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Discovery

Club of California Newsletter

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A Chapter of FMCA



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

WAGON MASTER'S REPORT MORRO DUNES RV PARK RALLY MARCH 15th – 18th 2016

We just completed another great fun loving rally in Morro Bay, California. For one we had excellent weather that allowed everyone involved to venture out for a leisurely walk on the beach. Morro Bay has beautiful landscapes to gaze at and the Morro rock is a breathtaking site to view and visit. Ray has posted some pictures he took onto our website. In addition to the beach and Morro Rock many members took advantage of the weather and spent time walking around the many shops in the downtown tourist area along the Embarcadero Drive. There they found shops and restaurants to enjoy.

On Monday (not necessarily the start of the rally) everyone, except Gary and Carrie Brown, checked in at the Morro Dunes RV Park early enough to settle in and later at 5:30 PM we all went for a good dinner at the Dutchman Restaurant. It was nice because we had an outside room all to ourselves to enjoy the view and visit with each other. It provided a good kick-off for our rally.

We officially got our rally started on Tuesday at 5 PM as we gathered in the club house for our usual social hour followed by dinner at 6 PM. Unfortunately Marian Aragon could not attend the rally but she prepared the food consisting of home cooked pulled pork, coleslaw, buns, and chips followed by ice cream sandwiches and more ice cream. Almost everyone played L-R-C won by Marilyn Turner.

Wednesday morning we started the day with; eggs-any-style, bacon, hash brown potatoes, and rolls. We always have plenty of coffee. Norm Teixeira and Noe Roman helped with cooking the eggs. What a team, Norm cracked eggs and Noe flipped them as ordered like a pro. Later in the day, thanks to Joan Edman who made the arrangements, several members went on the tour of the San Luis Bay Light House while some took a drive up Highway 1 to Cayucos and Cambria to see the pinnipeds (seals) along the beach. Leo, Bill and Eddie stayed back to prepare/cook Bar-B-Q chicken, along with the famous central coast pinquito beans, salad, and grill toasted bread. For dessert we had apple pie or cherry pie with ice cream. After dinner a large group played L-R-C. The winner was Sandy Mitchell.

Thursday was Saint Patrick's Day and the trail bosses planned for a great day of celebration and fun with good food. We started the day with all you can eat sausage links and pancakes. Again Norm and Noe took over making the pancakes. Many thanks to both Norm and Noe. Sandy Mitchell and Joan Edmans had decorated the club house for Saint Patrick's. During the afternoon Sandy spent hours preparing our Irish meal of "corned beef and cabbage" and all the fixings that go with the dish. She also made Irish brownies made with Irish liquor. Beverly Kennedy made Irish bread. Right before dinner Marian Aragon came in as a surprise to everyone (since she didn't come to the rally) and she brought a guest, Dolores, a long lost friend of the club. Then the fun begin. Evelyn Teixeira started off identifying those guilty of violations of club rules. Then Noe began with his never boring presentation of the DDD Award. After a long discussion between Noe and Ray, the winner of the DDD Award in January, Noe presented the two candidates for the award, Leo and Ray. Then someone accused Noe of doing something stupid (dumb) so we had three culprits. After the usual defenses the people voted for the real guilty one and Noe took the DDD Award which was presented by Ray. Then we had the competition for the best man and woman Irish dress award. The competition was close as many members really went all out to dress GREEN. The winners were; Carrie Brown for the best woman's Irish dress and Ed Edmans for the men. They each were presented with their awards. Evelyn took over the evening conducting the ever fun event of having all the wrapped presents auctioned off by our expert Gary Brown. Everyone had fun bidding on items they didn't know what they were. The winners of the bidding ranged from as low as \$6.00 to as high as 35.00. The whole event was hilarious and just plain fun.

Friday morning a few stayed around for a quick good-by hug while others made a quick early departure. This rally was compliments of trail bosses the Aragons and the Mitchells with lots of help from several who pitched in.

Our next rally is in May at the Bakersfield RV Resort. Don't forget to sign up and send in your checks to Marilyn.

