

CUATRO ESTADOS

THE PREZ SEZ...

Happy New Year to you! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to new and great adventures in 2017. If so, look no further than our 2017 Rally Schedule! And get busy booking those that need reservations made right way. Because we pick such popular locations--for a reason; they are great destinations -- the available campsites are quickly reserved.

We've sent the schedule via separate email, and also are including it in this newsletter. Any questions? Contact Genny or me.

In Memory – Joe Coonrod. We said goodbye to this longtime member of Cuatro Estados who passed away Dec 7th. Joe served our chapter in many capacities, many of which still impact us today. He created the current version of our Membership Directory. He was our Treasurer for many years, as well as doing our newsletter. He also helped redo our Bylaws as required by FMCA. But perhaps his greatest contribution was leading us on many adventures into back country – especially around the

San Juan Mountains region. Many rallies featured jeep trails that we only bravely took on because we had the competence and knowledge of Joe to lead us. And what adventures they were! It was the beginning of our thirst for new and exciting places to explore.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Norma, and the rest of the family. A memorial gathering was held at his son's house just before Christmas, but a formal burial will be held at Santa Fe National Cemetery at a later date; we will keep you informed. He will be joining his first wife, Winnie, who passed away in 2000 (she too was a big contributor to our chapter for many years).

And let us not forget the other members who departed too soon in 2016: Bill Warshauer (Jan), Chuck Milhollin (April), and Gary Hall (September).

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It's been a tough year of goodbyes! But memories and photos will forever keep them in our hearts and bring us smiles.

Join us on facebook! Want to know what's happening with many of our members? Check out facebook and connect through Cuatro Estados FMCA Chapter site. From there you can contact members own FB sites and see photos of their latest adventures! We have so many members doing exciting things that we can't feature them all in this newsletter ... so that's our place to share! For instance ... Herrs are having amazing adventures volunteering at Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge (near Socorro) this winter and she posts some fantastic photos! Englemans are hanging out in south Texas where birds



and flowers dominate his fb page. Beckers are spending almost two months down in Mexico camped at the beach in Puerto Penasco (known as Rocky Point to the gringos) – and doing more birding & exploring. Obermillers are spending the winter in Mesa Arizona, hoping for sunshine once the clouds and rain finally subside. Buckingham's will be over in CA most of Jan, leaving on 9th (so if you haven't paid dues yet, get them in the mail NOW to her!) Feltner's have been running around in CA too ... or are planning to do so ... and may be in Quartzsite later this month. Plus "enjoying" the joys of happy motorhome ownership with repairs. Same is happening to Skaug

Thorntons (repairs). And McVey/ have a new motorhome; ditto Coulter's. Both have been going "hither & yon"... without fb I'd have no idea where they were! We've had yet more people joining Cuatro Estados (see info elsewhere), plus even more expressing interest and planning to attend a future rally to get to know us. Hope we get to meet more of our new members at upcoming rallies as well. We



have an **AMAZING** schedule of adventurous destinations, so don't miss them! Know anyone who might be interested in trying us out? Invite them to one of our rallies! Or have them check out our info on our cuatroestados.com website. We welcome any and all! Wishing you all the very best in the year ahead, Rae -- raecyp65@gmail.com 505-899-1273, 505-235-5992



2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

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Have you looked over our schedule for next year? Decided which rallies you want to attend? We have some really new and interesting adventures awaiting you at each one!

Jan 11-15 -- Western Area Rally in Indio, CA. Anyone planning to attend, other than Buckingham's? If so, let Lynn or Rae know.

Jan 21-29 – Quartzsite, AZ.

Anyone wanting to plan a rally or gathering

in Quartzsite this winter anytime? If so, let us know and we'll publish. Phillips will not be able to make it this year, but we're sure some of you are probably planning to be there? Or ... if anyone would like to hold a rally someplace else this winter, we'll be happy to help you set it up! Usually we have several gatherings during January and February, but so far it seems everyone will be either hibernating at home or scattered across the country for the winter! Contact either Genny Zawistoski ce.genny@gmail.com, 505-294-5839, or Rae Phillips raecyp65@gmail.com, 505-899-1273.

