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Expressing our Deepest Sympathies

To Glenn Millar at the recent death of his wife Ardith.

PREZ SEZ...

Well this is the year that was, good riddance I say. Our last rally of the year in Camp Verde, AZ is shaping up to be a great rally with lots of attendees and lots of fun activities.

Enclosed is the finalized schedule for next year 2021. It's about time to reboot into

a new year.

We will have a brief newsletter in November with the last rally report from the Thomas' rally in AZ. There will not be a Christmas party in Albuquerque this year and there will not be a newsletter either.

Our Chapter was selected to be listed in the FMCA RVing Magazine under Chapter Spotlight in the November issue so be sure to look for it.

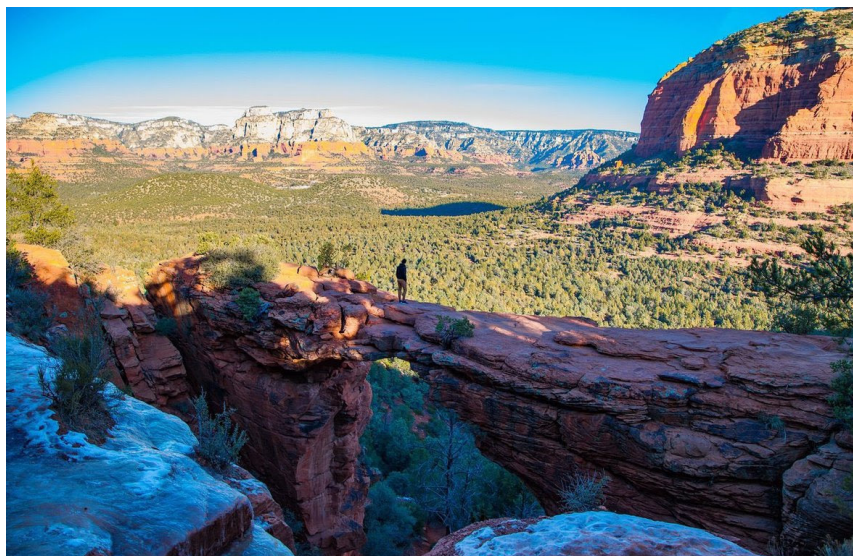
Due to Covid-19 the chapters Annual Meeting was conducted via the internet. The slate was approved and the same individuals have agreed to stay in their same positions for 2021.

Becky

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 5th. 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 the Coulters, Houstons, Raney's and Thortons on my list.



October 14-20, 2020

Camp Verde, Arizona
583 West Middle Verde Rd, 877-577-5507
877-577-5507 (<https://ddrvresort.com/>) Group Coordinator at resort McKayla

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

This top-notch resort is minutes away from a casino as well. Check out the resort's website above sign up BY SEPTEMBER 3!

Please call and reserve your site under Joe/Anne Thomas. The group rate if we get 10 rigs is \$36 plus tax = \$40.67 per night, \$244.03 (6 nights). You will be charged a \$44 deposit. Any additional days will be at the peak rate of \$44 plus tax = \$49.71 OR if we don't get 10 rigs this will be the daily rate as well. The resort does offer a discount for AAA, Good Sam, AARP, FMCA and veterans with ID. Cancellations 48 hours prior to arrival date \$20 administrative fee charged, less than 48 hours \$44 deposit will be forfeited. If the resort must cancel our event for COVID-19 regulations, there should not be a cancellation fee.

Please email us also once you make your reservation.

We will not have use of the social gathering room, but the pool and laundry should be open; fitness center and library presently closed. We should be able to gather outside. At this point MASKS are required inside the resort and most of the surrounding areas we plan to visit.

We have planned activities to include visiting two National Monuments (Tuzigoot & Montezuma Castle), docent led tour of Copper Art Museum, historic Jerome and scenic Sedona. We hope to enjoy a western dinner and show at the Blazin'M Ranch. Other attractions in the area include a train ride through Verde Canyon and Out of Africa safari experience.

