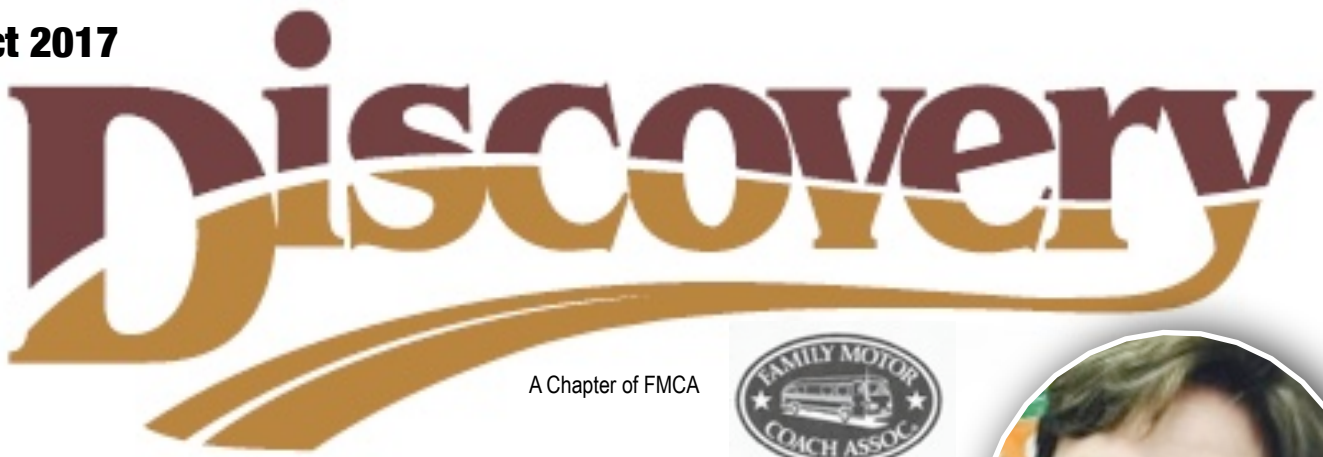


Oct 2017



Presidents Report

Joan Edman
President

The last rally of the year at the Pala RV Resort was great. The resort is beautiful. Can't wait to see it when the trees grow and provide shade. Thanks to Leo for arranging our visit! Our Trail Bosses made sure we were very well fed and kept busy. A big thanks to Gary & Carrie Brown and John & Marsha Swanson. They really went out of their way to be sure we were kept entertained (and had adequate "☺").

The weather was warm on arrival, but gradually cooled to very comfortable. Welcome to our newest members Tim and Sue Golec. Sue even baked cookies for our welcome bags. THAT'S a new recruit of the highest order! We now have 24 paid members and 5 honorary.

Our January 10-14, 2018 Rally in Indio will be something new for us. I am anxiously awaiting more info about what the Western Motor Home Association has planned for us. If we get 10 coaches signed up for the rally, they will give us an additional site free which can be used as our "meeting place." Many of us attending will also caravan to the 31st Annual Blythe Bluegrass Festival on January 19, 20 & 21, 2018.

Looking forward to seeing you at our January 2018 Rally.

Enjoy the holidays, and stay happy and healthy!

Joan



FMCA National Director's Report

Ed and I traveled to Woodland, WA in June for some interior upgrades on our coach. We then attended FMCA's Northwest Area Rally in Longview, WA from June 22-25, 2017. Again, they put on a great Rally including vendors, show coaches, bingo, ice cream, a "hot dog bash" plus two dinners and entertainment. The volunteers did an amazing job of hosting. They were extremely organized – even calmly dealing with an oven fire and subsequent evacuation in the midst of one of the dinners. It is always fun to meet new FMCA members and learn about their travels and motorhome experiences (good and bad)!

Ed and I are planning to attend the Western Motor Home Association Annual General Meeting in Hanford later this month. They will be finalizing the rally details for the 30th Annual Western Rally at the Riverside County Fairgrounds from January 10-14, 2018. Their theme is "Viva Las Vegas." I will share the info with Leo upon our return. The deadline for registration for this rally is December 16th for a discount. We will be paying \$250 total each (\$155 for RV with 2 adults plus \$95 additional for 25-30 amp electric). Since we will be parking together as a chapter, you need to indicate this on your registration.

