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CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER OCT 2019

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PREZ SEZ... HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

As usual in our four-corner states, this is the time of year when you can have all four seasons in the same day – and often do! There are 40-degree swings in temps... and we find ourselves running the heater in the early morning and the air conditioner in the afternoon.

But **RVers are blessed**; we can travel to whatever climate we want, whenever we want! And that's just what many of you have been doing all this year... traveling not only all over THIS country, but international trips too (including rental RV travel the other side of the oceans). Thanks to Facebook, we can "go along" via your postings of amazing photos of your adventures. My "RV wheels" may be gone ... but thanks to emails and Facebook, I am now doing lots of armchair traveling along with many of YOU. **Thank you all** for taking me along... to rekindle memories of places I've been ... and introduce me to places I would never otherwise be able to go.

In this issue is an updated **2020 schedule!** We hope you will look it over and start marking your 2020 calendar for those you want to attend. It's an exciting year of "**Boondocks, Backroads, and Big Cities!**" Please volunteer to help with those not yet finalized; contact Gene Dorsey to offer your assistance. This is YOUR chapter... be a part of it!

Happy Trails!

Rae



WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Here is a sneak preview of next year's rally schedule. Get your calendars and pencils out and start planning to join us next year. **Notice we still have a few opportunities where you can be the rallymaster, pick the dates and location.** Email me if you would like to volunteer! The final schedule with details will be out next month and published in our directory AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Cuatro Estados 2020 Rally Schedule

Boondocks, Backroads, and Big Cities

January 8-12 Indio, CA FMCA Western Area Rally
FMCA Event Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival

January 15-20 Quartzite, AZ (Big Tent Day- Jan 18)

Boondocks Hi Jolly BLM or Split Rail

Rallymasters Snowbirds get together only

January 21-27 Death Valley, CA

Boondocks DVNP-Furnace Creek

Rallymasters Becky & Bob Coulter

February ??? Southern AZ somewhere (Imperial Rec Area suggested?)

Boondocks You pick the site

Rallymasters Step up and be a rallymaster

March 23-25 Tucson, AZ Chapter Volunteer Week **FUN, EASY, REWARDING**

March 26-29 FMCA 101ST International Convention & Expo www.fmca.com

FMCA Convention Register for the expo then join us as volunteers for 3 free nights

Chapter Coordinator Tom & Pat Krouse

April 17-21 Mesa, AZ

Big City Good Life RV Resort

Rallymasters Nancy & Ernest Keith; Karen & Roger Redman

May 12-18 Torrey, UT/Capital Reef NP

Backroads Thousand Lakes RV

Rallymasters Sandy & Steve Varley

June 14-19 Denver/Littleton, CO

Big City Chatfield Lake State Park, Loop D

Rallymasters Joan & Jim Glasmann; Bill & Bev Eckel

July ??? Taos, NM

Backroads Taos Valley RV Park
Rallymasters Carl & Linda Threatt

August 18-24 Glenwood Springs, CO
Backroads West Glenwood KOA

Rallymaster Don & Linda Feltner; Kevin & Paula Gurnsey

September 21-27 Salt Lake City Area
Big City Rallymasters will choose park, dates and schedule
Rallymasters Bob & Sharee Scott; Joyce Schmitt

October 14-20 Camp Verde, AZ
Backroads Distant Drums RV Resort

Rallymasters Joe & Anne Thomas

November 12-15 Roswell, NM
Boondocks Bottomless Lake SP

Rallymasters Need Rallymasters

Coming up THIS year ... RMMA Ramble-Tucson Oct 17-20

It is not too late to sign up. Register on FMCA website then let us know.

Our chapter coordinator for the rally is **MJ Brenner and Mike Rozdilsky** rio355@aol.com
(773)267-1243. Help MJ out with the Chapter Fair if you can.

Social Media: Visit our website cuatroestados.com for all the latest, and our Facebook page to see the latest pictures and Bill's Chama video.

Gene Dorsey
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505-974-1845

Think Outside – No Box Required

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.

OCTOBER 17-20 TUCSON, AZ
35TH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY
“RAMBLE IN THE OLD PUEBLO”

Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

Chapter Coordinator: MJ Brenner 773-267-1243 (rio355@aol.com)

Since MJ & Mike may still be overseas, please let Gene Dorsey, our chapter VP, know you will be there (gene.dorsey@msn.com, 505-280-0987) if you have not already done so. Here's list of those we have so far: Ackerman/Miller, Buckingham, Smith/V. Erickson, J. & G. Erickson, Herr, and Obermiller. **Please contact MJ & Mike when you arrive**, to let her know you are there, and check on possible get togethers being planned.

