

# CUATRO ESTADOS

## THE PREZ SEZ ....

Email from one of our members: “Hey all -- We just had an unexpected and very pleasant visit with the Pickthorns. They were just passing thru and are camping 10 miles east of us (Casper, WY). Earlier in the month we saw the Englemans and the Herrs in Jackson WY. So all 4 couples that did the Newfoundland trip last summer were in WY in one month this year. One of the great fringe benefits of Cuatro Estados membership you get for only \$15/yr – connecting up all over the country! HA!” – Carl Becker

I was disappointed in the lack of response (zero) to my request for volunteers to serve as officers or rallymasters for next year. Those few of us who keep “doing it” can’t do it forever ... please consider taking YOUR turn at serving YOUR chapter.

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## DID YOU VOTE?

“At the FMCA rally in Indianapolis a few weeks ago, the national directors voted to change the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to allow towables (5<sup>th</sup> Wheels and trailers) into membership in FMCA. That vote must now be confirmed by the membership of the organization. The need for this change has been thoroughly discussed in the FMCA magazine, and, if you have questions, go back and read those articles. You may also call me or our President, Rae, if you'd like further discussion. The ballot for this vote is in the September issue of the FMCA magazine, and will be repeated in October and November. PLEASE cut out the ballot, cast your vote, address the envelope as shown, and mail it in. Our shrinking organization is counting on you to follow through!” -- Dessa Halasz, Cuatro Estados National Director

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Coming up ....

**Sept. 18-24, 2017 -- ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLE**  
McGee Park, San Juan County Fairgrounds, Farmington, NM

## Chapter Coordinator - Rae Phillips

You've all been getting separate emails from me on this rally, so won't repeat here. Think everyone that's been planning to attend is all set, and ready to meet us on the 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Holding Area. You've received the overall schedule, and a detailed one will be in your welcome packet upon arrival. **Please wear your CE badges to all events; YOU are our ambassadors!**

Here's just a reminder of separate activities we are scheduling for Cuatro Estados (and anyone else that wants to join us). We'll have a space left open between our rigs for our gatherings; bring your chairs, extra table, etc. the first evening, then can leave them there for duration.

4-6 each evening -- Open Happy Hour ongoing throughout the Ramble, BYOB. Drop by and say HI!

Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> -- First evening, bring snacks & finger food to share and we'll call it dinner (& don't forget your mess kit).

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> -- If you've volunteered to work any area during the Ramble, check times for orientations happening today, and note also that you are invited to Volunteers Dinner this evening. If some are interested, we might go to the St Claire Winery & Bistro for lunch.

Wed, 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am departure for touring a couple local points of interest. Pack a lunch. We'll go explore the Aztec Ruins National Monument (including a Heritage Garden, and Old Spanish Trail along the Animas River). Then to B-Square Ranch (aka Bolack Farms) – private wildlife refuge, working farm & ranch, and home to two amazing museums: Bolack Museum of Fish & Wildlife, and Bolack Electromechanical Museum.

Thurs, 21<sup>st</sup> – 11 am – 1 pm Chapter Fair. We will have a table set up to solicit new members; come help us share the fun of belonging to *Cuatro Estados!*

6:00 pm Mexican Potluck Dinner at our gathering spot; bring a dish to share.

Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 pm Brief Chapter meeting at happy hour

Sat, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Don't forget Ramble picnic and other fun things this afternoon, and after our happy hour, joining others at the river for a bonfire.

Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 pm Farewell Happy Hour, bring leftovers/snacks to share

Mon – Departure – Happy Trails to you!

## Rally Fun in August .....

**8/9-14/17 -- Point of Rocks RV Park, Prescott, AZ**

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter

As always, weather adds a factor to our rallies and this one was particularly dictated by weather due to all the outside activities that were planned. We experienced extremely warm/hot days – separated by some flooding rains. If you wanted to take the kayaks out on the lakes, or do any serious hikes, “crack of dawn” was the best time ... so that meant some

would-be participants didn't quite make it! But it didn't stop us from exploring. There were plenty of interesting drives to take (where you could view the many delightful lakes from the comfort of your car), so many of us chose that option. First night's happy hour we were joined by alumni Baxters & Whites (who live in Prescott) for fun and frivolity, and then a quick hike (through the thickening mosquito population) to view the Granite Dells (unusual rock formations) at Watson Lake.