Your; Wagon Master
Leo Aragon

Presidents Report



Ray Ouelette
President

President's Report

On behalf of our entire club, I would like to express our very sincere thank you to Leo for hosting such a wonderful rally. Our Wagon Master Leo Aragon was also our Trail Boss, cook, dish washer and our Rally Organizer. He was even a DDD Award candidate. A very special thanks to several other volunteers who assisted with the cooking and organizing of the tours. Leo's wife Marian spent a great deal of time preparing the food for the rally but was unable to attend the first two days of the rally but surprised us on our final rally night.

This was our very first rally at Morro Bay Beach and probably the most beautiful site ever experienced by our club. The highlights of our rally included historical lighthouse tour in Avita Bay, our Saint Patrick's Day "Green Costume contest" and the "wrapped package auction" which netted our club about \$250.00 including the fines levied by sheriff Evelyn Teixeira. She even fined her own husband \$5.00 for his cell phone interruption during our general membership meeting. Check out some of the photos in this newsletter. One photo is worth a thousand words. Go to our website <http://discoveryclubonline.com/> and you tube https://youtu.be/0EHBekk_6qw for more photos video.

Welcome our new members Bob & Bev Kennedy. Even though our membership has declined, we continue to have good turn-out at our rallies. We should strive for a minimum attendance fifteen rigs which is often times the minimum required by R.V. Resorts for the discounted site fees and exclusive rights to their clubhouse.

Our Honorary Membership Category was discussed during our last membership meeting. Current Honorary members include Robin & Judy Goodman and Susan Salit. A recommendation was made to include Dave & Betty Wickersham and Gary & Sharon Einck as honorary members because of the significant service they rendered to our Club. A vote will be presented to the executive board and the membership during our Bakersfield rally.

We have several upcoming fun rallies scheduled including Bakersfield, Chula Vista, Havasu City and Pechanga. Thanks again to all committee members and trail boss volunteers responsible for making us the very best motorhome club in California.

Ray O

FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Joan Edman
Nat'l. Director

In a press release from FMCA, it was announced Gary Bunzer the “RV Doctor” was named to the RV/MH Hall of Fame after being nominated by FMCA. For more than 25 years he has provided advice to FMCA members. I’m sure many of you read his Q&A column, “House Calls with the RV Doctor,” which appears each month in FMCA’s magazine, Family Motor Coaching. If you’ve attended an FMCA rally you probably have attended one of his seminars. He does such an excellent presentation, always continues to patiently answer questions at breaks and after the workshop, and gives email priority to seminar attendees. Not only does he train RV technicians, he has written, produced and directed special RV service training videos and DVDs for professional RV technicians as well as RV owners. He has a great sense of humor and his workshops are fun. He mentioned in a workshop we attended, that he followed in his father’s footsteps in the RV industry. A well-deserved honor for Mr. Bunzer!

We are planning to attend FMCA’s Northwest Area Rally that will be June 23-26 in Albany, OR as part of a six-week trip we are taking after the club’s Bakersfield rally. I don’t know if any of you are attending, but the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville is only 47 miles away from Auburn, and well worth a side trip.

Hopefully everyone received a copy of the FMCA Western Area By-Ways newsletter. It is meant to keep all of us better informed. Despite the rain, the Indio Rally was well attended and successful. Plans are underway for next year’s rally in Indio, which starts on January 11th with the theme, “Beach Party.”

Looking forward to Bakersfield!

Joan Edman

Revisit Morro Bay by clicking on the link below. Enjoy Ray’s video.

https://youtu.be/OEHBEkk_6qw



Morro Bay Rally

March 15 - 18, 2015
Morro Bay, CA



Winner Winner, better than
a chicken dinner.

Leprechaun
haute couture



No question about it. I've got this.



Irish Games



OH NO! Not again.



So many leprechauns. None were left in Ireland.



At the auction



Our new leprechauns

Bob and Bev Kennedy



Happy Anniversary
John and Marsha

Member Birthdays

April

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

May

16 Larry Benson
23 Patsy Miller
29 Ray Ouellette

June

6 Bill Miller
20 Marian Aragon

Anniversaries

June

13 Leo and Marian Aragon
21 Eddie and Sandy Mitchell
27 Art and Barbara Valenzuela

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Discoverers



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

Morro Dunes RV Resort, Morro Bay, CA

March 17, 2016



**Jackie
Ouellette
Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Ouellette at 10:05 AM. Noe Roman then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the invocation.

