

# CUATRO ESTADOS

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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

this month! Hope you take time to show your appreciation to all those you love and who love you. And don't forget that pet who showers you with unconditional love every day... and give a little to that person you see in the mirror each day too.

A new "latest edition" 2017 Rally Schedule was recently emailed to you; hope you printed it out as requested. WE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO REPEAT IT IN EACH NEWSLETTER. Please pay special attention to deadlines! May 1-6 Moab, UT rally deadline: February 28<sup>th</sup> (book w/Phillips). July 2-8, Mueller State Park,

Divide CO - book NOW for this busy Independence Day week. See details in schedule. Many of our locations are extremely popular and book up fast! And don't forget to let the rallymaster know you plan to be there too - they need to have a count for planning purposes. I will list any upcoming deadlines in this article each month. Questions? Contact me or Genny.

And while we're on the subject of emails ... I know that many of you now "read" your emails only on your smart phones... and often do not read past the first few lines (especially if it's a

lengthy email ... which I tend to write!)(smile) [If this is really true, we've already lost you in this 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph!] What do we need to do to let you know we are in need of a response from you? Suggestions, please! Should we start the email saying "ANSWER NEEDED" or what? And how can we make sure you read ALL of the newsletter?!? Should we go back to mailing hard copies to your postal mailing addresses? Solutions, please! "Where In the World Is" ... Well, not any changes from last month that I know of; most our "snowbirders" are still in their seasonal spots. Feltners still aren't sure about the snowbird lifestyle (in



Desert Hot Springs CA) staying in one place so long ... (I agree; about 2-3 weeks any one place is about my limit!) McVey/Skaug dug out of all their snow and headed down the mountain to Quartzsite for the sun & warmth. They've been making the rest of us jealous posting photos of balmy fireside and moonlit evenings on facebook. Also seen on CE facebook site ... fun images and upcoming rally locations and more. Join us!

We are already looking for members who will take over officer positions for next year. I know it seems REALLY early ... but several have already said this is their "last year" in their position (and THIS time I think they really mean it!) How about all you newer/younger members?!? Interested in seeing the adventures continue? Then take a turn at serving your chapter! We need a "fresh blood" infusion. And if you have rally location ideas, by all means PLEASE share them with us! I've run out of new ideas and am in dire need of help ... (probably in more ways than one...)

Rae -- [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com), or 505-899-1273, cell 505-235-5992 (NOTE: my cell phone is only a phone; it doesn't do text. So you need to leave me a message if I don't answer or email me.)

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### READY FOR OUR FIRST RALLIES OF THE 2017 CAMPING SEASON?

*Here's what's happening Feb 27-March 16. You should already have your reservations confirmed for these three locations if going. Did you notify rallymaster? Rae Phillips, 505-899-1273, raecyp65@gmail.com*

## **Feb 27-Mar 5 - Ajo, AZ - Shadow Ridge RV Park - RALLY SCHEDULE**

Mon, Feb 27 - Arrival day. 4:00 pm Happy Hour at Phillips rig. BYOB and snacks to share. Then walk it off on short hiking trail adjacent to the RV Park. (Great bird watching, but also watch out for javalinas.)



Tues, Feb 28 - **Tour Ajo area**, either with rallymasters (leave camp 9 am) or on your own. First stop, Ajo Visitor Center in old train station. Walk around plaza, drive around historic neighborhood. **11:30 am** -- Meet for lunch at "**100 Estrella Restaurant**" across from plaza, ½ block south. Afternoon, visit Ajo Historical Society Museum (in old Indian School) and Mine Lookout Museum (one of the largest open pit copper mines). **5:00 pm** - **Soup & Salad Potluck** (bring either one) in Clubhouse.

Wed, Mar 1 - Drive to **Organ Pipe National Monument** (35 miles south), pack a lunch! We'll drive the "Ajo Mountain Drive" (dirt, but car ok), picnic along the way (also hiking trails for those wishing to do). Stop at Visitor Center before heading back to camp. Bring extra batteries for your camera and/or charger for your phone! You'll be taking LOTS of photos. **5:00 pm Happy Hour & Potluck**; bring leftovers from last night, or "little sandwiches."

Thurs, Mar 2 - For those interested, we'll drive to **Kitt Peak Observatory** (200 miles RT). Visitor Center free. Three tours available: 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 am. (Do all three for \$9.75.) Pack a lunch and bring snacks too! And plenty to drink. And jackets/warm clothing. Make sure you have full tank of gas! This makes for long day, but well worth it!

OR...

More sightseeing around town. Drive the Scenic Loop, with many side roads (BLM lands) to explore, along with amazing plants of the Sonoran Desert. Check out the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Other options are available, such as exploring the Crater Range can be explored just north of Ajo.

