



CUATRO ESTADOS NEWSLETTER September 2021

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Thank You Gene and Rosie Dorsey for a wonderful rally, it was amazing to see so many peoples excitement over a rubber ducky race. We sure know how to have fun. Not to mention your Miners outfit Gene and Rosie's grub outfit.

The 2022/23 Cuatro Schedule will be out soon...!

We got to wear our Cuatro Shirts.....

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Del Norte Rally Report

Fifteen members and one guest in nine rigs arrived safely from all directions on July 28th at the Woods & River Campground in Del Norte, Colorado. Attending

were the Coulters, Bill Eckel, Scotts, Dorseys, Downs, Thomases, Joyce Schmitt, McVey/Skaug and our newest member Ron Reinhardt, his dog Rusty, and guest Frank. We all had spacious, treed, riverside RV spaces facing a rising and picturesque Rio Grande to give us a true camping experience. On Wednesday evening we met at happy hour followed by ham & beans and Spanish rice con carne – some grub in tune with the mining and Spanish Trail theme of our rally.



Thursday morning, we drove to the Old Spanish Trail monument where we had a presentation by historian Ken Frye and learned about the monument itself from Mettje Swift who was the artist for this magnificent piece. We were surprised to find the four corners of our Cuatro Estados logo carved into the monument.



In 1885 an observatory was built atop Lookout Mountain. On this Thursday in 2021 we visited the new observatory and were treated to a solar view by astronomer Robert Grover and learned the history of the observatory from historian Al Hibbs. A bonus was getting to see and feel rocks on the cliff below that were highly polished by Wolly Mammoth's rubbing against them eons ago.



After a tour of the nearby Rio Grande County Museum, we met for a group lunch at the Colorado Grill and Taphouse.



Friday morning, we took a drive through the potato, canola and hops fields enroute to the Homelake Veterans Center and Cemetery. We roamed the lovely grounds, spent a few moments of reflection at the cemetery and then drove to Alamosa.



After a short stop at the Colorado Welcome center and the D&RGW depot, we continued east to the Fort Garland Museum. A movie informed us of the mission and history of the fort before we visited all of the buildings and grounds. A picnic lunch was shared in the shade on the parade grounds.



During happy hour that evening, everyone returned their numbered and wonderfully decorated Rubber Duckies. Because of a rainy forecast for Saturday, our President decided that this would be a better time to hold our

annual meeting. After the strike of the gavel, and with strict observance to Robert's Rules of Order, all business was discussed, dispatched, recorded and noted. An election was held, followed by adjournment and refreshments.





The Saturday rain continued into Sunday morning and thwarted our planned lengthy mountain road drive to Summitville Ghost Town and then down Park Creek Rd to US160. We did however salvage our lunch plans with a drive to a delightful picnic spot at lower Beaver Creek south of South Fork. After a nice lunch we drove upriver just past the Beaver Creek reservoir and then took a hike up to the largest tree in the Rio Grande National Forest.



On Monday morning we packed our souvenir duckies, broke camp and said our goodbyes. Bill Eckel and his trusty camera caught each of us as we departed to our next destination.

We were blessed with nice weather and a wonderful group of our fellow members -each had a positive attitude, was engaging, entertaining and forgiving – all of which made this a truly memorable rally.

Gene and Rosie Dorsey, Rallymasters



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SEPTEMBER 13-19- Texas Panhandle Rollin' Rally Schedule

" From Palo Duro Rocks to Rockin' with Buddy Holly"

Rollin' Masters Mike Rozdilsky & MJ Brenner 773-267-1243 Rio355@aol.com

For Rally Schedule refer to Website cutroestados.com, click tab on rallies scroll down.

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The October Ghost Ranch Rally is Full- All attendees will be sent updates by the Raney's. Sites have been pre-reserved by the rallymasters.

You should have been contacted by Ghost Ranch by now for your credit card information.

If you have not been contacted you can call them at 505-685-4881 or 505-685-1000 ext 4177 or email at carolh@ghostranch.org or shannonb@ghostranch.org

Please pay attention to this information you are responsible for booking extra tours and the train ride. Your RV cost includes one ticket for The Georgia O'Keefe Landscape Tour and 2 tickets for Lunch

To book other tours: landscape, paleontology, archaeology, movies or a trail ride. <https://www.ghostranch.org/things-to-do/activities/>

you should monitor the web site for the opening of the Abiquiu O'Keefe welcome center.

<https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/visit/visitor-information/directions-to-abiquiu/>

Ghost Ranch Agenda

Rallymasters: George & Pam Raney, georgepamr@gmail.com, 618-698-4215

The final, but tentative, schedule.

Friday, October 1st **- arrival - Happy Hour starting at 5pm. Bring your favorite beverage and something to share. Plates and plastic spoons and forks will be supplied. We will discuss plans for the week.

Saturday, October 2nd - Ghost Ranch Georgia O'Keefe Landscape Tour followed by lunch in the dining hall. Each campsite will be billed for 1 tour and 2 lunches. Should both of you wish to take the tour it can be added on arrival.

Sunday, October 3rd - this is a free day to drive into Santa Fe or Taos followed by a group dinner at Abiquiu Inn (tentative as they are open but not taking reservations for large groups at this time). We may just have to show up as groups of 4-6!

Monday, October 4th - Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs and Spa (also tentative) They had a fire last year and have been closed. According to the website they reopened a couple weeks ago. When I spoke to them about the group, I was told "We are not doing day passes at this time for groups. We hope to offer them in October. Please call back the week before you want to come to check status. "

Tuesday, October 5th - another free day to explore the surrounding area.