RALLY SCHEDULE

Due to COVID-19 and the unpredictability of what places may be open or allow a limited number of people in at one time we are not making a day by day schedule. Instead, will leave it open for members to choose if they car-pool or where they would like to explore each day. We plan to visit the Chamber of Commerce to collect brochures to provide to everyone upon arrival and invite everyone to do some research upfront online as well.

Wednesday October 14: Arrive at Distant Drums, check in at 1:00pm. Gather around 4 pm to enjoy a burger or hotdog off the grill and discuss activities in area.

Thursday October 15 to Monday October 19: Meet at predetermined departure

time or go on your own to explore. Gather together around 4 pm to socialize/ Happy Hour. At the present time Blazin M Ranch is closed so most likely we won't be able to attend the Western Dinner Show.

List of places to visit

Montezuma Castle (Montezuma's Well currently closed) and Tuzigoot National Monuments: short hike at both places, bring National Park pass in case fees aren't waived, 25 mile scenic drive between sites on County Road 30 thru Cornville, which is good place to stop for lunch at Grasshopper Grill. Other options are to go to lunch in Camp Verde at JT's bistro or Crusty's Pizza and take AZ -260 to Tuzigoot thru Cottonwood or make a complete circle coming back thru Cottonwood.

Old town Cottonwood: offers a variety of shops, antiques, restaurants and enjoy some of Verde Valley wine trail wineries.

Jerome: visit State Historic Park tour Douglas Mansion, take a Ghost Town tour, visit Gold King Mine, eat at the famous Haunted Hamburger, plenty of shops, wineries to visit, bring your walking shoes the town is built on a side of a hill.

Sedona: take a Pink Jeep tour, stroll around the town's many shops and restaurants, drive Red Rock Scenic Byway, visit Chapel of Holy Cross, hike in the red walled canyons.

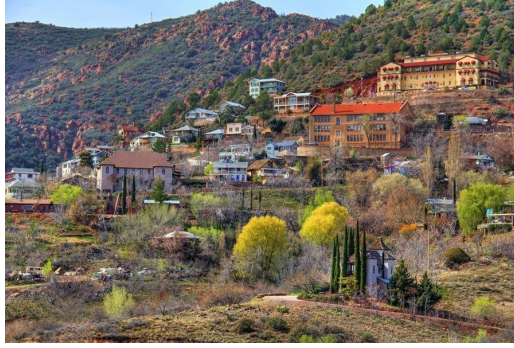
Clarkdale: enjoy Fall colors by taking train ride on Verde Canyon Railroad (may want to make reservation before arrival at www.verdecanyonrr.com) visit Copper Art Museum (currently closed due to covid-19).

Camp Verde/Fort Verde: State Historic Park, old downtown, Cliff Castle Casino (across from Distant Drums), Out of Africa Wildlife Park

Prescott: day trip (45 miles)/visit downtown shops, antique stores, historic Courthouse Square, museums, hiking, biking, and kayaking

Tuesday October 20: Depart, check out time 11 am. Safe Travels!





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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National Director Report - 2020

Due to the Covid-19 virus, all international conventions were cancelled and there was no in person Governing Board meeting to attend.

There were two zoom meetings in the summer in which the board was in disagreement as to keep the membership dues at \$75 or lower them to \$50 due to the loss in membership. There was also discussion of eliminating the medical evacuation insurance.

The good news is that the budget for 2021 has been approved keeping the current dues at \$75 per year and keeping the medical evacuation insurance. The board is always concerned about the loss of membership. Plans are currently being made for two international conventions in Perry Georgia and Gillette Wyoming. The board is also looking for volunteers to serve on various committees.

Submitted 9/28/2020

MJ Brenner

National Director, Cuatro Estados Chapter

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 5: 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.azstateparks.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.ghost ranch.org

Rollin' Masters: George & Pamela Raney 618-698-4215/505-231-8089
georgepamr@gmail.com

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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