Don't forget to return your ballot located on page 46 of the September 2017 issue of *Family Motor Coaching*. It will also appear in the October and November issues. The ballot must be received by November 30, 2017. There is only one vote per FMCA number. If approved by the membership, FMCA will become an organization not only for motorhome owners but also for owners of other recreation vehicles that meet the criteria. Please keep in mind we will still control our own bylaws. We will not be required to allow owners of towables to join our chapter if our chapter does not wish to do so. The scope of the chapter will continue to be our decision.

Happy Trails!
Joan



Wagonmasters Report



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

PALA RV RESORT & CASINO, PALA, CA SEPT 12 - 15, 2017 RALLY

We had our fourth and final rally for 2017 and our first rally at the Pala RV Resort & Casino. Yup, we had a great turnout with 13 rigs attending. We were glad to welcome back Lois Jones and Dick and Lillian Rody. It was good to see them again. This was our first rally at this resort. It is very nice with large well laid out sites and beautiful landscaping. There is a new club house with all new kitchen appliances and a nice casino. A new couple from Temecula joined the club. Welcome Tim and Sue Golec. Some were skeptical about a rally at the Pala Resort because of its location but our Trail Bosses, (the Browns and Swansons) found plenty of enjoyable things for us to do each day.

Everyone showed up on Monday except Lois, Tom Brown and Judy Kass, and the Rody's came on Sunday. We enjoyed happy hour sitting around the Swanson's RV site and dinner at the casino. After dinner some returned to their RVs and some opted to stay and gamble.

Tuesday the rally got going in high gear with a breakfast of waffles and Cajun style fried chicken. Our coffee making master Richard Rody was back to take over the coffee pot. All was good. Lunch was recommended at the casino then at 1:00 PM we were treated to a free show of the "Shagwells" a tribute to the 1960 British Invasion. After happy hour we hit the club house for a dinner of lasagna, salad and cheese cake for dessert. A couple of guests came by to visit; Bob and Annette Hall and past members Richard and Sue Skinner joined us. After dinner we had a game of L-C-R or R-C-L, doesn't matter Mr. Noe was the winner. He never disclosed the amount of his winnings.

Wednesday morning our breakfast menu was omelettes in a bag, tatertots, juices and Rody's coffee. At 10:30 we all car pooled to the Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens for a leisure walk through the grounds and a long visit with the goats. The Aragon's granddaughter who recently had brain surgery spent time feeding the goats. Upon our departure back to the RV Resort some went to grab a lunch somewhere, but the Aragons ended up with a flat tire. They had to make a quick trip to Temecula to find a tire shop and get the tire repaired.

happy hour. Again the Swansons and Browns did another Famous Enchiladas", tacos and ice cream for dessert. After C-R-L and again, Noe won the pot and didn't share.

Thursday breakfast included pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee. The Board Meeting followed at 9:30 and the General Membership Meeting at 10:00. We had a long discussion concerning the FMCA's plan to open the voting to the general membership to decide on the option of allowing

Fortunately, they made it back in time for grand slam dinner serving "Marsha's "Un-dinner we had another game of C-L-R or



non-motorized RV owners to join. It appears that voting must be done by mail. Members can find the voting sheets in the September issue of the FMCA magazine. We welcomed our new members, Tim and Sue Golec. The next long discussion involved the rally for January 2018. After a long discussion, the members voted to attend the Western Area FMCA Rally in Indio, CA. This decision will necessitate changing the rally at the San Diego Metro KOA to May. Our March rally will be 13-16 March 2018 at the Pismo Sands RV Resort, 2200 Cienega Street, Oceano, CA; May Rally is 15-18 May 2018 at the San Diego Metro KOA, 111 N. Second Street, Chula Vista, CA; and our 4th rally will be 11-14 September 2018 at the Morro Dunes RV Park, 1700 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA. Later in the afternoon some toured the San Antonio Mission founded in 1818 while others went to gamble or take naps.

