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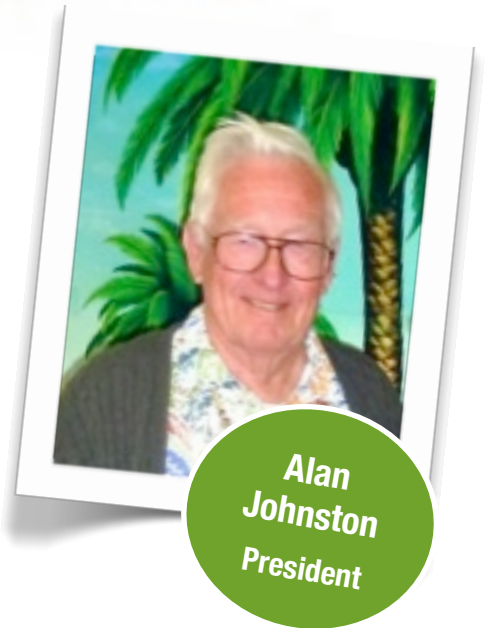
# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



### President's Message

A good time was had by all who attended our last outing at Pechanga RV Resort and celebration of the 15th Anniversary of our club.

We thank Trail Bosses Ray & Jackie Ouellette and Carl & Mary Johnson who planned and put on a great outing. They were assisted by Gary and Carrie Brown who provided entertainment with karaoke music and singing..

The turnout was great with seventeen rigs attending. We also had four past presidents in attendance. The food was outstanding. We had a wine tasting contest, a blind auction, left right center, and DDD award which provided lots of fun for everyone.

#### Officers

Alan Johnston - President  
Carl Johnson - Vice President  
Jackie Ouellette - Secretary  
Marilyn Turner - Treasurer  
Ray Ouellette - National Director  
Gary Brown - Alternate National Director

We thank you again for coming and look forward to seeing all of you again at the next outing on September 16 at Bakersfield R.V. Resort.

# member news



Alan and Joanne celebrate 60 years of marriage.

Congratulations and we hope you have many more.



## Forthcoming FMCA Rallies

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY**

**June 11-15, 2014**  
*Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Goshen, Indiana*

#### **NORTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**July 17-21, 2014**  
*Champlain Valley Exposition  
Essex Junction, Vermont*

#### **FMCA'S 90th FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE**

**August 13-16, 2014**  
*Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center  
Redmond, Oregon*

#### **MIDWEST AREA RALLY**

**August 27-30, 2014**  
*Lancaster Event Center  
Lincoln, Nebraska*

#### **EASTERN AREA RALLY**

**September 24-28, 2014**  
*Western North Carolina  
Agricultural Center  
Asheville, North Carolina*

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY**

**October 1-5, 2014**  
*State Fair of Louisiana  
Shreveport, Louisiana*

#### **WESTERN AREA RALLY**

**January 7-11, 2015**  
*Riverside County Fair and  
National Date Festival  
Indio, California*

#### **SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**February 11-14, 2015**  
*Sarasota County Fairgrounds  
Sarasota, Florida*

#### **FMCA'S 91st FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE**

**March 26-29, 2015**  
*Fairplex  
Pomona, California*

## WAGONMASTER'S REPORT



Trail Bosses Ray and Jackie Ouellette and Carl and Mary Johnson thank all who helped make our Pechanga 15th Anniversary Club Celebration such a fun success. Special thanks go to Gary and Carrie Brown for providing our Karaoke Entertainment. What a great night was had by all. Also thanks to the many "guests" that joined us: Past Presidents the Goodman's, the Wickersham's, Gary Einck (wife Sharon was home with pneumonia) also members the Brown's and Skinners who no longer have motor homes.

Also, thanks go to Sheriff Noe Roman and his helper Muriel Benson for finding worthy candidates for our DDD Award. Leo Aragon "tried" with no success to get out of receiving the DDD Award, but by popular vote he won the honor!

Jackie has received many requests for her EASY "**French Chicken**" recipe. It's so easy that it is embarrassing to write the three ingredients:

- 1 bottle (any brand) French Salad Dressing (orange in color),
- 1 envelope onion soup mix,
- 1 can whole (not jellied) cranberries.

Mix together, pour over chicken breasts, put into 9 x 12 baking dish, cover with foil, bake 1 hour 350 degrees - THAT'S IT Enjoy.

For the more adventuresome cooks, here is **Carl's Secret Spaghetti Sauce**:

- 1 whole yellow onion chopped
- 2 stalks celery chopped
- 6 cloves garlic chopped
- 1 bunch Italian parsley chopped
- 2 table spoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon of: sage, oregano, basil, rosemary
- 32 oz of crushed tomatoes,
- 32 oz tomato sauce

Heat oil in a pot add garlic, onion and celery cook until transparent, add parsley, cook down then add spices add crushed tomatoes and sauce cook and stir until boiling reduce heat to simmer and cook for 2.5 hours.