FEBRUARY-MARCH RALLIES in Arizona

Rallymasters: Dub & Rae Phillips, raecyp65@gmail.com,
 505-899-1273.

You should have already made your reservations for these gatherings, but if not, there is still space and time! Plan to join us!

Feb. 27 (Mon) – Mar 5 (Sun) – Shadow Ridge RV Park, Ajo, AZ (6 nights). 520-387-5055. Make your reservations as soon as possible, telling them you are with Cuatro Estados group. We'll explore in and around Organ Pipe National

Monument. And maybe a day trip down to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point) in Mexico for shopping, beach-exploring, and seafood. Step back in time at Ajo's Historic Plaza and railway Depot. Gaze at Spanish Colonial Revival architecture in the downtown Historic District. Situated in the Arizona Upland Subdivision of the Sonoran Desert, the area is home to more than 1,000 species of plants and animals, many unique to the area. Crystal clear skies make star-gazing an art, or get even closer at Kit Peak National Observatory. View one of the largest open pit copper mines in the world and fascinating history at several museums.

Mar 5 (Sun) – Mar 11 (Sat) – FMCA International Convention, Rawhide Western Town & Event Center, Chandler, AZ (6 nights). Make your own reservations via FMCA. Sign up for “general parking” (no hookups) if you want to camp together. We will meet at the holding area at noon on the 5th and go in as a group. For those camping in Ajo, we can caravan together that morning. Let Rae know if you plan to attend and/or camp with us!

Some of our members enjoy volunteering; they need tram drivers and seminar helpers. We'll do some happy hours or potlucks within our own group as well as convention activities.

Mar 11 (Sat) – Mar 16 (Thurs) – Sunrise Resorts at Page Springs, Cornville, AZ (Sedona area). (5 nights) 928-634-4309. Make your own reservations, telling them you are with Cuatro Estados group. A beautiful campground in a quiet canyon south of Sedona, shaded by cottonwoods & sycamore trees along Oak Creek fed by natural springs flowing through the park, you can camp water's edge if like. They have both full hookup sites and water/elec, plus dump station. We will, of course, do all the usual sightseeing around the spectacular Red Rock Country of the Sedona region, with opportunities for delightful hikes or jeep trails, check out amazing artists shops and studios, dine in a variety of restaurants, gaze at stars overhead at night, birdwatching Creekside at camp, and more. Join us for three weeks of new adventures!



THE REST OF THE SCHEDULE FOR 2017

(dates are arrival and departure dates)

April 26-May 1 Cortez, CO. Sleeping Ute RV Park & Casino, Tawaoc, CO - 11 miles south of Cortez. 800-889-5072. Full hook-ups \$34 per night; nice

shade trees & grass. Ask for AARP & Good Sam discount. Rallymasters needed! Phillips can assist. We'll be exploring many ruins of the ancient ones in the region, some in remote locations, as well as the well-known Mesa Verde area.

May 1-6 Moab, UT. OK RV Park, Please make reservations through rallymasters! Phillips, 505-899-1273, raecyp65@gmail.com. 10 full hookup sites available. \$39 a night. Need assistant rallymasters, please! Deadline: 2/30/16! Important to book NOW!

June 7-11 Creede, CO. The 16th Region I Rally. Contact- Jamie Erickson: 505-330-1380, larryerickson9935@comcast.net or Connie Jones: 719-499-9740/ cljjlj@aol.com. Reserve a site at Mtn. Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort, 719-658-2710. Specify you're with RMMA Region 1 Rally.

June 12-16 Jemez Falls NFS campground, NM. Campground is scheduled to be on a reservation system this year. After first of the year, reserve at recreation.gov or reserveamerica.com. Best sites for group camping are in loop 1. This campground fills up quickly so book as soon as you can!