Wednesday, October 6th - Cumbres and Toltec train ride. If you have not already purchased your tickets please call to arrange. Trip 6. 10AM departure from Chama. <https://cumbrestoltec.com/>

Thursday, October 7th - depart for home other adventures

As everyone is aware, the covid virus is making a comeback. The New Mexico Governor has again implemented a mandatory mask rule for all indoor activities unless actively eating or drinking. And outdoor use of masks for any group gatherings.

Ghost Ranch is implementing a new rule, beginning August 28, to require proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours of arrival. It will probably be enforced by the hospitality greeter near the front gate; we will let you know when we find out exactly how that will be implemented.

We will be there from 2 5 September through 9 October and will be camp hosting also. We'll have a parking plan ready when you arrive. As we have said, the camp is rustic.

As you can see from the schedule above, there is plenty of space for individual activities. Attached is a list of activities in the Abiquiu area. That should help you fill in some of those spaces according to your desires and abilities.

George & Pam

Attendees:

1. Richard
&
Susan
Houston
2. Bob
&
Sharee
Scott
3. Joyce
Schmitt
4. Craig
&
KJ
Ford
5. Ron
&

- Betty
Sue
Lyells
6. George
&
Pam
Raney
7. Betsy
Jeffrey
&
Frank
Thornton
8. Mary
&
Roy
Manuzak
9. Carla
and
Neal
Dungan
10. Chuck
Southcomb
11. MJ
Brenner
&
Mike
Rozidilsky
12. Gene
&
Rosie
Dorsey
13. Bob
&
Becky
Coulter
14. Bill
&
Bonnie
Hathaway





October 20-23 - Sunset on the Sonoran Desert Tucson, AZ or stay longer
Early Bird arrival and late departure from Oct 19-24. Registration Forms can be found at www.rockymountainarea.com. click on the more tab, then 2021 Ramble tab, then registration tab.



Fun Wild West Photo opportunity.

Something to do if you are headed to Carlsbad NM for Christmas on the Pecos Rally from the north on Hwy 285 stop for a photo shoot near Vaughn, New

Mexico:

Cowboy Rukus: Giant Cowboy Cutouts

**An 18-foot-tall cowboy points accusingly across the highway at another towering cowpoke, who shrugs it off. Created by artist John Cerney, the giant full-color wooden cutouts are modeled on the two cowboy brothers who own the land.

Address:

US Hwy 285, Vaughn, NM

Directions:

About 22.5 miles east of Vaughn, on both sides of US Hwy 285, between mileposts 184 and 183.



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, appetizers/food provided.

Tuesday 30 Nov-

11am- depart from KOA for Artesia Wellhead Restaurant & Brewery in Artesia for lunch at 11:30. 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

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.

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

6:30pm or 7:30pm – Boat Ride Christmas on the Pecos. Meet 15 minutes prior to embarkation at Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel Ave.

Carlsbad, NM 88220

<https://christmasonthepecos.com/>

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 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.

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.

4:00pm- Balzano Vineyards, wine tastings, 5230 Seven Rivers Hwy, Carlsbad.

6:30pm- Dinner upstairs at the Trinity Hotel, 201 S Canal St. Carlsbad, NM

Thursday 2 Dec- Depart for home

Carlsbad KOA-For Reservations online go to

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/carlsbad/reserve/>

or call 575-457-2000 around \$50 per night with 48-hour cancellations.

If your rig is winterized and you prefer to stay in a hotel try the- Comfort Suites- call 575-725-2134, no-cancellation rates \$120 per night, reservations with cancellations are \$149.00 per night. NOTE if you find a better rate you can always stay at another hotel. Here's a list of hotels that are offering special rates if you are on the Pecos River of Lights Tour.

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

The boat ride will be Tuesday 30 Nov, reservations for all activities are being made by the rally masters/ co-rally masters with the exception of Carlsbad Caverns. The Dungans will be coordinating and purchasing Tickets for the group for the night of 30 November, so we will all be on the same boat. Tickets will be passed out at their house the first night and you will pay them, please have cash. We are not sure of the cost this year but it was around \$15 per person last year and might be a bit more this year.

Any questions call or email me. Becky Coulter @ 505-553-5896, coulter06@comcast.net.



FIRST RALLY OF 2022- Las Vegas Area

1-7 March 2022-(6 nights) depart the 7th
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

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

From the big city to natural landscapes.

Join us on 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 the afternoon-St Thomas Ghost Town. Hike the Historic Railroad Hiking Trail. See the Red Rock National Conservation Area and the Tule Springs Fossil Beds.

Rallymasters are Diana Mc Vey 951-850-1566 & Becky Coulter 505-553-5896 please make reservations under your own name & then contact one of us.

REST OF CUATRO ESTADOS 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

Please pay attention to deadlines Please confirm w/ rallymasters if attending.

October 1-7 Rockin' with the Ghosts FULL

Abiquiu, NM Ghost Ranch RV Park, 505-685-1000, ask for Carol Hoe at Ext #4177, www.ghostranch.org

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

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 2 (Departure Date) Rowin' Christmas on the Pecos NOTE DATE & RALLY MASTER CHANGE

OPEN TO MORE GUESTS

Carlsbad, NM _

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

Rowin' Hosts: Becky Coulter, 505-553-5896, coulter06@comcast.net

The Dungans will be coordinating the Tickets for the night of 30 November, Purchase info to come

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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