Ray then introduced our new members Bob and Beverly Kennedy. They graciously gave us a condensed version of their life and family.

Ray then thanked Leo Aragon for working so hard and putting on this wonderful rally. Leo's wife Marian helped with the food, but was unable to attend the rally due to a family emergency.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said a copy of the January 14, 2016 minutes were posted on the bulletin board for membership review. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Pat Roman to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner announced the balance as of Jan. 31, 2016 is \$ 6,370.05. She said a copy of the completed report was posted on the bulletin board for review. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Eddie Mitchell to approve the posted treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

National Director Joan Edman passed out to all a copy of her FMCA National Director's Report. (See attached copy of report). Joan puts in many hours of work to help keep our members informed of all FMCA news. She encouraged all to read the FMCA magazine, and if anyone had any questions regarding FMCA's benefits she would be happy to assist in getting information needed.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson announced we have 20 paid coach memberships, and 2 Honorary Memberships. A discussion was held regarding a sign to be displayed at all rallies indicating new members welcome. Suggestions for wording were made, and approximate cost would be \$179. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Marsha Swanson to purchase said sign. Motion Passed. Ray Ouellette will handle the purchase.

Hospitality Chairman Jackie Ouellette gave health reports on the following members: Dick Rody, Barbara Valenzuela, Curtis Jones, and anniversaries of the Swanson's and Turner's. Also family members of the Aragon's, Zepeda's and Benson's.

Ways and Means Chairman Evelyn Teixeira outlined tonight's white elephant fund raiser and said that member Gary Brown will be our auctioneer. A fun time is planned for all. She asked for all packages to be wrapped and delivered to the clubhouse prior to dinner.

Newsletter Chairman, and Honorary Member, Susan Salit was unable to attend but asked for fun and interesting articles to be placed in the newsletter. Jackie Ouellette brought up the idea a new section for the newsletter announcing birthdays and anniversaries of members (no years). Each newsletter will include the dates up to that month of the next rally. All thought it was a good fun idea. Jackie passed around a paper asking all to fill in birthday and anniversary information and she would relay this to Susan for the newsletter.

Web Master Ray Ouellette held a discussion regarding interest in the web site and whether the web site should continue. Much discussion was held on how much enjoyment everyone gets looking a present and past pictures and articles and getting forms as needed. No discussion was held regarding discontinuing the web site. All want the web site to continue.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon passed out a list of upcoming rallies, places, dates, and trail bosses.

May 17-20, 2016, Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA Trail Bosses: The Swanson's
Sep 20-23, 2016 Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista, CA Trail Bosses: Ouellette's and Turner's.
Jan 9-13, 2017, Havasu Falls RV Resort, Lake Havasu City, AZ Trail Bosses needed

Leo also asked Ray Ouellette to check into reserving Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA for March 2017. Leo also expressed his most sincere thanks to all Trail Bosses and all their hard work.

Vice President Glenn Turner discussed having a rally in Quartzsite, AZ in the future. He spoke with the managers of Park Place RV Park and they were very helpful and would accommodate us having a rally there. The clubhouse does not have a kitchen, but does have a microwave and sink. We could cater and pot luck our meals. The manager gave Glenn names and phone numbers of places that would deliver food to the clubhouse. He gave information to Wagon Master Leo Aragon.

Nominating Committee Chairman Evelyn Teixeira asked for persons interested in holding an Executive Board position to please contact her. She will present completed list at the September 2016 rally. Voting will take place at that rally also, and the "new" board members will be sworn in at the January 2017 meeting.

Member Noe Roman gave an informative talk on RV engine service and what it means when the "engine lights come on".

Librarian Marsha Swanson thanked all for their interest in exchanging books and that she has many new books for members enjoyment. She will be bringing new books again at our next rally in Bakersfield.