After happy hour on Thursday we had "RV Dogs" with chili or Sauerkraut and all the fixings. We also got to sample some of John's home Brew which was very good. Mr. Roman then took over the floor and nailed lady Red (Marlene) with the DDD Award for illegal parking near the club house. Gary Brown presented a guessing game that covered some history and facts of the Pala area. The award for the most correct answers went to Carl Johnson.

Next Rally is the Western Area FMCA Rally in January 10-14, 2018. You must fill out your own registration forms and send payment as required. Don't forget we all decided we wanted to be together and pay the extra \$95.00 for 30 amp electrical power. Have a great Oct, Nov, and Dec. See you all in January.

Your Wagon Master
Leo Aragon



Rally at Pala RV Resort

September 2017

Pala, CA



**No
loans today!**

Can you believe it? Noe won twice.





Congratulations Red





Visiting Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens



Member Birthdays/Anniversaries

January

7 Mary Johnson
17 Muriel Benson
28 Carrie Brown
31 Carl Johnson

Anniversaries:

February

8 Bob Kennedy
Anniversaries:
10 Ed and Joan Edman
18 Bob and Beverly Kennedy

March

4 Beverly Kennedy
25 John Swanson
26 Gary Brown
Anniversaries:
16 John and Marsha Swanson
22 Glenn and Marilyn Turner

April

10 Pat Roman
11 Norm Teixeira
21 Ed Edman
23 Evelyn Teixeira
Anniversaries:

May

23 Patsy Miller
29 Ray Ouellette
Anniversaries:

June

6 Bill Miller
20 Marian Aragon
Anniversaries:
13 Leo and Marian Aragon
21 Eddie and Sandy Mitchell
27 Art and Barbara Valenzuela

July

1 Sandy Mitchell
3 Art Valenzuela
6 Jackie Ouellette
Anniversaries:
4 JD and Red Vanik
23 Norm and Evelyn Teixeira

August

1 Eddie Mitchell
4 Marilyn Turner
28 Glenn Turner
Anniversaries:
9 Larry and Muriel Benson
11 Bill and Patsy Miller
28 Gary and Carrie Brown

September

2 Barbara Valenzuela
13 Marv Zepeda
Anniversaries:
1 Carl and Mary Johnson
24 Ray and Jackie Ouellette
Ralph and Tammy Norris

October

21 J D Vanik
22 Marsha Swanson
28 Noe Roman
Anniversaries:
28 Noe and Pat Roman

November

8 Leo Aragon
11 Joan Edman
12 Cliff Horton
22 Susan Salit
27 Ruth Zepede
Anniversaries:
8 Marv and Ruth Zepede
12 Cliff and Katie Horton

December

23 Katie Horton
24 Marlene (Red) Vanik
Anniversaries:

**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Pala RV Resort, Pala, CA
September 14, 2017



**Jackie
Ouellette**
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Joan Edman. Joan led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marlene (aka Red) Vanik gave the invocation. Joan introduced Marsha and John Swanson's guests, Tim and Sue Golec, then thanked our rally Trail Bosses Marsha and John Swanson and Carrie and Gary Brown and our Wagon Master, Leo Aragon, for all of their hard work for the wonderful rally.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette was absent. She provided a copy of the previous rally minutes that are posted on the bulletin board for review. Motion to approve minutes was made by Marsha Swanson and seconded by John Swanson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Marsha Swanson also posted a report for review. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Glenn Turner. Motion passed.

National Director Joan Edman reminded everyone to vote on FMCA's proposed change to allow towables. Ballots are in the FMCA magazine and available online for print. No online voting. All ballots must be mailed to FMCA. Each membership has ONE vote. The change will only affect FMCA clubs if they vote to make the change.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson announced for 2017 our membership is 24 active members and 5 honorary members. Dues for 2018 were collected and for 2018 we have 14 members. This includes Tim and Sue Golec, our new members for 2018. Printed rosters were provided.

Librarian Marsha Swanson reminded everyone to look over the books and magazines that were donated to the club. After discussing interest in continuing the library, a motion to discontinue the library was made by Leo Aragon and seconded by Richard Rody. Motion passed. Books and magazines will be donated to a hospital and library. Marlene Vanik volunteers at a hospital near her home and will take items there. All other materials will be donated to a library.