This is expected to be one of the largest area rallies in many years! If you did not preregister yet, you can still sign up and pick up your passes at “Will Call” upon arrival. You can get all the information you need, including registration & schedule, at rockymountainarea.com and select dropdown list under “Ramble 2019,” or on FMCA.com/area rallies. Many of our members also volunteer for the Ramble; it is fun and rewarding, and there are a variety of assignments you can sign up for, even after you arrive.

Friday, Oct 18th, we will participate in the Chapter Fair (12:30 pm) to solicit new members. Please plan to attend and assist. If you have Cuatro Estados T-shirts, please wear them! Since this is in the heart of our region, opportunity for new members should be great! Friday evening, each chapter is encouraged to hold a **Chapter Block Party**. When greeting potential new members at the chapter fair, we can invite them to join us at our Block Party that evening, to get to know us better. Stop by our table at the fair to find out

where/when. A “\$50 Giveaway” will be given to each chapter that has a table at the Chapter Fair and holds a Block Party.

Hope more of you plan to attend the “Ramble in the Old Pueblo!”

OCTOBER 28-NOV 1

Spooktacular Rally at Elephant Butte, NM

Elephant Butte Lake Resort Park

402 Highway 195, Elephant Butte Lake, NM 575-744-5996

(<https://www.elephantbuttelakervresort.com/booknow>)

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896 (coulter06@comcast.net)

“These are the Gh’oul Times”

*Mention Cuatro Estados- ask for your Military, Fire and Police or Good Sam and AARP discounts. We are on the upper level site #134.

Mon Oct 28th- Arrival day- come early to enjoy the park amenities.

5pm- Happy Hour Heavy Snacks for dinner

Tue Oct 29th- The Mothership is Home from CA

9:30 am- Depart for **Spaceport America** Tour starts at 10am (3hrs) meet at Spaceport America Visitor Ctr. 301 S Foch St, TorC. Call 575-267-8888 for tickets \$49.99 ea. You must call NLT 1 October there is a limit of 13 people. This is a private tour for Cuatro Estados only. Please let me know too.

5:00pm- depart for Los Arcos Steak House, 575-899-6200, 1400 N Date St. TorC

Wed Oct 30th- Spa / Golf/ Fishing/Pickleball/Museum Day

Firefly Spa- RV Resort- they have some reasonable rates, call 575-497-0047 for an appointment. <https://www.elephantbuttelakervresort.com/fireflyspa>

Sierra del Rio Golf Course- at Turtleback Mountain Resort, 575-744-GOLF, 18 holes \$22/\$37 weekday. Show your RV park receipt for discounts.

Pickelball court- RV Resort

Museum-Geronimo Springs- Fantastic museum don’t miss it. You could spend an afternoon here. 211 Main St. TorC.

12:00 Lunch at the Grapevine Bistro (413 N Broadway)

Have something light for dinner and join us at the hot springs!

6pm- Depart for River Bend Hot Springs-Do not miss this! Watch the sun go down and the fairy lights on the river come on, soak in the many tubs of varying degrees, and warm

yourself by the fire. (Bring your suit, no one is looking, it will be dark. This is not a place for kids, whispering only.) Show your RV park receipt and get \$2 off.

CUATRO ESTADOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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. 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!

RALLY REPORT

GRAND JUNCTION, CO SEPT 24-30

Rallymasters: Tom & Pat Krouse, 970-433-0531

Attendees were Tom & Pat Krouse, Chuck Ackerman & Mary Miller, Bob & Becky Coulter, Bob & Sharee Scott, Paul & Kathy Brada, Joyce Schmitt, Walt & Pam Parr, and Kevin & Paula Gurnsey. We also had guest Pat & Kathy Symalla who are now new members. We kicked off the rally on the 24th with a pulled pork dinner and a lot of visiting. The

following day we took in the sight of the Colorado National Monument and enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Edgewater Brew pub.

Thursday the 26th was a free day for everyone to enjoy on their own. That evening we had a Western themed pot luck and happy hour.

Friday was spent visiting area wineries. We had a very informative tour at the Suncrest Orchard and had lunch at the 357 Grill in Palisade, Colorado.

On Saturday we visited the Fruita Fall Festival. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the happy hour for that evening due to very strong winds.

The following day we took a trip over the Grand Mesa to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. We went on to Cedaredge where some had a picnic lunch while others went on to enjoy time on their own. Continued strong winds once again spoiled the plans for a happy hour, however many attendees got together for pizza and beer at Kannah Creek Brewery.

The morning of Monday the 30th kicked off with coffee and pastries as we bid fair well and safe travels to each other until we could meet again.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Paula Kology (7th); Mary Manuszak (8th); Allen Buckingham (12th); Betty Abbinett (20th);
Art Nelson (20); Bill Eckel (27th); Gary Kology (31st)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Judy Stouffer (4th); Jim & Marja Ball (6th); Bill & Beverly Eckel (18th); Bill &
Joyce Williams (22nd)

