

CUATRO ESTADOS

THE PREZ SEZ ...

Well if you all aren't having fun and great adventures, it means you aren't attending our rallies! Boy have we had some great ones! And the surprises just keep coming (see our August schedule). A reminder that our July rally had to be cancelled; sadly most of us didn't heed warning to book 6 months in advance ... (We need to pay more attention to those deadlines!) And planning ahead to September... the registration form for the Rocky Mountain Ramble is available in the July FMC Magazine and online at rockymountainarea.com. October's rally in Southeastern NM needs to be booked too.

I have given up on keeping track of who is where, because we have so many members out roaming the country - so I just say to all of you, keep on posting those photos on **facebook!** (But please see info below.) And **remember to check out our website too!** cuatroestados.com. Thanks to **Becky Coulter** who keeps it updated with the latest newsletters (thanks to Rae/Carl) and videos of rallies (thanks to our expert video-producer **Eckels**). - Keep in touch! Rae, raecyp65@gmail.com, 505-899-1273.

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CE Face Book Site - Becky Coulter

There has been some confusion about our FB site. Many years ago I set up a Cuatro Estados Face Book account with a picture of a sunset. Rae also set up a Cuatro Estados site with a picture of our chapter's RVs in a row. Later we found a group site was what we needed to

meet the needs of our chapter. I have noticed some members are posting on these OLD sites. I cannot get rid of the FB site with the sunset because I cannot get into it for some reason (neither can Rae), so I've replaced the photo with a picture of "Cuatro" and "do NOT place text here" (shown here) in hope of discouraging



postings by our members.

To access and/or post to the group Face Book site type in **Cuatro Estados FMCA Chapter.** Thank you!

HERE WE GO WITH AUGUST SCHEDULES ...

August 9-14, 2017 – Point of Rocks RV Park

3025 N. Highway 89 Prescott, AZ 86301

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

[Deadline for this rally was early February, sorry, but here's schedule for those attending.]

Bring your boats, bikes, hiking shoes and cowboy hat!

The primary focus of this rally is the lakes in the area. Watson Lake is a jewel; very close to the center of Prescott and definitely worth your time visiting. We will spend mornings and early afternoons on the lakes with kayaks and canoes; several of us are willing to share ours, or you can rent from Prescott Outdoor Adventure Rentals, 928-925-1410,

prescottoutdoors.com. We should have a very nice time just paddling around and exploring some of the various nooks. The rock formations are incredible; they will afford you beautiful photo ops if visited during different times of the day. The other focus is the Prescott Circle which is a 54-mile loop right near our RV Park that circles the town of Prescott. There is biking, hiking and birding all along it.



[Also happening during our rally, the **Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering**, 10th through 12th. Daytime events are free to the public; there's a charge for evening performances. More info: azcowboypoets.org. We plan to attend Thursday night.]

Wednesday 9 Aug

5:00 pm -- Happy Hour and heavy snacks (bring some to share, plus drink, mess kit, chair) – meet at Coulter's site #96 in the upper park by the trailhead.

7:00 pm -- Hike to the Granite Dells (at Watson Lake) to view the lake and take pictures!

Thursday 10 Aug

8:30 am -- Depart for Watson Lake; parking lot's just a mile down the road from campground.

4:00 pm-- Depart for Historic Whiskey Row Alley -- the focal point of Prescott, active since the 1870's. Many are dressed in period clothes; you can re-live how the cowboys and gunslingers must have felt. We will start at the **Jersey Lilly Saloon**, and **have dinner at the Palace Restaurant & Saloon**. You can also stroll the historic downtown area and visit the beautiful galleries.

6:00 pm -- Depart for 30th Arizona Cowboy Poetry Gathering for the evening entertainment.

Thursday 7pm Show featuring Dave Stamey at the Yavapai College Performing Arts, 1100 E. Sheldon Street in Prescott, AZ, plus seven other performers & events. Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He was voted six times Entertainer of the Year and Male Performer of the year, and five times Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association. He also received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He's delighted audiences in twenty-three states and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by an angry horse. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door and range from \$20 to \$35.

Friday 11 Aug

8:30 am -- Depart for Goldwater Lake and more kayaking, picnicking in beautiful setting.

5:00 pm -- Friday night all-you-can-eat fish fry @ Lynx Lake Café & Marina -- *"A charming German/American Cafe located in the Prescott National Forest, on the shores of Lynx Lake. Live weekend musical entertainment plays gently in the background making your dining experience exemplary!"*

6:30 pm -- Prescott Circle Trail; 54-mile loop of biking, hiking and birding.

