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President's Report

Jaackie
Testa
President

Hello Fellow Discovers,



This is my first President's letter and I apologize for the delay, as it's been a very busy April. I would like to say we had a great time in Desert Springs at the Catalina Spa RV Resort. I found the grounds very nice and not a bad location. I am thinking our Wagon Master, Nick may have us revisit in future rallies.

The rally was full of fun with lots of laughs and games. It was the first LCR win I have ever seen for Ray Ouellette! Congrats Ray! Others winners were Jackie Nutter and the usual, Dilip! He has been on a winning streak!

The fantastic food was provided by our Trail Bosses Barbara, Dillp, Connie and Gary! And of course, I have to mention that great Cashew /Rosemary snack made by Gary!! That was a huge Hit to all of us!

The rally only had one casualty, and that was when Tim Robarge decided to try a new multitasking exercise called walk / biking with your dog. Well, it did not go so well, as Tim took a nasty spill and wore road rash for the rest of the rally. But, only to rally and join us for fun and games after his lovely nurse wifey bandaged him up! Go Tim!!

We are looking forward to a fantastic rally in Buellton at Flying Flags this month. I especially am looking forward to shopping in Solvang. It's a beautiful little town, with quite the Danish influence. There is also a great Golf Course close by for those avid golfers to plan an outing. See if we can get a foursome or two together? We may even plan a lil friendly Corn Hole competition afternoon,,,who knows.

Trail Bosses for Buellton are Carl, Mary , Tim and Lori. Thank You in advance for stepping up, we all appreciate it . We will also have some guests in Buellton, new people visiting with us to check us out, so let's shine and show them our fun, friendly family!

Happy Trails.....Jackie President.

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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 26, 2025
Catalina Spa and RV Resort
18800 Corkill Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241



**Lois
Mitchell
Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Ortiz at 10:30 AM. Bruce Slusher gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Janet Ortiz swore-in Jackie Testa as President.

Jackie Testa, President, welcomed Chris Zoch who will serve as Welcome Chairman for the club. She will extend a warm welcome to guests and new members and be the contact point for introductions, club programs and events. She will assemble the welcome “goody” bags which will also contain the general meeting agenda.

Ed Testa, Vice President, reported that the current coffee maker in use is too large to be useful to our club and it was quite old and cumbersome. It was agreed that the coffee maker would be donated.

Lois Bergman (Mitchell), Secretary, said the minutes from the last rally were posted on the bulletin board for all to read. A motion was made by Chris Zoch and seconded by Tim Robarge to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Barbara Dickey, Treasurer, presented a verbal update to the club’s financial position. The previous account at Bank of America was closed and a new account was opened with Banc of California where the funds were deposited. Barbara shared the new email and phone number for the club. The email address is: Discoveryclubonline@gmail.com and the phone number is 760-332-8605. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary will be signing checks for the club. A motion to accept the report was made by Ruthie Slusher with a second by Chris Zoch. Motion passed.

National Director, Dilip Anketell reported that changes are in process to change the organization name from Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) to Family RV Association (FRVA). It was noted that being a member of FRVA provides global emergency services. Refer to FRVA.com for detailed information.

Membership Chairman, Ruthie Slusher provided an update. Our membership consists of 16 rigs, 15 active. Five honorary memberships were accepted for Aragon, Roman, Edmond, Swanson and Teixeira families.

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It was noted that our current members will be eligible for incentives should they bring potential members/guests. If a member brings a guest they will receive an entry to our raffle. If the potential member/guest joins the club, the referring member will receive one free night at our next rally.

It was recommended that our club membership fee be increase to bring fees more into line as they have not been raised in some time. The current membership fee is \$20 and it would be raised to \$30 in 2026. The motion was made by Ed Testa and seconded by Chris Zoch. Motion passed.

Discussion: Ray Ouellette led a discussion about the criteria of offering honorary membership. It was suggested that our By-Laws are reviewed for clarification. There are currently 11 honorary members. The honorary members will be added to our email list.

Jackie Ouellette read a letter from Lois Jones who thanked the club for many happy years of membership. She requested to be added to the honorary membership. Ed Testa made a motion to accept her request. The motion was seconded by Tim Mitchell. Motion passed.

