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# ?QUE PASA?

Cuatro Estados Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

**?Que Pasa? (What's Up? What Happening?)** Is anyone out there, reading our newsletters? Sometimes I feel like a voice in the wilderness, writing this each month...

*Looking for new ideas for newsletter... and an editor too. And we always want to know your news. Would love to start a section again about where everyone is and what you are doing. Or maybe we could start an "intro to members" section? Send ideas and info to me, please! Rae – [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com) 505-235-5992*

*NEED RALLYMASTERS!! Are we beating this horse to death, asking for your help? Three have responded – THANKS so much! Have you ever attended a rally? Who was the rallymaster? Call them and ask them to be a co-host with you at a rally! Working a rally is the best way to get to know your fellow members ... and you'll always have plenty of help. This is my last plea. No rallymaster for a rally? Then we ALL become the rallymasters, and we'll "wing it" for what to do, where to go, when/where to eat.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Hope you have many new adventures in the year ahead...especially with Cuatro Estados at our rallies!

■ Rae Phillips

## READY...SET...GO! RALLIES FOR 2018 ARE STARTING!

Hope you're getting packed and ready to be "on the road again" ...

**Jan 8-16, 2018**

**Quartzsite, AZ – "Hi Jolly" BLM area, north Hwy 95**

Rallymasters: Rae & Dub Phillips 505-235-5992, [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com)

Diana McVey & Bob Skaug, 951-850-1566, [dondiana@verizon.net](mailto:dondiana@verizon.net)

FREE dry camping. No reservations. Dump & water station for \$ is nearby. Activities will include exploring backroads, old stone cabins, mines –and some 4WD. Shopping swapmeets, antiques, junk – and for new RV (?) Campfires & potlucks under starry skies. Beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Schedule has been sent to you 3 times. Let me (Rae) know if you need another copy. **Come join us for 1<sup>st</sup> rally of the New Year!** Contact Diana when you get to area (mile marker 112 on AZ Hwy 95, about 3 miles north of Main/Central Junction in town) and she or Bob will meet you to lead to where group is set up.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** -- On Saturday, Dec. 2 several of us gathered at our house to kick off the Christmas season with a real fun party. Attending were **Phillips, Dorseys, Seversons, Zawistoskis, Osburns, Norma Coonrod and friend Lori, Charles Carlson, Eckels, Halaszes, Rozdilskys, Williamsons and Buckingham**s. Carrs had expected to come but had a medical emergency. We missed them.

We had a marvelous Christmas dinner with all the fixings. As always, we have the best cooks ever!

Games we played included a Christmas picture word game, won by Dorseys, Halaszes and one more who finished and I don't remember who. Sorry! We also did a game that was fun when we did it two years ago with Becky Coulter narrating. This time Buck read the story while we passed wrapped goody bars right, left and across. The across part got pretty wild at times! All were winners since we got to keep the bars we ended up with.

The party ended with a gift exchange with stealing for those who wished to participate. Two unclaimed gifts remained and, much to our delight, we received them as hosts!

Eckels collected the toys we brought for "Toys for Tots" and delivered them. This has become a tradition for us.

Thanks to all who shared Christmas with us and a Happy New Year to you! --  
**Lynn & Buck**

*[Ed note – Thanks to Lynn & Buck for all their hard work to make this party such a great success! We are grateful they would volunteer their home – and work – to make this a fun time for all those attending. Many of our alumni really look forward to this every year.]*

## **2018 DUES & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

Please send your checks made out to Cuatro Estados to: Lynn Buckingham, [11508 Nassau NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111](#). It's \$15 per couple or \$7.50 single. (Alumni members and those who joined after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> are exempt.) Please let me know if you will NOT be renewing and I won't bug you about it. If I don't receive your dues by January 31, you won't be in the 2018 directory. I will be out of town Jan 6-24, so let me know if you'll be sending during that time. You can phone me at [505-269-7822](#) (cell) or email me at [lynnbuck2@msn.com](mailto:lynnbuck2@msn.com). 28 member rigs have paid dues so far and I sincerely thank you!

CHANGES TO YOUR INFO IN THE DIRECTORY? Changed your email address? Your cell phone? Your RV? Your tags? Your spouse? New Photo? (We're missing photos for many of you.) Then get them to **Bob Coulter, coulter6@comcast.net, 505-274-1211**, before end of January. This info -- email, phone numbers -- is the way we stay in touch with YOU during the year, so we thank you for keeping this up to date! New directories will be snail mailed to everyone in February.

