

## Cuatro Estados Newsletter September 2020

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### **CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER September 2020**

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#### **PREZ SEZ...**

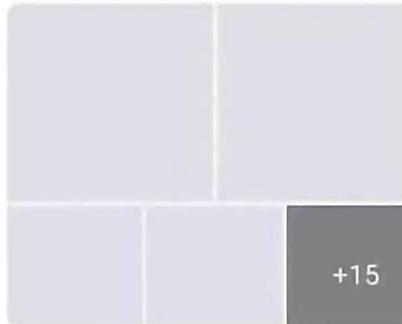
Trying to think of something nice to say about 2020. I will just post a few pictures. We have successfully had two rallies this year, Death Valley in January and Taos Rally in

If 2020 was a scented candle



July. Basically, the cancellations were due to the COVID virus, except for the Glenwood Springs Rally which was cancelled two days prior due to the severe fires in the immediate area.

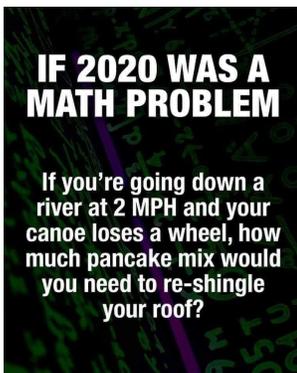
Some cool photos of all the places I visited in 2020



This is how newborns look in 2020. LOL



Several of us were not deterred and since our motor homes were packed, we headed out. The Eckels went to beautiful Angel Fire, NM to be with friends, the Coulters headed up to South Fork, CO to be with McVey/Skaug. The Houstons went to Antonito, CO and later joined the Coulter, McVey/Skaug group. The Gurnseys and the Feltners got together in Central City, CO. Rozdilsky and Brenner were already in Colorado headed south to Red River, NM. I'm sure I missed some of you. Everyone was chomping at the bit and ready for a little R&R in the woods.



The good news is the virus is letting up. We have one more rally this year in October. The Thomas' are willing to show you all a good time in Camp Verde, AZ but you need to make reservations and let them know you are coming by 3 September.

We need a couple more volunteers for 2021, won't you look and see if you can help us out?

Becky Coulter



**DEADLINE!!!  
WED SEPT 3**

Come one, come all to our last rally for 2020! Joseph and Anne Thomas were the first to volunteer to do a rally for us and have a great rally planned. But they are getting a bit discouraged. They asked me to let you know that they only have two confirmed by email that they have made reservations at Distant

Drums RV Park and if more do not sign up by September 3rd they will be cancelling the rally



**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 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 a 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](http://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!



### Another 'No Rally' Rally...Smoked Out

Our Rally was planned and ready to go right up to the weekend before 19th to 24th . Unfortunately, the “Grizzly Creek” fire had started 'not quite' a week before the planned arrival date. By Sunday the 16th of August we (Don and Linda, Becky) started receiving cancelation calls due to smoke and I-70 being closed in the Glenwood Canyon.

The Pine Canyon fire just 20 miles north of Grand Junction was declared causing more difficulties for that area. As of August 31, both fires are still NOT contained. Smoke has diminished by 80%. Two other Colorado fires are still burning, but under control, for a total of four. Smoke is still in Denver!  
Friends in Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs said that the smoke has been really BAD.

The fires were burning at 159 miles west of Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction is 220 miles west of Central City!!

The two alternative routes to Silt/Glenwood involved double or more the “drive” time, with I-70 detours choking traffic north to Kremming, Craig or south to Buena Vista, and Montrose.



The photos show 'some of the smoke' at sunrise on August 19 looking east off the mountain towards Denver. HEAVY

smoke caused some Central City Campers to leave early due to tough breathing problems and the 9,000 foot altitude to boot.

Linda and I, Kevin and Paula decided to go 35 miles west of Denver to the KOA RV Resort at "Central City". We went to the Central City Casinos and I WON, put in a whole dollar on the nickel slots and on the 20th nickel I won \$22.50....quickly leaving at \$21.50 ahead! I felt it important for the record that YOU know that!

Submitted by "Smokey-Don, "this 31st day of August with a 46 degree temp in Denver this AM, AND 74 degrees in AM yesterday

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

**January Rockin' with the Snowbirds**

16-24 Quartzite, AZ Quartzite RV Show & POWWOW Gem & Rock Show  
No Host Traditional CE folks get together

**February Rob'n & Raid'n & Rum Pirate Rally**

24-3/1 Lake Havasu Crazy Horse RV Park

Dress and talk like a Pirate or walk the plank mattey!  
Arrghallymaster Capn' Bob Skaug? & Diva Diana? (by popular request)  
Lake Havasu is popular as a boating and water sports vacation destination as well as the base for hiking and biking trails in the desert hills. It is the home of the famous London Bridge that was brought from England in 1967 before being perfectly reassembled. It connects the mainland with a looped path on the Island and several marinas. Lake Havasu State Park with its miles of clean beaches is a port of entry to the Colorado River where you can rent a kayak or canoe and the safety equipment needed for a great day on the lake. The park is open all year with warm weather during the day and cool nights

**Mar/Apr Rollin' along the Big Bend**

3/22 Big Bend, TX Various Campgrounds TBD –

to (rig limit) Balmorhea St, Park, Ft Davis National Historic site,  
4/5 Marfa Lights, Big Bend State park, Big Bend National park.