Everyone who becomes a Trail Boss knows the work put into the rally is rewarding, fun and exhausting. There are so many behind the scene helpers who put up and take down tables and chairs, who take out the trash, sweep the floors, help with dishes, and help serve. Thank you all.

## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Please be reminded of the many member benefits available through the FMCA including a \$1,000,000.00 Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage afforded to our club during or rallies. Individual benefits include the Michelin Advantage Program and the Travel Assistance and Medical Evacuation Programs (Family \$105. per year) Please go to [www.fmca.com/.../member-benefits/fmc..](http://www.fmca.com/.../member-benefits/fmc..) for additional information.

My Trail Boss Comments are as follows:

Our Pechanga Rally was remarkable with a total of seventeen rigs in addition to fifteen guests for a total of forty-nine members and guests present during our fifteenth anniversary celebration. Jackie and Mary kept everyone busy eating and playing games for the entire three day period. Our rally was highlighted by the celebration of Alan and Joanne's sixtieth (60th) wedding anniversary.

Two foursomes played golf at the challenging "Red Hawk Golf Course". Even more challenging was the extremely strong wind which prevented all of our expert golfers from shooting too many eagles or even birdies.

Gary and Carrie Brown provided the outstanding entertainment consisting of DJ and karaoke. We had several background dancers/singers and several members participate on karaoke including the professional voices of Gary and Carrie Brown and Tammy Norris.

Everyone had fun and our wagon master decided to return to Pechanga in May 2015. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Newsletter Editor Susan Salit for the excellent job she is doing with our Newsletter.

See you in Bakersfield.

Ray Ouellette, FMCA  
National Director

### Discovery Club Presidents

Robin Goodman, Gary Einck, Dave Wickersham, Carl Johnson, Alan Johnston



# Discovery Club 15th Anniversary Celebration Pechanga Resort



Starting out with a delicious breakfast and Dick Rhody's coffee.



# The DDD Award



There were several good candidates, but Leo was the winner.



**WINNERS!**

Left Right Center, fun as usual.



Karaoke with DJ Gary Brown



Impromptu silent auction.

Bob Johnson, auctioneer made \$110 for the club.



Who can recognize the most expensive wine?



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

May 15, 2014

Pechanga R. V. Resort, Temecula, CA



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Johnston at 10:05 AM. Alan then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette, said minutes for the May 15th, 2014 meeting were posted on the bulletin board for membership review. Mary Johnson made a motion to accept the posted minutes, Marsha Swanson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

President Alan Johnston then welcomed guests, Yvonne and Ed Brennan and Paul and Beverly Bakeman. Alan also welcomed to a round of applause past President Robin and wife Judy Goodman. Alan also announced there will be many more invited guests at tonight's Anniversary Celebration. Alan then thanked Trail Bosses Ray and Jackie Ouellette and Carl and Mary Johnson for putting on such a wonderful rally.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner stated the Treasury Report was posted on the bulletin board for membership review, showing a balance of \$6,648.08. A motion was made by Glenn Turner and seconded by Mary Johnson to accept the posted report. Motion Passed.

National Director Ray Ouellette stated that in response to a question Norm Teixeira had at the March meeting regarding the FMCA requirements for membership. Ray said he spoke with FMCA and to comply with FMCA membership requirements a club must have 15 or more rigs, however if the membership drops below that number a club can no longer have a National Director and an Assistant National Director. The club would still have all other FMCA benefits. We must have a minimum of 7 rigs to comply with FMCA Membership. Ray also discussed the 1 million dollar insurance policy our club receives for each rally.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson stated we currently have 22 rig membership. Mary also stated membership dues are due by December 31, 2014.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent. Ray said she would like articles sent to her as soon as possible.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon stated plans are well underway for the Sept. 16-19 2014 Rally to be held at the Bakersfield R.V. Resort, Bakersfield, CA. Trail Bosses are the Rody's and the Valenzuela's. Leo then announced locations for the 2015 Rallies and asked for volunteers:

Jan. 13-16, 2015 Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA Trail Bosses: John and Marsha Swanson. Mary Johnson and Jackie Ouellette will help.

March 17-20, 2015 Desert Willow RV Resort, Hesperia, CA Trail Bosses: Larry and Muriel Benson Benson, Curtis and Lois Jones, Robin and Judy Goodman

May 5-8, 2015 Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA Trail Bosses: Tom and Dee Thomas.

Sept 15-18, 2015 Vines RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA Trail Bosses: Leo and Marion Aragon, Norm and Evelyn Teixeira and Ed and Joan Edman

Leo then thanked all the volunteers and said the club will have a fun 2015.

Nominating Committee Chairman Jackie Ouellette asked for anyone interested in becoming a Board Member or a Committee Chairperson to speak with her after the meeting. The slate of new officers will be presented at the September 2014 meeting and installation of the New Board will be at the January 2015 meeting.

Hospitality Chairman Lois Jones gave a update on the health of Ray and Mary Archambault. She asked if anyone knows of a member that is ill to please contact her so a get well greeting can be sent from the membership.

