created by Tyler Perry. Alongside his acting career, Schneider has been a singer since the early 1980s, releasing nine studio albums and a greatest hits package, as well as eighteen singles. This total includes "I've Been Around Enough to Know", "Country Girls", "What's a Memory Like You", and "You're the Last Thing I Needed Tonight", all of which reached the top of the Billboard country singles charts. And guess where he'll be staying! KOA with us! And I'm hoping for a meet and greet!

Still looking into Kartchner Caverns, Amerind Museum, Chiricahua Monument. There are concerts and rodeos over the weekend. Also, Bisbee and Tombstone are 1/2 hr out.

I'll have access to the community center for a welcome spaghetti dinner on us. Thursday is a Greek buffet made by a Greek chef who left NYC. He uses his grandmother's recipes, and I promise the food is extraordinary! Moussaka, spanakopita, baklava, chicken kabobs, lamb kabobs are what we've talked about. Spyro may be able to get a group of Greek dancers to perform for us.

Dinner another night at La Vinca. Genuine Mexican cuisine and the best chicken mole I have ever eaten! It's a very small restaurant with a huge patio which will accommodate us all. Very inexpensive.

Speaking of food, the resort café (KOA) is run by Spyro the Greek Chef. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are available, and if you prefer, you can have it delivered to your RV!

Still more to plan and lay out a daily schedule. But I'm really excited for folks to see what I think is an area chock-full of history, culture, and cuisine!

Hype up our rallies! I want 20 coaches!! “



November 29-December 2 (Departure Date) Christmas on the Pecos Carlsbad, NM

WAITING LIST ONLY

(3 Nights at either) Carlsbad KOA Holiday, 575-457-2008, or stay at the Comfort Suites, 833-441-1202 if your rig is winterized._

Becky Coulter, 505-553-5896, coulter06@comcast.net AND Carla Dungan, 575-885-1560, cvdungang@gmail.com

Carlsbad Rally Schedule

Monday 29 Nov-

Arrive afternoon

5pm- meet for Happy Hour at Carla and Neal Dungan's House at 2202 Westridge Rd. Carlsbad, NM, bring your beverage of choice, Mexican food provided. Rally fee is \$2.50 per person.

Tuesday 30 Nov-

10am- depart from KOA for Artesia, NM to see the bronze sculptures and street art and check out the \$1, Peter Hurd Mural that came from Dallas, visit the biggest HS Bulldogs Stadium

We will stop our tour at about the halfway mark and eat lunch at the Wellhead Restaurant & Brewery in Artesia for lunch at 11:30. If you are doing something else let us know we have reservations for the whole group.

OR

Tour the Carlsbad Caverns on your own- 3225 National Parks Hwy.

<https://www.nps.gov/cave/index.htm> Call for times

<https://www.nps.gov/cave/planyourvisit/fees.htm> for fees and passes

call 877-444-6777

No reservations are available at the park. Reservations are only for selecting the entry time.

Upon arrival at the visitor center, entrance tickets must be purchased, \$15 or Senior Pass.

60 mins, 2.5 miles moderate effort, 56 degrees, no hiking poles, Hike down-elevator up

5:00pm- Optional meal prior to boat ride. PJ and B Rio Café before boat ride, no group reservations (711 Muscatel Ave, Carlsbad).

6:45pm – 7 pm “Rudolf” Boat Ride Christmas on the Pecos. Meet 15 minutes prior or 6:45

to embarkation at Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel Ave. Carlsbad, NM 88220

Christmas on the Pecos is an evening outdoor water event, and the air is chilly. Face coverings are required for passengers and employees. Jackets, hoodies, gloves, scarves, and layers of clothing and blankets are encouraged.

<https://christmasonthepecos.com/lodging-specials/>

Wednesday 1 Dec-

Morning on your own-

Things to do:

Visit the Art Park in Carlsbad.

See Carlsbad Caverns.

Visit the Artesia Museum in the Library it is very good. Entrance at 418 W Fox Street. Hours are 10 - 5. Admission is Free. The gift shop is open during business hours.

Hike- Sitting Bull Falls Trail (near KOA), 0.7 all skill levels.

Walk- Ocotillo Desert Hills Nature Trail- 2mi total, all skill levels, located adjacent to the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park. This trail is accessed from Skyline Drive or behind New Mexico State University.

See the Living Desert Zoo

McKittrick Canyon Trail from Whites City as far as you want in the Guadalupe Mountains.