Saturday 12 Aug

8:30 am -- Depart for Thumb Butte Trail #33 in Prescott National Forest, a few miles out of town. We will take the trail 'clockwise' with its paved walkway. It is straight up...so somewhat strenuous. It's helpful to be physically fit, but if you take your time... there are a helpful number of benches along with way to take breaks and take in the views, anyone could do the trail. There is a look out, where you can see the valley below. It's a beautiful walk of about 2 miles total loop. It should take an hour and 15 minutes. Cost is \$5 for parking...be sure you have cash. There should be hiking maps available at the pay kiosk. Great time of year for hiking. Let's double up in cars for this one.

6:00 pm -- Appetizers, AZ Wine and Mead at the Superstition Meadery in the Cellar (120 W Gurley St, Prescott, AZ). Then to **El Gato Azule Restaurant for dinner** (315 W. Goodwin St); covered outdoor eating; tapas and affordable dinner dishes.

Sunday 13 Aug

8:30 am -- Granite Mountain Trail #261 (\$5/parking) – The centerpiece of this hike is the mountain for which it's named, but just as impressive are the surrounding piles of 2-billion-year-old boulders the size of boxcar. This 8.2 round trip hike includes access into wilderness, long moderate switchbacks, and spectacular views. Some might just enjoy the drive out to view the mountain closer and see yet another lake (Granite Basin Lake).

OR spend time on the **Prescott Circle Trail** hiking or biking, or sight-seeing downtown.

5:00 pm -- Happy Hour and Cowboy BBQ -- rallymaster provides pulled pork BBQ sandwiches. Let me know what you are bringing as side dish so we don't have duplicates.

Monday 14 Aug -- Departure ... or continue on to rally at Williams AZ ...

August 14 - 19, 2017 – Canyon Motel & RV Park

1900 E. Rodeo Rd (Historic Route 66), William, AZ 86046

800-482-3955, 928-635-9371

Rallymasters: Diana McVey and Bob Skaug, 951-850-1566

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Hope everyone who plans to attend made reservations long ago. Here's schedule; you might want to print it out and bring with you.

Aug. 14, Mon--Arrival day. Happy Hour at McVey/Skaug site, **5: 00 pm**. We will provide appetizers, just bring your beverage and plates.

Aug. 15, Tues--Pack a lunch. Make sure to have a full tank of gas. Leave at **8:30 am for Wupatki, Sunset Crater, and Walnut Canyon National Monuments**. It's a loop drive and we will start at the Wupatki area. There are many ruins along the drive and all have nice walking paths. The visitor center has the main Pueblo and the path is paved. After we leave there we'll head over to **Sunset Crater** and view the lava flows and scenic areas. We will have lunch around there or at the visitor center which is just a mile down the road from the flows. After lunch we will head over to **Walnut Canyon** which has cliff dwellings. There is a walking path around the rim, or for the more hardy folks a hike down around, which has about 124 stairs spread out. Remember you have to come back up. Head back to camp for happy hour at 5:30 pm, share light snacks.

Aug. 16, Wed--Depart **9:00 am for Jerome** (an old mining town built on a hillside). Have a full tank of gas. We will be going on a **back road**, it is fine for any car. It is a scenic drive so bring your cameras. We will do **lunch in Jerome** at the **Mile High Grill**, then over to visit the Jerome **Historic State Park** which also has the Douglas Mansion (look it up online) and there is also a museum. The cost is \$7 per person, and well worth it. Finish touring around Jerome. You are on your own after that, you can go back to camp though Sedona on 89A or back via 89 which takes you close to Prescott, they both intersect on the 40. Dinner on your own.

Aug 17, Thurs--**A free day**. Tour Williams, lots of shopping. Or take the train ride out to the Grand Canyon (need to reserve that NOW if so). Or drive to the Grand Canyon. Flagstaff is nearby, lots to do there. BearArizona is just down the street from the park. We did this just a few weeks ago and I was surprised that there were so many animals to be seen. Let's meet for **dinner at the Country Pines restaurant in Williams at 6:00 pm**, they have good food and great desserts. If you are going to the Grand Canyon don't worry about getting back in time.