As usual with the CE bunch, we had a great time at a couple of dinners out:



The Palace Restaurant & Saloon on Whiskey Row in historic downtown Prescott, and browsing the stores was particularly fun. A fish fry at Lynx Lake (great views) was likewise enjoyed by most of us another evening. But the Saturday night's eating out plans got cancelled when we started partying around 2 in the afternoon – complete with water balloons and other silliness – which lead to Bob Skaug going for pizza for dinner (thanks, Bob) ... which gave way to drenching, flooding rains just as we finished. Sunday evening we finished up the rally with nice weather

and a great potluck of yummy brisket provided by rallymasters, and side dishes from everyone else. And of course departure day was just about perfect weather-wise.

Those attending: **Coulter, Krouse, McVey/Skaug, Obermiller, Phillips, Pickthorn, Varley, and guests Pat & Jim Wiseman.** Thanks Becky & Bob for a great rally. It was sure neat to explore an area in which we had not been before; an area we are sure to go back to!

## 8/14-19/17 – Canyon RV Park, Williams, AZ

Rallymasters: Diana McVey & Bob Skaug

Nice weather greeted us the first evening for our happy hour, as we enjoyed GREAT skewers of meat & veggies for our appetizers (definitely dinner!) prepared by rallymasters. Next day we had a very interesting "Monuments Tour" of (1) Wupatki – great Native American ruins

scattered across a vast area south of Flagstaff; (2) Sunset Crater – mega lava cone & flows, wildflowers, and a picnic lunch in blowing winds; and (3) Walnut Canyon – more ruins rimmed along canyon walls throughout quite a large area, which required a LOT of steps down to –and back up! -- the “island trail” where you could get up close and personal.

Next day we took a back country drive south to historic Jerome mining town



perched halfway up the mountainside, including a tour of the Gold Mine Ghost Town – which had a little bit of everything from the 1800's through the 1900's collected by one man & his family. On Thursday everyone either relaxed around camp or took off on their own exploring. We'd planned to celebrate Coulter's anniversary, but they had to return back to ABQ for her Mom (who sadly passed away on their anniversary, the 17th). The rest of us enjoyed a nice dinner at Pines Country restaurant, then wandered along the streets of Williams, which enjoys a thriving Route 66- themed night life.

Friday we drove out to Dog Town Lake, then Phillips led us a “back way” to Whitehorse Lake for our picnic (involved slipping & sliding along a muddy, rutted route to start with, but smoothed out to fun back roads drive), and then to the dramatic Sycamore Canyon overlook. That evening our rallymasters once again provided a

great dinner: we each got a BBQ'd tinfoil-wrapped packet that included kielbasa, shrimp, potatoes, and corn on the cob – yum! Weather cooperated for this rally, and we once again enjoyed an area in which we had never been as a chapter. So much fun to discover!

Those attending: **Coulter, Krouse, McVey/Skaug, Phillips, Pickthorn.** Everyone decided that Diana & Bob could be rallymasters anytime they wanted to ... Great cooks are always a plus!

RALLIES YET TO COME ...

October 18-23, 2017

**LITTLE CREEK RV PARK**

290 NM220 - ALTO (RUIDOSO), NM 88312

Reserve by September 15th at [575-336-4044](tel:575-336-4044)

Also RSVP to Rallymasters: John & Sanna Obermiller

[239-841-4084](tel:239-841-4084) or [239-671-1245](tel:239-671-1245)

WED. Oct. 18th

5:00 p.m. Traditional Welcome Happy Hour with heavy snacks

THURS. Oct. 19th

10:00 a.m. -- Tour Spencer Theater, Ft. Stanton, and on to lunch at the Oso Grill in Capitan, home of Smoky Bear. Continue to Lincoln, historic place of Billy the Kid.