July 2-8 Mueller State Park, CO, near Divide/Woodland Park. Because this is 4th of July, please make reservations ASAP, 800-678-CAMP or online at cpw.stte.co.us (which takes you to reserveamerica.com). \$26/night w/elec, + \$7/day use fee. Only a few electric sites still available! Rallymasters are in site 44 Conifer Ridge Campground. Rallymasters: Sandy & Steve Varley, 801-641-4416, sndyvarley@yahoo.com. Our chapter has never been to this location, 30 mi from Colorado Springs. It covers 5,000 acres of meadows and forests with unlimited outdoor activities in the high mountains. Phillips may continue Colorado travels from here up to Lake Granby near westside of Rocky Mountain National Park for a week of exploring that area. If interested, get in touch with Rae.

Aug 9-14 Prescott AZ. Point of Rocks RV Park, 928-445-9018. At Watson Lake, The Dells area. Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Prescott 8/10-12. Rallymasters – Coulters. Make reservations NOW; it is a very popular park, and especially at this time of year.

Aug 14-19 Williams AZ. Canyon Motel & RV Park; 928-635-9371. Full hook-ups. Lots to do in this area. Rallymasters -- Diane McVey & Bob Skaug.

Sept 21-24 Farmington, NM. FMCA Rocky Mt. Ramble, McGee Park, Farmington, NM. More info will be forthcoming in magazine and on RMMA's website. Reserve before Mar 1st, they fill up quickly this time of year.

Oct 18-23 Ruidoso, NM. Little Creek Park, Alto, NM. 575-336-4044. Celebrate Oktoberfest in Ruidoso. Must reserve by Sept 15th. Rallymasters – Obermillers.

Nov 9-13 Elephant Butte Lake State Park, NM. Water & elec only; dump station available.

NEW MEMBERS

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Motorhome: 2008 Holiday Rambler Neptune 38' License: 65224RVB

Tow car: 2009 Lincoln MKX License: 09036US

Birthdays: His: 4-18 Hers: 7-11 Anniversary: 11-26

Emergency contact: Gail Anderson, 303-667-6544

2017 DUES

Please send your dues to
Lynn Buckingham, 11508
Nassau NE, Albuquerque
87111. Make your check out
to Cuatro Estados. It's \$15
per couple and \$7.50 single.

Those who have joined us in
September-December 1916
don't need to pay dues for
another year. Alumni members
don't need to pay at all.

Finally due date is January 31, 2017. Thanks to all who have sent checks.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Lynn



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Did you get a new motorhome? New cell phone number? Change your email? Move? Got a new tow car? Want a new improved photo to be included? Take a look at your info in the Membership Directory and let us know of anything that needs to be changed. Send changes to: Bob Coulter, coulter6@comcast.net or 34 Siempre Verde Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. Questions? Call Bob at 505-814-1293.

ALBUQUERQUE BREAKFASTS

Yes, the Albuquerque breakfasts are still going strong. At VIC'S DAILY CAFE, 3600 Osuna Road. Still held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, starting at 8:30 a.m. The cafe is in a strip mall west of I-25 and Jefferson a few blocks, and before you cross the large drainage channel. It's on the south side of the street, across from the Hertz heavy equipment rental place. Vic's has great daily specials -- be sure to try their giant breakfast burrito! -- and very reasonable prices. COME JOIN US WHEN YOU CAN, WHEN IN THE AREA — Cuatro Estados FMCA Chapter

RAE

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Linda Feltner 1/3

Louise Milhollin 1/5

Ted Carr 1/7

Carol Kalb 1/7

Gail Downs 1/8

Ed Osburn 1/8

Vickie Becker 1/13

Bill Manchester 1/21

Ceil Cohernour 1/25

John Obermiller 1/28

ANNIVERSARIES:

Charles & Julieta Dodds, Jr. 1/2

Michael Rozdilsky & MJ Brenner 1/22

Gary & June Stroschein 1/30

TIDBIT

[California opened its first freeway](#) on this date in 1940. Known as the Arroyo Seco Parkway, the Pasadena Freeway, or simply "the 110," it was also the first freeway - a high-speed, divided, and limited-access thoroughfare - in the western United States. It runs for just over eight miles and connects Pasadena to Los Angeles.