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Cuatro Estados Newsletter September 2019

PREZ SEZ... so much news, no need for words from me! Rae

SEPTEMBER RALLY

GRAND JUNCTION, CO SEPT 24-30

Palisade Base Camp 970-463-9712

985 N. River Rd. Palisade, CO

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

Tues, Sept 24th- Arrival day – meet and greet at 5:30 PM. Dinner provided (pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans and rolls). Bring your preferred beverage and a dessert to share. Will discuss the following day's activities after dinner.

Weds, Sept 25th- 9:00 AM meet for convoy across Colorado National Monument (National Park Pass needed so ride share!) Lunch at Edgewater Brewery at 12:30, visit the Museum of the West (\$6.00 for seniors) or time on your own. Happy Hour at 5:00 PM. Bring your beverage and a light snack.

Thurs, Sept 26th- Free day -- Pot luck at 5:30 PM – Bring your beverage and Western Dish.

Fri, Sept 27th- Meet at 10:00 AM to tour local wineries, with lunch at 12:00 at the 357 Bar & Grill in Palisade. Then tour Suncrest Orchard Alpacas (\$2.00/person). Happy hour at 5:30 – Bring light snacks.

Sat, Sept 28th- Meet at 9:00 AM with lunch for a drive over the Grand Mesa with stops at Powder Horn ski area, and Grand Mesa Visitors Center. Proceed to Cedaredge CO to Pioneer Town Museum, Museum Tour is \$3.00/person or time on your own. Drive back to town via Delta, CO. Dinner on your own. Happy hour TBD.

Sun, Sept Tues 29th- Meet at 10:30 for a ride to the Fruita Fall Festival (ride share if possible). Outhouse race, food trucks, vendors, entertainment, etc., or spend day on your own. Happy Hour at 5:30 Bring your Beverage and whatever you have left to share.

Mon, Sept 30th- Get away day. Enjoy Muffins/Danish at the Krouse rig. Bring your beverage of choice and bid all a fond farewell. Have a safe trip home or to your next destination

WAGONMASTER CHATTER

Minot Magic

*MUD, MUD EVERYWHERE AND THE GLASMANN'S RIG DID SINK!
NEXT TO MONEY, MONEY ON DISPLAY AND DESSA HAD NO MINK!*

Minot Magic was a lot of fun, a new experience for most, and we all were so busy with our own interests we didn't see much of each other. We did have a nice NM Chili dinner at the Dorsey rig on Tuesday. We generated a lot of interest at the chapter fair, have sent out follow-up letters with applications and expect to have some new members



join our family soon. Some Minot highlights were the many seminars, displays, Captain Sully, The Spinners, and of all things - Pig Races.

I am so proud of our representation at this national event. There were 10 rigs and 21 Cuatro Estados that made the trip. We can also be proud of Frank and Dessa Halasz who sang their hearts out with the Frustrated Maestros, and for Mark Wilson and Jim Glasmann for

representing us as national director and alternate.

Congratulations to our member Jamie Erickson who was elected FMCA Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Area (Region), President of RMMA.



2020 Rally update – Thank you Becky Coulter for recruiting rallymasters for next year and thank you to all who have volunteered. I will be calling each of you soon

to discuss your rally. **I still need rallymasters and locations for Feb and Nov of next year** – Look in the mirror, look a great rallymaster in the eye, then call me.

RMMA Ramble-Tucson Oct 17-20

The RMMA Ramble is always a fun event for our rocky mountain chapters. We need a good Cuatro Estado showing especially since our very own *Valerie Erickson is running for RMMA Region 1 VP.*

Our chapter coordinator for the rally is **MJ Brenner and Mike Rozdilsky** rio355@aol.com (773)267-1243. Please let them and me know that you are attending.