**January 26-31, 2018**

**ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK**

**BORREGO PALM CANYON CAMPGROUND, Borrego Springs, California**

Rallymasters: Becky & Bob Coulter, 505-553-5896 [coulter06@comcast.net](mailto:coulter06@comcast.net)

Directions: Assuming most of you will be arriving via Hwy 86 (runs north-south along the western side of Salton Sea). From the north take S22 west into Borrego Springs. From the south take Hwy 78 west, turning right onto Borrego Springs Rd. Follow both routes into center of town. From traffic circle go west on Palm Canyon Drive, following signs to Anza Borrego State Park Visitor Center. Sign just before visitor center directs you turn right and follow about two miles to campground. *[Highly recommend you arrive with a full tank of gas in motorhome and tow car, gas in Borrego Springs is about 35 to 40 cents more per gallon.]*

Fri 26<sup>th</sup>- Arrival Day-4:00 pm- Gather at Coulter's rig (space #13 in SP Campground) for Happy Hour and heavy snacks. We'll discuss schedule and determine who wants to do what with the group or in splinter groups.

Sat 27- 9:00 am- Hike & Drive-Visit Parks Visitor Center. Can hike there from campground if wish (1.7 RT) Also short nature trail out from Visitor Center OR can take the Palm Canyon Nature Trail hike out from campground 3mi round trip, easy with slight uphill grade, rocky in places.

**1:00 pm**- Meet at Visitor Center parking lot for 18 mile drive out S22 (paved) to **Arroyo Salado**. Will drive the sandy arroyo out to picturesque **Seventeen Palms Oasis**, then continue further out to Five Palms Springs and Una Palma. This will give you a quick idea of running washes/ arroyos in the area (some rock some sand, and be careful to know the soft sand areas). We'll backtrack to the **Font's Wash** which we'll take out to end. Short Walk to **Font's Point**, best sunset views in the park! Overlooks the **Borrego Badlands**, amazing maize of mountains, washes and trails below. About 45 miles RT.

Dinner on your own. See Becky for list of possible places to eat in the village. Most are not big enough to handle all of us, but we can divide up into 4 or 6 to go difference places.

Sun 28-9:00 am- Drive, hike, drive- Pack your lunch and meet at Visitor Center. **Have a full tank of gas.** We'll head out Borrego Springs Road and connect to SR78, taking it out to **Split Mountain Rd** at Ocotillo Wells (20 miles, paved). Continue on Split Mountain Rd (8 miles, also paved) to **Fish Creek**. We will get to Fish Creek through the actual dramatic "Split" in the mountain and turn on **Sandstone Canyon**. Running sandy washes, with some rock places and a potential for a few "iron chucks" (unless you pick your path correctly). Sandstone Canyon is considered one of the most colorful and beautiful in the park. A big rock dislodged from an earthquake will soon block us from going very far, but we can hike up for a way. Then we will backtrack to the **Wind Caves for a 2 mile RT hike**. You can crawl around and through the caves & arches created by combination of wind and water. There is also shell reefs and fossilized rocks up several of the side canyons along Fish Creek. Approx. 85-100 miles RT.

Dinner on your own; or you can stop in town again to eat.

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>- 9:00 am- Drive, Hike & Explore - Pack lunch and meet at Visitor Center. Drive out toward Ocotillo Wells. Take **Buttes Pass Road** and **Borrego Mountain Wash** to **Slot Canyon**, driving out it for a short distance, then taking easy 2 mile round trip hike up the wash, exploring deep into this interesting narrow marble-walled canyon. After lunch, we'll return to Buttes Pass Road and turn into **Hawk Canyon** (one of the most colorful canyons in the park), with additional hiking in several directions for those interested in exploring further. Approx. 35 miles RT.

4:00 pm- Potluck Dinner at Coulters place - we will cook hot dogs, bring something to go on them or with them. (Please let Becky know what you plan to bring, so we can coordinate menu.)