Rollin' Masters Bob and Becky Coulter

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 Rollin' Rally – follow the tracks to the Harvey House**

20-26 Winslow, AZ Various TBD

Homolovi State Park, Painted Desert,

Petrified forest, and finally Harvey Girls

Rollin'Master needed You could be Mr. & Mistress. Harvey-what fun you'd have.

Wanted: Young women 18 to 80 years of age, of good moral character, attractive and intelligent, to waitress in Harvey Eating Houses on the Santa Fe in the West. Wages, \$17.50 per month with room and board. Liberal tips customary. Experience not necessary. Oh, and guys can come on this adventure too.

### **May Recovery Rally (a do over of a well- planned 2020 rally)**

17-22 Littleton, CO Chatfield Lake state park – See what we got Covid'ed out of in 2020

Rallymasters Jim & Joan Glasmann, Bill & Beverly Eckel

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 Recovery Rally (a do over of a well- planned 2020 rally)**

Provisional place holder depending on member interest

2-7 ?? Salt Lake City Pony Express?? See what we got Covid'ed out of in 2020

Rallymasters Bob & Sharee Scott/Joyce Schmidt

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. A number of scenic mountain roads offer access to endless hiking and picnicking along rushing creeks and waterfalls. The ski villages offer summer activities also.

### **July Rockin' Mountain High Rally**

21-26 Leadville, CO Sugar Loafin' Campground

Rallymasters needed Hosting this rally could be the HIGH point of your year!

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 Rockin' in the Fiery Sun**

??-?? Angel Fire, NM Angel Fire Resort

Rallymasters needed You could be an ANGEL and host this one

It has been said that Angel Fire is "named for the fiery afternoon light splashed on alpine peaks". It's home to Angel Fire Resort, with ski slopes and terrain parks, plus a summer mountain-bike park and zip line. The Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway passes the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park, which is home to the Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel. Farther north, Eagle Nest Lake is ringed by mountains and is stocked with salmon and trout.

### **September Rollin' Rally (From Palo Duro Rocks to Rockin' with Buddy Holly)**

13-15 Canyon, TX RV Park TBD

Rollin' to Palo Duro Canyon  
16-18 Lubbock, TX RV Park TBD

Rockin' with Buddy Holly, Windmill Museum, etc.  
Rollin' Masters MJ Brenner & Mike Rozdilski

Palo Duro Canyon (from the Spanish meaning "hard wood" or, more exactly, "hard stick")<sup>[2]</sup> 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 Rockin' with the Ghosts**

13-18 Abiquiu , NM Ghost Ranch  
George Raney has given tours for several years and we are lucky to have him as our Ghost Ranch guide during Fall color season.  
Rallymasters George & Pamela Raney

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.

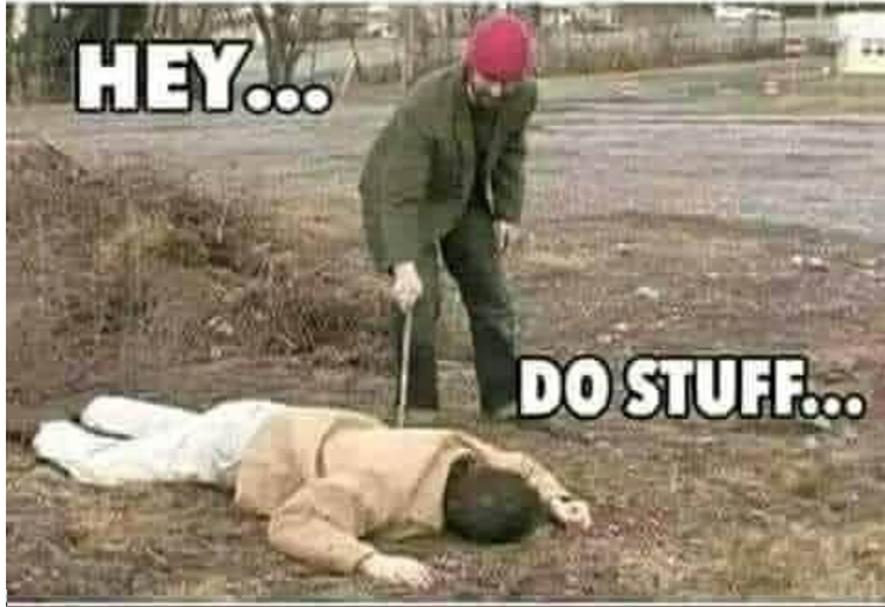
### **Nov/Dec Rollin' Christmas on the Pecos**

29-Dec 3 Carlsbad, NM Carlsbad KOA Holiday

Or Stay in a Hotel if your rig is winterized.  
Rallymaster/Hosts Richard & Susan Houston will show off their hometown  
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.

CAN YOU DO STUFF??? WE NEED A FEW MORE RALLYMASTERS WON'T YOU HELP???

When your group has a bunch  
of inactive members in it...



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