Jackie Nutter, Hospitality Chairman noted the cards that were sent on behalf of the club. She also named others to whom she would send greetings.

Jackie Testa, Ways and Means Chairman reported funds that were raised at the last rally. \$115 raffle, \$2 fines

Nick Zoch, Webmaster reported some notable updated to our website. Some of the changes that were made were to forms, club name (FRVA), tabs, club phone number, club email address and overall maneuverability of the website.

Nick Zoch, Wagon-master reported that we currently have 16 coaches of which 15 are active. He shared that we need more members in order to remain a viable club. Having a minimum of 10 coaches allows us to receive group rates. With decreased membership it could cause us to incur a penalty, increase in rates or cancellation of the club status.

Nick indicated that if a rig cancels their attendance prior to a function that the food would be non-refundable. Accommodations to that practice will be reviewed. Nick requested that registration be paid on time. Rallies that have been booked through 2026 can be viewed on our website. We are in need of Trail-bosses. The next rally is April 18-22 at Flying Flags, Buellton.

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Sharing Time: Jackie Ouellette shared her sweet 'thumb' story. Thanks was shared with all those who planned and carried out the rally. A good time was had by all.

After Ray Ouellette proudly displaying The Golden Toilet Seat, it was later awarded to Tim Mitchell.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruthie Slusher and seconded by Ed Testa. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Bergman (Mitchell)
Discovery Club of California



Wagon Master
Nick Zoch

2025 Rally Schedule

**May 18-22 (Sun-Th)
Flying Flags, Buellton RV Resort
180 Ave Of The Flags
Buellton, CA 93427**

**Oct. 6 – 9th (M-Th)
Mission Bay RV Resort (North)
2727 De Anza Rd
San Diego, 92109**

2026 Rally Schedule

**February 2-5 2026
Golden Village Palms RV Resort (\$75)
3600 West Florida Ave
Hemet, California, 92545**

**March 30-April 2nd, 2026 (M-Th)
RV Resort | Pechanga Resort & Casino
45000 Pechanga Pkwy
Temecula, CA 92592**

**May 17-21, 2026 (Sun-Th)
Morro Dunes
1700 Embarcadero Morro Bay CA 93442
Phone: (805) 772-2722
Clubhouse rental, \$15**



Why Membership is so Darn Important



As you no doubt know by now, the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) recently changed its name to Family RV Association (FRVA) to be more inclusive and attract new members. The name may have changed, but the services and benefits of FRVA membership keep getting better all the time. Most importantly, the members remain the backbone of the Association.

As a reminder, according to the Association's bylaws, the FRVA's mission is to educate, support, and encourage family and social RV lifestyles. The purpose is to promote good fellowship and cooperation among all members and provide services to meet the needs of the RV community.

The benefits of being a FRVA member are highlighted on the Association's website (FRVA.com) where you'll find a wealth of information and services that support RVers through their membership, such as:

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| Advocacy | Antitheft Decal |
| Family RVing Magazine | FRVA University |
| Medical & Travel Assist | Membership Plate |
| Mobile App | Tech Connect + |

[For more information go to www.FRVA.com Benefits Guide]

In addition to the benefits of being a member of FRVA, being a member of a local Chapter, accredited under a FVRA charter, such as the Discovery Club of California, brings the fun, fellowship, and participation closer to home. However, there is a "business side" of Chapter accreditation. A Chapter must govern itself according to the constitution and bylaws of the FRVA and Chapter. Of note, are the requirements for Chapter membership.

"All chapters must maintain a minimum number of memberships in order to retain their accredited status with the FRVA. A chapter must maintain a minimum number of fifteen FMCA memberships" according to the FRVA bylaws. A chapter that fails to maintain the required number of memberships shall revert to inactive chapter status.

As our wonderful Wagon Master, Nick, pointed out at the last General Member Meeting, we are dangerously close to dropping below the required number of members. Membership and growing our Club are paramount to our continued existence. For this reason alone, membership is so darn important! We need to recruit new members to survive!

Submitted by Janet Ortiz, Newsletter Editor



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March 2025 Rally at Catalina Spa and Resort

