

CUATRO ESTADOS

APRIL RALLY CANCELLED

As rally masters we have decided to cancel the trip to Texas (April 7-17) due to low interest (the Eckels and us).

We will re-schedule the trip for the spring of 2017. We hope there will be more people available for touring the Hill Country of Texas next year. The hills covered in blue bonnets are supposed to be spectacular. Please join us next year.

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Genny Z

The Prez Sez ...

Anyone notice? ... IT'S WINDY in the southwest! We've heard it said that April is when Arizona and Texas exchange soil across New Mexico... Meanwhile Utah & Colorado keep "enjoying" days of summer-winter-summer-winter (at least adding snowmelt to the water supply, which is more than we can say about New Mexico or Arizona in March).

The CUATRO ESTADOS 2016 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY has arrived -- that brightly colored booklet you got in the mail in March. A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO **BOB COULTER!** He did a really great job of putting this together for us yet again this year. It sure makes it a little easier when we often see each other only once a year or so, to be able to look each other up in the directory and see the photo to know who's who.

An email was sent out to all, but just in case you didn't get it: Celebration of Life for Peggy Minner will be in Durango (Double Tree Inn), **July 3rd**, 5:30-9:30 pm. Some of

us will be camping at **United Campground** in Durango, 970-247-3853, from June 30 – July 5 and will attend 4th July parade in nearby Bayfield and offering some fun drives (such as the Million Dollar Hwy) and activities. Let me know if you want to be included!

Well, the prayer list just keeps getting longer for our members facing new challenges. For every one we know about, I'm sure there are many more of you that we don't know who have unwanted new challenges showing up. Now Don Feltner is dealing with bladder cancer, joining Chuck Milhollin in fighting it. Ed Osburn is continuing with his eye treatments for macular degeneration. Sanna Obermiller is having her long-overdue knee replacement early April; bet it all goes well and she'll soon be pain free and up and running again! John Herr is still having some difficulty with his knee replacement, so the Herrs will be taking it easier (not volunteering anywhere) for this summer. Hope we get to see them out west at some of our rallies! They have now been on their full-timing "trip around the sun" for 5 years and no plans to stop yet. And we love their blog, that allows us to travel along with them.

Other fulltimers, Beckers, will be spending much of this year hanging around central & northern CA. (We are still basking in the fun of them "taking us along" in write up and photos on their Baja Mexico trip, and hoping we can do it in person with them next time.) Englemans have completed several delightful weeks of great adventures in the desert regions of CA including all around Death Valley, where they took hundreds of flower photos in this bumper-crop year. Following them is a joy in all their postings on facebook, so I am traveling vicariously with them too!

Haven't heard much from many of you lately, so not much to gossip about! So how many of you have planned trips for the summer already? Or are you staying home for most of it and growing a veggie garden (like us)? Let us hear what's going on with you! Post on facebook or send me a quick email. We love to "spread the word" of what's happening with all members!

Happy Trails to You! -- Rae

May 11-16, 2016 – Trinidad Lake State Park

32610 CO Hwy 12, Trinidad, CO 81082

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, coulter06@comcast.net

Directions: Do NOT turn left in at the first campground (South Shore). Continue on up the hill to Carpios Ridge Campground.

Wed 11th May- 5pm Arrive- happy hour and heavy snacks for dinner

Thursday 12 May- 8:30 Breakfast Potluck Welcome. Explore the lake in a boat or kayak, take a hike, try and find the old Spanish trail or just relax and hang around camp.

Friday 13 May- 9:00 Drive to Ludlow Ghost Town (20 miles)

Sometimes horrible events are recorded onto the landscape of where they occurred.

One can sense the story they tell us from years or centuries before. Places like the mining settlement of [Ludlow](#), Colorado; the battlegrounds of Gettysburg, the dry-then-frozen hills of Wounded Knee, the camps hidden in Nazi-occupied [Poland](#), (including [Auschwitz](#)); the [villages](#) lost in France, the beaches of Okinawa in Japan, the equatorial highlands of Rwanda, the tropical killing fields of Cambodia, or even Donner Pass in the mountains of Utah—all have born witness and speak to us still. The ghosts that inhabit these places and others like them still vibrate with the evils committed there...the outcome of battles, mass executions, genocides, murders, massacres and exterminations—violent death on a massive scale producing hauntings in equal parts.



5:00 happy hour-Please **bring your grill** we are going to have dinner on the grill provided by the rally masters. Friday the 13th. Ghost/scary story contest- Bring your best, scary ghost story to share around the campfire. (Sorry, no out of state wood allowed).