4-7 pm - Farmers Market on the Plaza (be there at 4 if you want fresh veggies).



Fri, Mar 3 - Back to Organ Pipe National Monument to drive the (longer) Puerto Blanco Drive. Pack a picnic lunch again. The drive comes out near Mexico border; for more adventure cross over to see village of Sonoyta for shopping & such. **5:00 pm Happy Hour**, bring heavy snacks.

Sat, Mar 4 - Day on your own, or take in any of the above mentioned alternatives you missed. OR ...For those interested in driving down to **Puerto Penasco (Rocky Pt)**, we'll leave at **7:30 am**. It's a two hour drive (100 miles). We'll have lunch there at a local restaurant, check out the beaches, visit local fish market (bring ice chest if want to stock up on shrimp!). Return at your own timing, or with us (leaving at 2:30 pm). Make sure you have your passport, vehicle registration & proof of ownership, proof of Mexican insurance (can buy Mex insurance for the day at border). **5:30 pm** -- Final Happy Hour and "clean-out-the-frig" night.

Sun, Mar 5 - Departure Day! Happy Trails if heading off on your own. For those going to Chandler AZ for FMCA Intl Convention, you can caravan with us (leave by 9 am), or go on your own. We will route via Gila Bend, AZ238/W. Maricopa Rd (2 lane) to Maricopa, North AZ 347/John Wayne Parkway (divided hwy) to Rawhide Event Center. Almost NO services this route, so be sure and fuel up before leaving Ajo! Any other route (like freeway) will be more miles/take longer.

## Mar 5-11 - Chandler AZ - FMCA International Convention, Rawhide Western Town and Event Center



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505-235-5992 (cell).**

Sun, Mar 5 -- If planning to camp with us, meet in Holding Area BY NOON! We'll try to gather in northeast corner (see map - letter A). Some of our people will already be there, and some will be camping at other locations, but so far we have seven planning to camp together in the "General Parking" which is dry camping. All GP campers are schedule to be parked on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a happy hour at our (Phillips) rig starting at 5:30 pm - stop by anytime that evening. (If not camped with us, call me and I'll give

you location/directions.)

**Packets from FMCA** have been mailed out, so depending on when you made your reservations, **you should have received them by now...** unless you requested it be held at "will call." If you volunteered for anything, your packet should also include a packet about volunteering and the "V" emblem for your front windshield. I will also have **group numbers** to be placed in windshields so that they keep us together when parking us.

Please let me know if you will be attending, if you have not already done so. Here's who I have on list as being there: Becker, Buckingham, Coulter, Eckel, Halasz, Herr, Obermiller, Phillips, and two guest rigs: Kohler/Moore, and Catalana.

Once we have the events schedule in hand, we can see where there's additional times we might be able to get together. Usually 4-5 pm happy hours work best, so that no one misses the evening entertainment.

## Mar 11-16 - Cornville, AZ (Sedona area)



**Sunrise Resorts at Page  
Springs, 928-634-4309**

Rallymasters: Rae & Dub Phillips,  
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(cell, since we'll be on the road  
starting Feb 25), with assistance from  
Bill & Joyce Williams, who live in  
Sedona. Rally Schedule will be  
emailed separately to those signed up

for rally and in March newsletter. If you have not signed up, nor notified rallymasters, please do so immediately.

Located 14 miles south of Sedona, right on famous Oak Creek, Sunrise Resorts offers a kickback atmosphere surrounded by giant cottonwood trees, and springs running through the campground/park. I think most of us have been assigned sites that back up to the creek, for great views watching wildlife along the creek from your RV windows. There's even a restaurant easy walking distance on adjacent property in a rustic setting that overlooks the creek & campground. And they have a clubhouse for us too, in case of inclement weather (which can happen; one year about this time we even had SNOW). Obviously this rally will include touring drives all around this red rock country. We'll also offer some interesting hikes in spectacular country - both easy and challenging are available. There's also amazing shopping and fantastic restaurants for your enjoyment.

## 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:larryerickson9935@comcast.net) or Connie Jones: 719-499-9740/ [cljjlj@aol.com](mailto: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](http://recreation.gov) or [reserveamerica.com](http://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](http://cpw.stte.co.us) (which takes you to [reserveamerica.com](http://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](mailto: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.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Marie Faucette	2/6
Galina Erickson	2/7
Michael Rozdilsky	2/21

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ted & Phyllis Carr	2/2
Frank & Dessa Halasz	2/4
Bob & Jean Lockwood	2/5
Jack & DJ Hoffman	2/9