5:00 p.m. -- Happy Hour in the rally room (or outside if weather permits)

6:00 p.m. -- Pot Luck dinner in the rally room. ALL dishes welcome, including meats.

FRI. Oct. 20th

9:00 a.m. -- Depart for Alamogordo - about a 45 minute drive down the mountain.

Tour the pistachio farm, up the hill to The Barn (an eclectic place of gifts and goodies).

Noon-ish -- Lunch at "The Lodge" in Cloudcroft.

5:00-11:00 p.m -- Octoberfest at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Lots of booths for food and drinks, vendors, entertainment.

SAT. Oct. 21st

9:00 a.m. -- Leave for the Apache Ski Mountain. Zip lines and gondola rides available.

Lunch at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. A HUGE buffet, "Gathering of the Nations".

5:00 p.m. -- Caravan to the Obermiller's "out of town" place.

Heavy snacks (After that lunch, that's all you'll want! As Tweetie says, "Twust me")

SUN. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 a.m. -- White Sands, pack a picnic lunch. If you want to stick around, you can go to the Space Museum in Alamogordo with an I-MAX theater.

4:00 p.m. -- BYOB Happy Hour at the Obermiller's home: 106 Heath Drive, Ruidoso

6:00 p.m. -- BBQ dinner with fixings and dessert, iced tea.

MON. Oct 23rd

8-10 a.m. -- Donuts in the rally room, unhook, hugs, and depart.

**Nov. 8-13, 2017**

**ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE STATE PARK, NM**

Rallymasters - Everyone! (Contact person: Rae Phillips, [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com)  
- please let me know if you will be attending!)

Since no one stepped forward to be rallymaster, I'm declaring everyone attending will be "in charge." However, I do have many options for things to do and see, and will try and come up with a schedule later ... unless YOU want to volunteer? But two important things to note:

1. We will start the rally on Thurs, the 8<sup>th</sup>, rather than Friday.
2. Elephant Butte camping now offers reservations year around, so if you want to attend, we suggest you book NOW! This is also reason we decided arriving on Thursday would be better than waiting until Friday when all the weekenders show up.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SPACE IN THE "DESERT COVE" SECTION, AS THEY HAVE COVERED TABLES and slightly more sheltered sites. I HAVE RESERVED SITE 15B; please try to get close by in same loop. 15A&B is a double site, with a double-size shelter that would be perfect for our group. Reservations can be made through the NM state parks website, or directly with [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com).

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE RALLYMASTER, OR HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS RALLY, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Buckingham's will host the Christmas party at their home on Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon. It will be similar to the party last year; we furnish the turkey and gravy and you all bring something to add to the feast. Please put this date on your calendar. More detail to follow. Lynn

## Ready to plan 2018's camping schedule?

Any volunteers for rallymaster for any of these? If so, you can pick the dates. Contact me (Rae), or Genny.

- Jan - Quartzsite & points south
- Feb - southern CA/San Diego
- Mar - Nevada/Lake Mead/Valley of Fire
- Apr - Patagonia SP/southern AZ
- May - Angel Fire Luxury RV Resort/northern NM
- Jun - Mueller SP/Colorado Springs/Wilderness areas
- Jul - Dolores, CO/River/Telluride and more
- Aug - Lake Granby, CO/Westside of Rocky Mtn Natl Park
- Sep - Canyon de Chelly, AZ/areas of the ancients
- Oct - Bluff, UT/Combs Ridge/ Valley of the Gods & more
- Nov - Poncho Villa SP, NM/ border intrigue and history



## BIRTHDAYS:

Genevieve Carlson 9/2 David Pickthorn 9/7 Theresa Townsend 9/11 Bob  
Faucette 9/16 Beverly Eckel 9/26 John Townsend 9/27 Sandy Varley  
9/27

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill & Carol Kalb 9/9

Joe & Sandi Vanni 9/9

Bob & Marie Faucette 9/9

Carl & Vickie Becker 9/11

Bill & Pat Manchester 9/12