Saturday 14 May- Explore Trinidad

9:00 Join us for breakfast or coffee @ McDonalds across from Colorado visitors center

9:45 Meet @ Colorado Visitors Center off I-25- 309 Nevada Ave [719-846-9512](tel:719-846-9512)

10:00 Ride the Trinidad Trolley ([719-846-9512](tel:719-846-9512))

Departs on the hour beginning at 10 and ending at 2pm. This the best way to see this beautiful town. The one hour ride is free. The trolley will make a couple of stops to allow us time to take a closer look at the local museum and a beautiful mural at the hospital. . If you want to spend longer at any stop, the driver will pick you up in an hour. We can also return to a couple of historical spots after we finished our tour so we can spend more time:

Trinidad History Museum, subsidized by the state; then to the archeological museum at the Junior College.

A.R. Mitchell Museum

Located in a huge old department store building in the heart of downtown, the A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art is largely devoted to the work of early Western painter and illustrator Mitchell and his contemporaries, but it also mounts contemporary shows upstairs and hosts many community events. The gift shop in front features local artists along with Mitchell's work and assorted gift options. Run by a combination of professional staff and an impressive number of volunteers, "The Mitch" is on an upswing, building toward ambitious goals. \$5 admission to museum; gift shop free.

The Loudon Archaeology Museum

The Loudon Archaeology Museum is part of the Trinidad State Junior College. It is fabulous for such a little museum. it is full of wonderful pre historic-man artifacts; fossils; arrowheads; petroglyph; cast of dinosaur tracks; and a skeleton of a 80 million year old sea reptile. Great place to visit for all ages. Museum is free - donations accepted. Check for times and dates open.)

Sunday 15 May- National Country Byway Drive (Pack a Lunch)

9:00 am depart for Southern Colorado's "Highway of Legends." This Byway is one of the most scenic, beautiful and historic drives in Colorado with a stop at the ruins of Cokedale and the ovens, Stonewall, Spanish Peaks, Cuchara Pass and La Veta.

5:30 Dinner at Rino's Italian Restaurant 400 E Main St. Trinidad.

This delicious and entertaining restaurant is housed in an **old church** that sits on the **old** Santa Fe Trail that passes through picturesque Trinidad, Colorado. It is located across

the street from the historic Bloom Mansion and Baca House that are open to the public as museums. The Singing wait staff are actually fun and entertaining. Songs are done in English and Italian. The last to sing is the house maestro (owner) singing "My Way" in Italian. Expect a good selection of wine and desserts, but stay for the music.

Monday 16 May- Depart for John Martin Reservoir (Hasty Lake campground) to continue May's rally with Cuatro Estados. Or if you can't join us there, Happy trails to you wherever you're heading.

**May 16-20, 2016 – John Martin Reservoir State Park
Hasty Lake Campground**

Hasty, CO (between Las Animas & Lamar in SE corner of state)
Rallymasters: Diana McVey & Bob Skaug, dondiana@verizon.net

Mon May 16th--Arrive--at 5pm Happy Hour with Margaritas and Tacos provided by the rally masters Diana and Bob. You just need to bring your dishes and glasses.

Tues May 17th-- 8:30am Leave for Sand Creek Massacre Site. The events that occurred here on Nov. 29th, 1864 changed the course of history. There is a trail, 900 yards in length, which leads to Monument Hill and the overlook. There is a 3/4 mile



trail that goes past this and follows the ridge for those up to it. **Pack a lunch, info says there are picnic tables in shade.**

5pm--Happy Hour, dinner on your own.

Weds May 18th--9am Depart for Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site--no fee for 2016-It's a 1/4 mile walk to the gate of the Fort. Once inside there is a 20 min film and a self-guided tour. If we have enough people we may be able to get a guided tour. There is a 1 1/2 mile walk along the Arkansas River where the marsh is home to several species of birds (for you photo folks). Will do lunch in La Junta at Mexico City Cafe, (I will need to call a few days before to reserve so need a count soon of how many are going). Trip Advisor gives it a 4+, and some guy posted that is a #2 on his list of all CO of Mexican Food, guess we will see.

5pm-- Happy Hour bring light snacks

Thurs. May 19th--Day on your own. Drive around the lake, use your kayaks, bike or hike. The Red Shin Trail starts just below the dam and runs between the Arkansas River and Lake Hasty, passes by Native America Rock Art, wetlands and the Visitor Center. Comanche National Grasslands near La Junta is a bird watchers paradise. There are many museums not far from our area.

5pm--Happy Hour--I will provide Chili and bread. Bring your bowls.

Fri May 20th--9:30am Depart for Boggsville--this is another Historic area on the Santa Fe Trail. The last home of Kit Carson. There are several outbuildings so more walking. Waiting for a call back to see if they have picnic area, will let you know at rally. May schedule a wagon ride.

5pm.--Happy Hour with heavy snacks and call it dinner. Say goodbye. Or stay longer and enjoy the area!