Ways and Means Chairman Jackie Ouellette announced that the club raised \$110.00 last night at the surprise auction. She also thanked Bob Johnson for the outstanding job of being our auctioneer.

President Alan Johnston asked if there was any new business. Ralph Norris began a discussion regarding FMCA membership requirements. A question was asked if FMCA allowed "trailers" as members, and the answer from National Director Ray Ouellette was no they are not permitted under FMCA guidelines.

President Johnson said we were all looking forward to our 15th Anniversary Celebration tonight and welcoming many past members as guests. With no further business, President Johnston adjourned the meeting at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette,  
Secretary, Discovery Club of California



## Downsizing Considerations

**How much money do you want to spend on an RV?** A smaller motorhome is usually less expensive to purchase, to maintain, and to operate.

**Are you a full-time, seasonal, or casual RVer?** If you will be spending extended time living in your RV, can you travel with less space, less storage, and less stuff?

**Do you prefer to stay in state or provincial park; small, intimate RV parks; or huge RV resorts?** A shorter motorhome is easier to maneuver and can fit in tight RV sites, thereby making more locations and accommodations available. On the other hand, if you downsize, be sure to check out length and type requirements at upscale RV resorts, because some do not allow smaller motorhomes.

**Do you like to dry camp?** Smaller holding tanks in smaller motorhomes could have a direct effect on the length of time you dry camp.

**Can you be flexible in order to find a workable floor plan?** With so many floor plans available, downsizing can be a juggling act. For example, if maximum daytime living space is a priority, you may prefer a pullout sofa bed to a permanent bed.

**Have you missed attractions, events, and scenery because your motorhome is too large to pull over without a plan or a place to park?** If you enjoy stopping on a whim to take photographs, to sightsee, or to eat at a restaurant, a small motorhome makes spontaneity possible more often.

**Are you prepared to stop more frequently for fuel?** With a smaller motorhome you can get in and out of almost any gas station. You just have to do it a little more often.

**Do you own or wish to tow a large, heavy vehicle behind your motorhome?** Be sure to check out the GCWR for any motorhome you choose. In fact, with a smaller motorhome, you may choose not to tow a car at all. Either with or without a towed car, you will not have to worry about state or provincial length restrictions with a shorter motorhome.

DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA FALL RALLY  
BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT  
TUES SEPT. 16 - FRI SEPT 19, 2014  
5025 WIBLE ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313 (661)833-9998  
Trail Bosses: Rich & Lilian Rody & Art & Barbara Valenzuela

TUESDAY SEPT 16:                   3:00 PM.....Welcome & Check-In  
  5:00 PM.....Happy Hour, BYOB  
  6:00 PM.....DINNER; Catered Hamburgers, potato  
  salad & condiments + dessert  
  7:00 PM.....After dinner games

WEDNESDAY SEPT 17:               8:30 AM.....BREAKFAST: Pancakes, scrambled  
  eggs, bacon, or sausage + coffee  
  12: Noon.....ON-YOUR-OWN  
  5:00 PM....Happy Hour BYOB  
  6:00 PM....DINNER: Spaghetti & meatballs,  
  salad, garlic bread + dessert  
  7:00 PM....GAMES OF SORT

THURSDAY SEPT 18:               8:30 AM....BREAKFAST: BUFFET with scrambled  
(Board Meeting at 9: am followed                   eggs, sausage or bacon, potatoes,  
by Gen Membership meeting)                        biscuit & gravy & coffee  
  10:30AM....Leave for TOUR - Taft Oil Farms  
  5:00 PM...Happy Hour BYOB  
  6:00 PM....DINNER: Chicken Enchiladas, rice  
  beans, sour cream, guacamole, salad  
  or albondigas soup +dessert  
  7:00 PM....We'll have fun games

FRIDAY SEPT 19:                   8:30 AM....COFFEE AND SWEETS  
  Say good-by & "MERRY XMAS"

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2014

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RALLY FEES FOR TWO PEOPLE: .....\$118.00

CAMP SITE FEES @ \$39 X 3 Nights..... 117.00

TOTAL.....\$235.00

**Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of California**  
**mail to: MARILYN TURNER, 620 Gary Place, Newport Beach, CA 92663**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For 2014 we have 22 members (rigs) in good standing. Membership Renewal Forms were available at our Pechanga Rally. Six members (rigs) have already renewed for 2015. Please renew at our Bakersfield Rally or mail your info and check to me. In December Jackie needs to send FMCA a roster of our current membership. Dues have been reduced to \$20.00 for the year. Renewal forms are included in this newsletter. Thank you for your help.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman

# Discovery Club of California

## Membership renewal form

Yearly dues for members are \$20.00 per coach payable by January 1st of each year. Please remit before January 1st or at the January rally. You must remain current membership in FMCA. Please fill in below information so that we may update our records.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Pilot cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Pilot email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Pilot email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA and mail to:  
Mary Johnson  
30500 Caliente Place  
Canyon Lake, CA 92587