Newsletter Editor Susan Salit was absent. Everyone keep submitting items of interest to her.

Web Master Ray Ouellette was absent. No report.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon provided two alternatives for January. The club voted to attend the Indio Rally as our January rally. Several members are then planning to stay in Blythe for the Blythe Bluegrass Festival the following weekend. The official rally will only be the Indio Rally the rest is just members going to another event. Info on Indio will be emailed to the membership. The March rally (March 13-16) will be at Pismo Sands RV Resort in Oceano, CA. The May rally will be at KOA Chula Vista, CA - dates will be provided soon. The September rally (September 11-14) will be at Morro Dunes RV Park, Morro Bay, CA.

Historian Muriel Benson was absent.

Hospitality Chairman Tammy Norris was absent. Noe reported Ralph Norris fell but is recovering. John Swanson now has a new knee and has recovered from the surgery.

Ways and Means Chairman Marian Aragon is planning a "White Elephant" event for a rally in 2018. More info to follow.

With no further business a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:45 AM was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Pat Roman. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Johnson, acting for Secretary Jackie Ouellette



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome new members Tim & Sue Golec. We always enjoy our rallies and welcome your friends to join our club. With our new members we now have 25 regular members and five honorary members.

Tim & Sue Golec
htrg1944@yahoo.com

2002 Winnie

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,

Sounds like you had a great rally at Pala and have some exciting things planned for next year. Levi and I are waiting to hear from you. Please check the birthday/anniversary page and send me any additions/corrections. Send us some good news and pictures to print. Please send your info in Word file format. PDF files are not as easily reformatted to fit in available space.

I hope you have the best holidays ever. I'll see you next year.

Susan Salit, Editor gsue@salit.us

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This is a Halloween story that my son wrote and submitted to the Los Angeles Times. He won an honorable mention, but no tickets to Disneyland.

I hope you enjoy it.

Susan



'The Littlest Alien'

October 31, 1997 | JASON P. SALIT | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Sammy Flynn was so excited. His trembling hands betrayed him as he fumbled with the Velcro on the back of his latex rubber mask. To be sure, he had put it on and taken it off all by himself before, but today was a special day--it was finally Halloween. As the son of a mask maker, he knew the value of his special mask, and to rip it would most certainly land him in his room for the evening, if not longer. Simply not acceptable! He would just have to wait for some grown-up assistance. Despite desperate pleas, his mother casually continued disemboweling the overgrown gourd on the kitchen sink. Rendered sightless by the half-seated mask, Sammy wisely waited for help and attempted to calm himself by reflecting on his day. There were, after all, 20 minutes until dusk, which was when he was to meet his friends under the scrub oak at the end of the street.

Third grade could be a dangerous place. Minor scuffles broke out hourly. The kids pushed and shoved in a snake pit of physical contact. Sammy sheepishly avoided most of this. Let's just say he wasn't your average rough-and-tumble third-grader.

In first period little Ginny Reinhart almost kissed him on the cheek. Were it not for his last-second realization and a cleverly mishandled pencil, she would have most certainly had her way with him. Recess found him dragged into the "dodge-ball-game-from-hell" that could easily have sent him to the nurse's office. Sammy was fabulous at most sports, but to him the risk of injury was too great and he despised profuse sweating.

During lunch, Blix Henreaux embroiled him in a campus-wide game of "run-away-from-the-oversized-fifth-graders." Fortunately, Sammy excelled at running. He sprinted all over campus, avoiding Blix and his great big partners in terror. They never laid a hand on him. His uncanny ability to defy death had made "Flyin' Sammy Flynn" a hero to his more immediate peers. Jaime, Frank and Ken were his buds. Together they were the "JFKs." Sammy didn't mind being a lower-case "s." Indeed, it meshed nicely with his rather subdued nature.

After the lunchtime excitement, class appeared to drag on interminably. Almost every glance at the clock seemed to find the same time. His eager eyes darted, but the clock mockingly yawned back at him.