Aug. 18, Fri--Pack a lunch. Depart **10:00 am**. We will drive out to **Dog Town Lake** for kayaking and a picnic. Those that don't have a kayak can take turns with ours. It is a 2-person. **We will provide dinner at our site**. Bring your beverage and plates at **5:00 pm**.

Aug. 19, Sat--Bye Bye, Happy Trails, until we meet again.

THE REST OF THE 2017 RALLIES

(Dates are arrival and departure dates)

Sept 21-24 Farmington, NM. FMCA Rocky Mountain Area “Ramble” regional rally, McGee Park & San Juan County Fairgrounds. The registration form is available in the **July FMC Magazine** and online at rockymountainarea.com. List *Cuatro Estados* as chapter you’ll be arriving with, if you wish to park with us. All sites have electric. Some of us will arrive early and/or will volunteer; try it, you’ll like it! Deadline for early booking to get discount rate (\$250/couple) is Sept 1st. **Need chapter coordinator.** These regional rallies are always educational and fun! Any questions, contact Rae Phillips, raecyp65@gmail.com.

Oct 18-23 Ruidoso, NM. Little Creek Park, Alto, NM. 575-336-4044. Celebrate Oktoberfest in Ruidoso area! Please reserve SOON, but no later than **Sept 15th**. Rallymasters – Sanna & John **Obermiller**, please RSVP! 575-258-4084, johnsanna@trailnet.com. We should catch a lot of beautiful fall color in the surrounding mountains on scenic drives, plus explore historic sites & eateries & shopping, as well as observatory, and more!

Nov 9-13 Elephant Butte Lake State Park, NM. Water & elec only; dump station available. No reservations this time of year. **Need rallymasters!** Great location to kick back and relax, walk around the lake, spend time with friends, and enjoy our last rally of the year.

PAST RALLY REPORTS ...

June 3-7, 2017 - CREEDE, CO -- Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort

Rallymasters: Rae & Dub Phillips

ONCE AGAIN our bunch had a great time at this mountain retreat located in the heart of the San Juan Mountains of southern Colorado. Our gathering site was at Diana & Bob’s RV (better shade), and we met there almost every evening. Attending were: **Buckingham, Downs, Feltner, Krouse, McVey/Skaug, Phillips, Williams**, plus three guest rigs: Steve & Nandy **Fowls** (who later joined CE), Bill & Loretta **Gaunt** (who takes more photos than Rae), and George & Sue **Young** (who later wrote: “*We want to thank all*”



the Cuatro Estados folks ...for being so welcoming and making us feel at home. We had a great time and hope to see you all again down the road”). Our guests brought a new element of surprise & delight to our usual ruckus!



On Sun the 4th we took a fun/easy drive out from Creede exploring the Bachelor Loop, including many stops for photos. This is old silver mining territory and many old structures are still standing. The route follows a tumbling creek in an often narrow canyon.

On Monday, we drove highway 149 (part of the “Silverthread Scenic Byway”) to Lake City, with a detour here and there for side trips. The North Clear Creek Falls were amazing, with unusually large amounts of snow melt



yet to come out of the peaks. And for once the wind wasn’t blowing at the Windy Point overlook, so we took the opportunity for yet another group photo.



Tuesday we had an easy day of a high-country backroad drive to the site of Hanson Mill, high on Pool Table Mesa. Then headed into South Fork to view the “amazing” Rainbow Grocery store (which - surprise! - holds a second floor of hardware, clothing, kitchenware, everything store ... you name it). Threatening skies accompanied our lunch stop at the Visitor Center’s shelter, and rain followed us back to camp. Most days we got back to camp just in time to avoid afternoon winds/showers, but it made happy hours “exciting.”

Wednesday some of us drove the rougher East Willow Loop out of Creede; a short

distance but long in views as it traveled up the creek, over the top of the mountain, and back down Bachelor Loop. Lunch was enjoyed at one of Creede's more eclectic eateries, The Dog House. But during the course of the rally (and following Region 1 rally), many other local restaurants were discovered and enjoyed.

June 7-11 - RMMA REGION 1 RALLY - also held at same place in CREEDE, CO

In addition to the members and guest who attended our pre-rally, additional ones who came for this portion were: **Ball, Erickson, Glasmann, Nelson, Obermiller**, and guests Jim & Lori **Landers** (Jim Ball's daughter). Some of us had a little difficulty adjusting to the lack of organization/activities after such a busy 4 previous days, but enjoyed sharing/spending time with many others (70 rigs) in our region at the various meals in the great Bear Lodge on site. For our rally fee we received 2 breakfasts and one lunch and one dinner, plus shared a happy hour with heavy snacks and a potluck dinner to which we all brought items. Left to their own devices, many of our members continued to seek more adventures in the surrounding area, shopping and browsing in Creede, and particularly enjoying the 125th Anniversary celebration of Creede, including a fun donkey race on Saturday.