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, Wagonmaster

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Think Outside – No Box Required

REMINDER TO 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bob & Sharee Scott

Bob and Sharee married 9 years ago after meeting in a country dance class in Albuquerque, NM. After they retired, they moved to Pleasant Grove, UT, to be near their granddaughters, Cherstyn and Piper. Bob tells everyone: "There are the GO-GO Years, Slow-GO Years, and the No-Go Years. As we are in the GO-GO Years now; we want to travel and see as much of our beautiful world as we can. We have a friend who joined Cuatro Estados in 2018 and thought we'd like the group, so we met-up on the Zion trip in May and joined. We have found the group friendly and easy going and the trips have been great."

Bob was born in San Francisco, CA. He has lived in many places graduating high school in Salinas, CA. Bob graduated from UC Berkley, and entered the



US Air Force. He also has an MA from Tulane University. He served 30 years, mainly in special operations, flying around the world. After retiring in Albuquerque, NM, he was then hired by the National Nuclear Security Administration over-seeing Sandia National Labs and retired again in 2015. Bob has 1 daughter, who works and lives in Washington, DC. Bob likes to research family history and also enjoys reading, learning, gardening and all things pertaining to technology.

Sharee was born in Kanab, UT. At 3 months old, the family moved to New Mexico where she lived in Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque. She graduated from Del Norte HS and UNM in Albuquerque. She stayed at home, raising 2 boys until they were beginning high school and then taught second grade for APS in Albuquerque, retiring in 2012. Besides traveling she likes to dance, sew, read, and try new recipes.

Summary of Minot Governing Board Meeting Wed Aug 14, 2019

Cuatro Estados National Director, Mark Wilson

Elections of FMCA National Officers for Oct 2019 to Sept 2021

- Jon Walker re-elected as President
- Rhett Butler was re-elected as Senior Vice-President (note that Percy Bell withdrew his name prior to voting)
- Kathie Balogh elected as Secretary
- John Reynolds re-elected as Treasurer

2020 Budget

- FMCAssist was expected to increase 15-20% but was adjusted by the supplier in July to a 73% increase because they were losing money on FMCA. After much discussion it was decided to manage the deficit with an increase of dues to \$75.00 for existing members and \$85.00 for new members. Existing members who have paid dues in advance will not see an increase until renewal date. In the meantime, the organization will pursue proposals to possibly replace the existing supplier.
- Current administration software is grossly deficient requiring replacement. Protech, the proposed new vendor, presented their product and answered questions. The fee for implementation would be less than the existing product, therefore the board voted to move ahead, with the understanding that a loan would be obtained.
- The remaining budget items were approved without issue.
- For additional information, see summary by Jon Walker found on FMCA website, and sent to all members via email.

Future Conventions

- 2020 Winter Convention March 26-29 Tucson, AZ
- 2020 Summer Convention July 29- Aug 2 Syracuse, NY (pending negotiation)
- 2021 Winter Convention Perry, GA (pending negotiation, date TBD)
- 2021 Summer Convention Gillette, WY (pending negotiation, date TBD)

RALLY REPORT

CAPULIN, NM AUG 22-27

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896

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We should have called this the “CLOSED RALLY” because the Volcano was closed due to a road washout. The Folsom Museum was CLOSED contrary to its sign that said it was open at 10am, 7 days a week AND the Dairy Queen in Raton, NM is CLOSED permanently. Bill Eckel said the rally could have been a disaster but thanks to the fun loving group of attendees we made it a great rally. Those in attendance were, the Coulters, the Eckels, the Bradas, the Krouses, the Manuszaks, MJ Brenner and Michael Rozdilsky, and the Sotos. It was interesting that the Bradas and Sotos had recently sold their big motorhome and downsized to a smaller Winnebago.



Friday we went to the visitors’ center at the Capulin Volcano where we took a group picture by the CLOSED sign. We decided if we couldn’t see the Volcano from the top we would drive around it on dirt roads. We took a lovely drive through ranch country and saw lots of cattle, tall grasses, sunflowers and

pushups all around that were created by underground magma. Every mountain we saw was a volcano. We drove back to the Capulin Monument and ate at a tree covered area that had two picnic table end to end. Later that day we all decided to go to a brewery in Raton and order pizza from next door. After dinner we drove up the hill to the RATON sign to see the beautiful view of the volcanic fields and the town of Raton. The Coulters



and the Eckels went on a Scenic drive further up the road that ended in a blocked road but the sunset and views were worth it.