Hope to see lots of you there. Diana and Bob

The Rest of our 2016 Rallies

Please contact rallymasters and volunteer to assist with a rally! We need your help!

June 8-12 Creede, CO- the 15th Region I Rally – Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort, call Helen for reservations 719-658-2710. Specify you are with RMMA Region 1 Rally. **Deadline for reservations is April 15th! \$30 for 30 amp, \$32 for 50 amp. Rally cost is \$55 per coach (2 people). Rally fee includes Breakfast 4 mornings, Dinner 2 evenings. Saturday evening Creede Theater is \$35/person (extra). For more information, go to rockymountainarea.com (select newsletters & blogs, then chapter newsletters, then region one newsletter Feb 2016). **Contact- Jamie Erickson: 505-330-1380/ larryerickson9935@comcast.net or Connie Jones: 719-499-9740/ cljllj@aol.com.** They need the rally fee in advance, and also need to know if you plan to attend theater. Anyone want to be our chapter coordinator for this?**

July 11-15 Heaton Bay campground, Frisco, CO -- Reserve ASAP at recreation.gov or 877-444-6777. There are still six sites available w/o hookups. Zawistoski will arrive on the 10th & depart on 17th, if you want to also extend your stay. There are still a few dry campsites available, so plan to come join us! **Rallymasters- Sandy & Steve Varley 801-467-4535 or sndyvarley@yahoo.com; Genny & Ron Zawistoski site #B-14, 505-294-5839 or ce.genny@gmail.com. Heaton Bay is situated on a peninsula reaching into Dillon Lake, surrounded by the majestic Rocky Mountains. Just a mile or so from Frisco – a quaint historic village that is great to explore on foot. Lake Dillon offers all sorts of activities including boating, hiking trails, water taxi across bay to Silverthorne. Other activities may include visiting the famous ski towns of Breckenridge and Vail, as well as backcountry drives in the high country (where we should encounter lots of alpine wild flowers!) and much more.**

Aug 17-21 Red River NM - Red River RV Park 575-754-6187 - ask for Kay. Need to send non-refundable \$50 check as deposit for a riverfront site, to P. O. Box 777, Red River, NM 87558 specifying you are with CE. They don't take credit cards. Sites are right on the Red River **Music Fest (sort of a cross between a country western howdown & a Mardi Gras) runs 17-20th – “Larry Joe Taylor's 20th Annual Cool Mtn Nights and Hot Chili Days” – larryjoetaylor.com/red_river.htm. Details & prices on events for all four days on website; can book in advance. If not interested in the music, there's dozens of other adventures awaiting throughout the area! Rallymasters – **Zawistoski, ce.genny@gmail.com.****

Sept 9-14 Albuquerque, NM - Cuatro Estados 30th Anniversary!! Enchanted Trails RV Resort, 800-326-6317 or 505-831-1000. Be sure to specify you are with our chapter when you make reservations. Located on far west Central Ave, at “Nine Mile Hill” in the outskirts of ABQ, adjacent to Camping World. Discounted rates are \$29 for 30 amp, and \$3 more for 50 amp. This was originally a Trading Post built in the late 1940’s on Route 66, and has preserved the original look of the place while adding all the amenities. They even offer vintage travel trailers for rent if you don’t want to bring your own! Lots of fun games and parties are planned! Ideas, suggestions, or want to help with the planning? Contact **Rae Phillips** at raecyp65@gmail.com or call **505-899-1273**.

Sept 21-26 Farmington, NM, FMCA 32nd Rocky Mountain Ramble (RMMA Region), McGee Park, Farmington, NM. In the works are new ideas such as an outside movie one evening, but will again offer tours of Chaco Canyon, Salmon Ruins, and the San Juan Winery. You can check out more details at FMCA.com or the RMMA website: rockymountainarea.com. The reservation form should be available soon as well. Many of our chapter members enjoy volunteering in a number of areas, such as driving the trams or working security. Our chapter coordinators are **Sanna and John Obermiller-575-258-4084** or johnsann@trailnet.com.

Oct 4-9 Albuquerque - International Balloon Fiesta, \$30/night for dry camping area. Free shuttle available to the balloon field to watch the mass ascensions in person, or stay at camp and watch them fly right over us. It’s an unforgettable experience! Make your own reservations, but we will plan to arrive together in order to park together. We’ll offer a lot of other activities once the balloons have flown for the morning. **Rallymasters – Rae & Dub Phillips,** raecyp65@gmail.com or **505-899-1273**.

Nov -- Need suggestions for our final location of the year! Probably someplace in southern NM? Call Genny with any ideas.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Olene Robinson 4/4

Jeff Sirota 4/9

Dorothy Troy 4/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Norma Coonrod 4/25

Ed & Edith Osborn 4/30

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