JUNE 12-16 - JEMEZ FALLS CAMPGROUND, JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM

Rallymasters: **Becky & Bob Coulter**

Rally attendees were: **Coulter, Eckel, Halasz, Zawistoski, Thornton, Osburn, Fowls and guests Lyell**. The Smiset/Hilaires were coming but Kitise got sick and they had to cancel. (Hope you are feeling better Kitise.)



Sunday the Coulters and Zawistoskis came up early to scout the area and enjoy the coolness. One night it got down to 38 degrees according to Ed Osburn.

Monday Bob and I went on a beautiful hike off of highway 4 called Los Conchas; if it is still there you should put it on your to-hike list. That night we had street tacos; Chicken tacos with chipotle crema, Carne Asada

with guacamole salsa, and smoked pork with mango salsa. The Fowls brought watermelon, Thorntons made the pinto beans, Zawistoskis made Spanish rice & chocolate cake. Edith Osburn made her fluffy peach and raspberry pies. It was so good we had it again for supper on Wednesday.

Tuesday we had a one-of-a-kind hike in the Bandelier outskirts. There were lots of fit CE people that were game for tough hike that included climbing up and down rough-hewn ladders. Lunch in Los Alamos and tour of the Los Alamos Historical Museum. We had a quick stop at the Valles Caldera NP and learned that the road to the other side took more than an hour so the road was closed at 3pm because anyone that went after 3pm would not be back by the time the preserve closed at 5pm. Eighteen famous movies have been filmed in the area since Butch and Sundance: the Early Days in 1979 right on up to Ridiculous 6 in 2016.

Wednesday was a long dusty ride to Tea Kettle Rock (no one had been there before). A nice lunch in the meadow and a drive back to check out the Seven Springs State Fish Hatchery. A half-mile segment of the road that passes through the *Gilman Tunnels* in the Jemez Ranger District was *closed* to traffic to allow crews to remove loose rock and stabilize the rock cliffs around the *tunnels*, therefore no Gilman Tunnel run.



On Thursday morning we made a quick stop at Soda Dam, we were the only ones there and the water was really flowing! Then we toured the Jemez State Monument historic site. This was also a first for just about everyone, who knew! Then we went to the Stage Stop for brunch. There was one poor waitress and one cook. We told her we weren't in a hurry to take her time. It was about 11 when 3 ladies went shopping the rest of us set out on the porch and someone noticed the **smoke** on top of the mountain. Ron Z called the ranger station and the said the campground might have to evacuate. The fire had started at about 10:30am. The guys called their wives and we all roared up the mountain to the campground. **Shortly after we arrived the Sandoval Sheriff came through the campground on his loudspeaker and told everyone to evacuate.** The first ones to get out of dodge were the Osburns, no slides to mess with. So grateful that we were relatively close to the campground, we could have been on our way to the winery about 30 minutes away and we had plans to take forest road #10 home past Palisa Campground. Which was about an hour more through the woods from the winery. Had we done that we would have gotten to highway #4 and had to turn around. So the rally was cut short by a day but it was a great rally and everyone seemed to have a good time.

EMERGENCY PLANNING- Several of our members made some good comments regarding this emergency situation (evacuation for any reason).

1. One person from the group should always have the campground manager's phone number so we can call back to the campground or they can call us in an emergency. Genny said there were two motorhomes or campers left in the park and the occupants had gone sightseeing and were not back. I hope the animals got rescued.
2. I think we are going to hide a key to the motorhome somewhere on our coach, so we can tell someone where it is and they can get the dog out.

3. I have a note on the door of the RV saying there is a dog inside and what her name is. You might want to add your contact info too.
4. If you get evacuated just throw the stuff in the RV and tow car. Do not take the time to hook up your tow car, have your spouse drive it.

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(please add to your Membership Directory)

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Judy Miller 7/11

Jamie Erickson 7/16

Charles Dodds 7/20

Bill Williams 7/23

Bob Coulter 7/24

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Elsie Wagner 7/27

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