Saturday we drove to Clayton Lake State Park to see the dinosaur track site, after hiking a quarter of a mile over the dam we were greeted with a



track site which contained over 50 tracks made by dinosaurs on their migration up the inland ocean from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. Then it was on to Lunch at the Eklund Hotel, bar and restaurant in Clayton. The hotel was pretty interesting, click here to view...<http://hoteleklund.com/>.



Then it was on to the Herzstein Memorial Museum which was named for the Herzstein family who owned the largest mercantile west of the Mississippi. Northern NM welcomed Jewish people and many of the stores and business were run by Jews, as they were not allowed to own property to ranch or farm on. Happy hour brought the knife “show and tell” which was a huge

success. We learned so much about each other and everyone got a chance to tell a story and pick a knife prize and then trade it if desired. Pennies given to the giver to prevent bad luck. Later that night we played Left, Right, Center. An easy dice game where we stood around high tables and bet with dimes.

Sunday we drove to the Folsom Museum and found it CLOSED. I had called 2 weeks prior and was told they are always open. So we hung around for about 40 minutes then left with the thought that it was only 10 miles from our RV Park and we could always go back. Some went back 2 more times, still CLOSED. Bill and Bev Eckel found the postmistress next door and she had a key, so it was open for a private viewing. You can view on the upcoming video. Continuing on we went up through the pinon and pines to Johnson Mesa (huge area). We stopped for a break at the Johnson Church and Cemetery which was quite interesting. Oh and the church was OPEN! That evening we enjoyed Whiskey Sours, Margaritas and some fun tongue twisters. Many in the group were so creative and came with their own twisters. Each person started a 3x5 card with their name then passed it

to the left and other people created their personalized tongue twister. We had a timed competition for the person who could say the tongue twisters without error and Mary Manuzak won the pack of pickled peppers. We finished the evening with a delicious beef brisket and all the sides, it was yummy!

Monday was a day on your own, then we got together at 5pm for happy hour and a dinner of do-overs. A couple that were full-timers that had just been to Minot joined in the fun. We all played corn hole and ladder golf. Some opted to stay 6 days and get the 7th free so, we did not all leave at the same time. Everyone said they had a good time!

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)

Please let her know you plan to attend. Also, since she will be out of town leading up to the Ramble, also let Gene Dorsey, our chapter VP, know you will be there (gene.dorsey@msn.com, 505-280-0987).

RMMA expects this to be one of the largest events in many years. If you haven't registered for this gathering, please [do so online at FMCA.com](https://www.fmca.com), or via the ad in *Family RVing* magazine (page 87 in Sept issue). They have many 30-amp and 50-amp full-service hookups, a treat for a rally of this size, but you need to book immediately.

There are several opportunities for the *Cuatro Estados* to make this the best rally ever as well! We can take advantage of early arrival and hold a pre-rally gathering; there is so much to do/see in the Tucson region.

Friday, Oct 18th, we will participate in the Chapter Fair (12:30 pm) to solicit new members. Since this is in the heart of our region, opportunity for new members should be great! Friday evening RMMA is doing something different: 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. We have already signed up for a space; we just need someone to plan it! RMMA is also providing a **“\$50 Giveaway”** to each chapter that has a table at the Chapter Fair and holds a Block Party.

There is also plenty of opportunity for you to volunteer for the Ramble; many people will be needed to keep it running smoothly. Ideally we could all meet up in the holding area and go in together (early) in order to park together.

For more information, go on RMMA's website: rockymountainarea.com. Select "2019 Ramble" in the list of titles at the top for the complete schedule of events and so much more.

Hope to see everyone at 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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Genevieve Carlson (2nd)

Betty Sue Lyells (6th)

David Pickthorn (7th)

Bob Faucette (16th)

Bob Catalana (22nd)

Beverly Eckel (26th)

Sandy Varley (27th)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Vickie Becker (11th)

Tim & Todd Towell (19th)

Ron & Betty Sue Lyells (25th)

Bob & Sandy Catalana (29th)