5:00pm- Wine tasting at the Trinity Hotel Bar, 201 S Canal St. Carlsbad, NM

5:30pm- Dinner upstairs at the Trinity Hotel, 201 S Canal St. Carlsbad, NM

Thursday 2 Dec- Depart for home



FIRST RALLY OF 2022- Las Vegas Area WAITING LIST

1-7 March 2022-

6 nights, depart the 7th

Las Vegas RV Resort (3890S Nellis Blvd)- 866-846-5432

From the big city to natural landscapes.

Join us on the Las Vegas Strip Walking Tour, The Fremont Street Experience.

Kayak the Colorado River to Emerald Cove with a stop at the Hoover Dam. See

the Valley of Fire with lunch in Overton and in the

afternoon the St Thomas Ghost Town. Hike the Historic Railroad Hiking Trail.

See the Red Rock National Conservation Area and the Tule Springs Fossil

Beds.

Las Vegas Rally Attendees -March 1-7 (6 nights)

1. Becky & Bob Coulter
2. Diana McVey and Bob Skaug
3. Gene & Rosey Dorsey
4. Will & Judy Perkins
5. Cheryl Gainsford
6. Susan & Richard Houston
7. Frank Thornton & Betsy Jeffery
8. Matt Bentson & Katrina Cooper
9. Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller
10. Lynn & Buck Buckingham
11. Anne & Joe Thomas
12. Robert & Lelia Wright
13. Dee & Carole Ennis (not staying @ park, may join for activities)
14. Dave & Judy Miller

Rallymasters are Diana Mc Vey 951-850-1566 & Becky Coulter 505-553-5896.

Please make reservations under your own name, and then contact one of us.

Las Vegas Rally - We have 26 attendees; there is now a waiting list.



2022 Cuatro Estados Rally Schedule

Final 09/19/2021

March 1-7 Las Vegas, NV WAITLIST ONLY

Las Vegas RV Resort www.lasvegasrvresort.com 866- 846-5432

Rallymasters Becky Coulter coulter6@comcast.net 505- 553-5896

Diana McVey dondiana@verizon.net 951-850-1566

April 1-6 Moab, UT SPACES LIMITED

Moab b Rim RV Campark www.moabrimcampark.com 435-259-5002

Rallymasters Brian & Vallarie Erickson-Smith woff1963@gmail.com 303-880-3141

Jamie & Galena Erickson larryerickson9935@comcast.net 505-330-1380

May 3-10 Aledo, TX

Cowtown RV Park www.cowtownrvpark.com 817-441-7878

Rallymasters Kathy & Paul Brada katbrada@gmail.com 719-661-7915

June 12-18 FT Robinson State Park (Crawford), NE BOOK SOON

Soldier Creek Campground www.nebraskaparks.reserveamerica.com

Campground 308-665-2900 Reservations 402-471-1414

Rallymasters Susan & Richard Houston susan1@bajabb.com 575-706-4470

July 18-24 Angel Fire, NM SPACES LIMITED

Angel Fire RV Resort www.angelfirervresort.com 855-421-0308

Rallymasters Nancy & Art Utech nancyutech@gmail.com 303-550-5215

August 19-26 Southern Utah, Kanab and vicinity SPACES LIMITED

Grand Plateau RV Resort www.gprvresort.com 435-610-2500

Rallymasters Sharee & Bob Scott southwestgal234@gmail.com 505-220-0547

September 18-24 Dolores, CO

Dolores River Campground www.doloresrivercampground.com 970-882-7761

Rallymasters Frank Thornton & Betsy Jeffery fnt8100@gmail.com 720-880-8396

Sep/Oct - 9/28-10/3 Ruidoso, NM

Little Creek RV Park www.littlecreekrvpark.com 575-336-4044

Rallymasters MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilsky rio355@aol.com 773-267-1243
Philip & Stephanie Bishop, philsteph.bishop@gmail.com, 214-725-0816

Notes:

- Check www.cuatroestados.com for most current park & rally information.
- Check with rallymaster(s) for help in site selection and let them know where you will be.
- Understand the park cancellation policies.

Other Rallies in 2022

Don't forget to add these events to your next year's schedule.

Region1: Santa Fe Skies, Santa Fe, NM- June 15-19, 2022

RMMA: October 26-29, 2022- Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

Hope to see you there, we will have new venues for both rallies loaded with great friends, food, fun activities, and music!

Vallarie Erickson-Smith
Region 1 VP

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