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>-9:00 am - Pack lunch and meet at Visitor Center. Make sure gas tank is full! Easy driving, mostly paved, but about 120 miles RT. We'll take S22 west climbing quickly up to **Culp Valley** and see Old Paroli

Home site, continue out **Montezuma Valley Road to S2**, taking it south past “**Scissors Crossing**” (20 miles at this point) then to Blair Valley, where we’ll leave pavement for an eleven mile drive through **Blair Valley** and **Little Blair Valley**, offering some variety in both terrain and vegetation. There’s several optional hikes to view Petroglyphs and old homestead sites. Back on S2, We’ll continue south through dramatic **Box Canyon** following famous Spanish and Stagecoach route down to **Vallicito Stage Coach Stop**. If time permits, we’ll continue south to see **Aqua Caliente Hot Springs** (bring a swim suit if you wish to take a dip). Return drive to Scissors Crossing, but take SR78 & S3 for return through **Yaqui Pass**, stopping at Tamarisk Grove & Yaqui Well if you wish.

4:30 pm- Drinks on the patio @Coyote Steak house (2220 Hoberg Rd., Palms Hotel, Borrego Springs)

5:00 pm- Farewell dinner, 3-course pre-fixed-menu between 5-6:30 for \$19, or split a meal.

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>- Departure Day. Happy trails to you!

**January 31 – February 7, 2018**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**SWEETWATER SUMMIT REGIONAL PARK**

3218 Summit Meadows Rd, Bonita, CA 91902

Reserve: [sdparks.org](http://sdparks.org), 877-565-3600

Rallymasters: Diana McVey & Bob Skaug, [dondiana@verizon.net](mailto:dondiana@verizon.net), 951-850-1566

Assistants: Rae & Dub Phillips, [raecyp65@gmail.com](mailto:raecyp65@gmail.com), 505-235-5992

Jan 31, Wed – Arrival Day. **5:00 pm Welcome Happy Hour** – bring ample finger foods to share, and we’ll call it dinner. Remember to bring own drinks, plate, utensils, chairs, etc. Gatherings will be at one of our rigs.

Feb 1, Thurs – **10:00 am depart for Mission Bay** driving/walking tour. We’ll have lunch “dockside” at **Quivira Basin Sportsmen Seafood**. Continue to **Belmont Park, Mission Beach** afterwards. **5:00 pm -- We’ll grill burgers for dinner.**

Feb 2, Fri – **9:00 am depart for Balboa Park**, the nation’s largest urban cultural park. Home to 16 major museums, beautiful gardens, & San Diego Zoo. Admission to the Park is free and you can spend all day just wandering the grounds, admiring amazing architecture and gardens. Museums & zoo cost (package deals available). We’ll meet (in Balboa Park) at **The Prado Restaurant for lunch at 11:45 am** in historic building. Evening on your own.

Feb 3, Sat – **10:00 am depart for Old Town San Diego**. We’ll walk/explore the area and **do lunch at Casa Guadalajara**. Afternoon, tour **USS Midway Museum** (historic aircraft carrier). **5:00 pm – Happy Hour** with heavy snacks.

Feb 4, Sun – **9:00 am depart for Cabrillo Natl Monument** (lighthouse) & National Cemetery, on the tip of Point Loma, with spectacular views of ocean, bay, & downtown. Afterwards to **Liberty Station** – a waterfront urban village with parks, shops, galleries, gardens, and restaurants – for lunch and exploring. Afternoon we’ll head over the bridge across San Diego Bay to **Coronado Island** to see world-famous Hotel Coronado, beach & the quaint village. Evening on your own.

Feb 5, Mon – **Pack a lunch. 9:00 am depart for north beaches drive** from **Torrey Pines Preserve** through **La Jolla**, stopping for walks on beaches and lunch. Please double up in cars, to help us keep track of everyone through all the traffic. **5:00 pm – Soup & Salad Potluck** (bring either to share). Desert provided.

Feb 6, Tues -- **Departure day!** Or stay longer and take in more that San Diego area has to offer. We’re just touching on a few of them during the rally.

# REST OF CUATRO ESTADOS 2018 RALLY SCHEDULE

**Please pay attention to deadlines**

**Please confirm w/ rallymasters if attending**

**March 1-7 – Boulder Beach, NV** (east of Las Vegas), Lake Mead Natl Rec Area, Boulder Beach Campground, dry camping, no reservations; or adjacent Lake Mead RV Village, 702-293-2540, all full hookups, \$42.94, or \$56.50 lake view. If you want hookups, should've reserved by now. **Rallymaster: Rae & Dub Phillips** (anyone want to help me?) First day, we'll offer tour of **Hoover Dam**, the new bridge, Visitor Center – and a drive along the lake. Two other days we'll drive amazing **Valley of Fire State Park, and Red Rock Canyon**. You'll also have two days to explore "the canyons" of the Vegas Strip and all its glitz & glamor. (This is the perfect place to experience the extremes of nature versus extremes of extravaganza!)