Sitting on the bed lost in thought, he started to tug at the back of his head. His father had come in and was adroitly attending to the mask. And who better to help than the mask's creator? Soon his mother too arrived with the special treat she had promised; it was a silver Mylar spacesuit. His alien outfit was going to be the envy of every Superman, Spider-man and Power Ranger that he met tonight. No doubt about it!

Under the scrub oak, the "JFKs" all admired Sammy's silver suit, but the clincher was his alien face. His green reptilian skin glistened in the dusky light. His huge glowing amber eyes with their vertically slotted pupils sealed the deal. He was the best-looking alien in town. Together the friends set off to trick or treat the night away.

Back in Sammy's room, draped over the Styrofoam bust on his dresser laid the lifeless rubber face of a perfectly normal third-grader. A patch stitched to the inside edge of the mask bore the flying saucer logo of Mr. Flynn's company, Roswell Masks Inc. You see, Halloween was the only day of the year that Sammy didn't have to wear his mask.

Towables Welcome

VIVA Las Vegas



Celebrating our 30th Annual Western Area Rally at the Riverside County Fairgrounds

JANUARY 10-14, 2018

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

HIGHLIGHTS: 4 Nights of Camping • 3 Nights of Entertainment • Parade
 2 Ice Cream Socials – Hand Dipped Ice Cream & Cake on Thursday Night
 Ladies' Tea & Fashion Show (\$2) • 1st Time Attendee Orientation
 Chapter Fair • Bingo • Pet Extravaganza • Pickleball • Seminars & Crafts
 Door Prizes • Commercial Exhibits • New Display Coaches
 The Frustrated Maestros • Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

GENERAL INFORMATION: Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 7 (Fee Payable On-site)
 2 BUS TOURS: Palm Springs Local Area - Jan. 9 and Palm Springs Living Desert Escorted Tram Tour - Jan. 10
EXHIBIT HOURS: Display Coaches Open Wed., Jan. 10, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm / Commercial Exhibits
 Open Thur. - Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • PRIVATE GOLF CART RENTAL AVAILABLE: Call GTI
 for reservations, Mindy Hawkins 800-477-0467 • DIRECTIONS: I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south
 3 miles to 48th. Left ½ mile to Arabia Street. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.

Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:		Last Name:		Pilot:		Co-Pilot:			
Address (If this address differs from your billing address, please call):				City:		State/Province:		Zip/Postal Code:	
E-mail:			Telephone:			Cell Phone:			
Coach Make:			Coach License:			Coach Length:			<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally
<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call		Are you parking with a chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Chapter Name:					
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:				2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:				Handicap Parking? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

	Pre-Reg.	After 12/16	Qty.	Total
RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping	\$ 155.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping	\$ 135.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Additional Fee for 25-30-Amp Electric	\$ 95.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
RV with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator	\$ 155.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 50.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Passport ¹ for 1 Adult	\$ 50.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE
Palm Springs Local Area Tour ² – Jan. 9	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00		\$
Palm Springs Living Desert Tour ² – Jan. 10	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00		\$
			TOTAL	\$

¹ No motorhome parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and coffee hour.

² Requires early arrival. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Lunch not included.

Parking Information

- **Electric Parking** – 25-30 amps
- **Generator Parking** – 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
- **Handicap Parking** – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.
- **Early-Arrival Fee** – \$25 per night payable on-site, cash or check only

Payment Information

PLEASE CALL IF YOUR BILLING ADDRESS DIFFERS FROM THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.

Please Charge:

Card Number _____

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 8291 Clough Pike
 Cincinnati, OH 45244

Place your credit card registrations by:
Online: FMCA.com
Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622
Fax: (800) 543-4717 • (513) 474-2332

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be given only upon written request if received by December 16, 2017, with return of badges and confirmation materials. Absolutely no refunds for electric cancelled after December 16, 2017. A \$20.00 processing fee will be charged. Cancellations made after December 16, 2017, will be issued a Voucher toward the next WMHA Rally. Registrations after December 31, 2017, will be held at Will Call.

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Would you like to Volunteer?

Yes. If interested please contact Alice Bernard (info above).

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