**April 1-5 – Patagonia, AZ**. Patagonia State Park, 877-697-2757, [azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com). \$30 w/e. **Reserve by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. This area is a birders/nature lover's wonderland, with lots of back country routes to explore, plus vineyards & historic areas. **Rallymasters: Sandy & Steve Varley**, [sndyvarley@yahoo.com](mailto:sndyvarley@yahoo.com), 801-641-4416. Suggest you book in west loop (larger sites). Rallymasters in space #76.

**May 20-25 –Angel Fire, NM**. Angel Fire Luxury RV Resort, 800-633-7463, Request the Cuatro Estados discount rate. Or online [angelfireresort.com](http://angelfireresort.com), use promo code "4FMCA." \$35 full hookups. **Rallymaster needed**. Phillips will assist, if need be. **Reserve by Mar 20**.

**June 6-11 – Creede, CO**. Region 1 Rally. Mountain Views at Rivers Edge Resort, 719-658-2710. Rallymaster: Connie Jones, 719-499-9740, [cljili@aol.com](mailto:cljili@aol.com). Reserve by April 6.

**June 17-22 – Divide, CO**. Mueller State Park, 800-678-2267, [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us). Conifer Ridge campground. \$26 elec. **Rallymaster needed. Reservations start Dec. 18, book quickly.**

**July 18-21 -- Gillette WY**. FMCA Intl Convention, Cam-Plex. Registration begins 1/10/2018. Watch for details in FMC Magazine, or online [fmca.com](http://fmca.com). Chapter coordinator: **MJ Brenner**, [rio355@aol.com](mailto:rio355@aol.com). 505-771-0058.

**July 24-31 – Dolores, CO**. Dolores River RV Park, 970-882-7761 (leave msg), \$40/night; pay for 6, get 7<sup>th</sup> free. Or can reserve via website: [doloresrivercampground.com](http://doloresrivercampground.com). We'll explore Hwy 145 area in San Juan Mountains with many side trips (spectacular views, great jeep trails & hiking). Nice rec room for our use as well, on Dolores River. **Rallymaster needed. Reserve by May 24.**

**Aug 20-26 –Granby, CO**. Stillwater Campground on Lake Granby, Arapaho Natl Rec Area. Only 21 sites have elec, rest are dry. 877-444-6777, [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov). **Reservations start Feb 20; book immediately to get elec site.** Rallymaster: Phillips, **need assistant**.

**Sept 26-Oct 1 -- Chinle, AZ**. Cottonwood Campground, Canyon de Chelly Natl Monument, no reservations, \$14 dry camping, run by Navajo Nation Parks & Rec. **Rallymaster needed.**

**Oct 1-7 – Bluff, UT**. Cadillac Ranch RV Park, 800-538-6195, 435-672-2262. Only 14 sites, full hookups, pull-through, \$30. **Reserve by Aug 8.** **Rallymasters: Sandy & Steve Varley**, [sndyvarley@yahoo.com](mailto:sndyvarley@yahoo.com), 801-641-4416.

**Nov 5-12 –Columbus, NM.** Poncho Villa St Park, (south of Deming) 877-664-7787, or via [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com). \$14, 30-amp elec. **Reserve by Sept 5. Rallymaster needed.**

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Vicki Becker (13<sup>th</sup>)

Ted Carr (7<sup>th</sup>)

Ceil Cohernour (25<sup>th</sup>)

Gail Downs (8<sup>th</sup>)

Linda Feltner (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Carol Kalb (7<sup>th</sup>)

Nancy Keith (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Bill Manchester (21<sup>st</sup>)

Louise Milyko (5<sup>th</sup>)

Mary Miller (Ackerman) (16<sup>th</sup>)

John Obermiller (28<sup>th</sup>)

Ed Osburn (8<sup>th</sup>)

Mike Tobin (11<sup>th</sup>)

## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

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Mike & MJ Brenner Rozdilsky

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June & Gary Stroschein