With no further business, President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of California



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We now have 20 members and two honorary members in our Discovery Club. Welcome Bob and Bev - it was great to meet you at our Morro Bay rally. Everyone keep inviting your rv friends to visit our website (discoverclubonline.com) and come to our rallies. See you all in May at Bakersfield.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair (mary30500@gmail.com).

NEWSLETTER REPORT

I enjoyed putting this newsletter together. It looks like you all had a lot of fun. There don't seem to be any Discovery Club members with problematic inhibitions. (-; I wish I could have joined you. I hope to see you at the Bakersfield Rally. In the meantime, if you have any information you would like to pass along, let me know. I'll be sure to publish it in the next issue.

Susan Salit, Editor gsue@salit.us

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2016 - 2017 Planed Rallies

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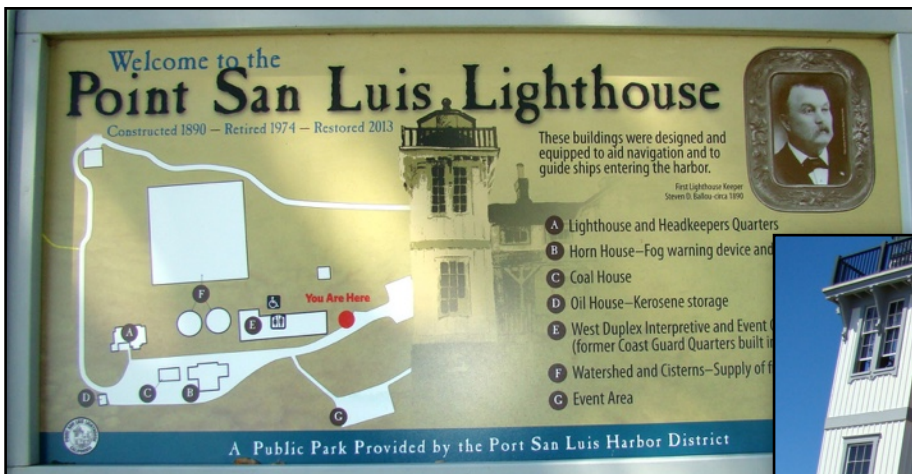
May 17 - 20, 2016 Bakersfield R.V. Resort Bakersfield, CA. Trail Bosses : John & Marsha Swanson

Sep 20 - 23, 2016 Chula Vista R.V. Resort 460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista, CA. Trail Bosses: Ray & Jackie Ouellette, Glenn & Marilyn Turner

Jan 9 - 13, 2017 Havasu Falls R. V. Resort, 3493 State Route 95 North, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404 Phone 928-764-0050 Trail Bosses Needed

Mar 3 - 7, 2017 Pechanga R. V. Resort, 4500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92591 Ph 877-997-8386 Trail Bosses Needed

Wagon Master Leo Aragon expresses a sincere thanks to the Trail Boss Volunteers



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 'DISCOVERY CLUB OF CA' FMCA CHAPTER:

You must be a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association. FMCA membership and a Class A, B or C motorhome mandatory. Please remit before January 1st or at our January rally. Please fill in bellow information so we can update our records.

Website: DISCOVERYCLUBONLINE.COM

Date _____ FMCA# _____

Last Name _____ Pilot _____

Last Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Pilot cell# _____

Co-Pilot cell # _____

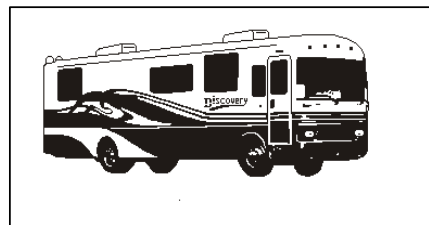
Year & Make of Motorhome _____

email address _____

Please enclose renewal amount of \$20.00

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of CA and mail to:

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman
30500 Caliente Place
Canyon Lake, CA 92587
(951) 768-7021



If you have any questions, feel free to call

**WELCOME!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU SOON!!!!**

Discovery Club Rally
May 17th - May 20th
RV Resort Bakersfield
5025 Wible Road
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Phone 661 833-9994

Trail Bosses: John & Marsha Swanson 951 313-7472

TUESDAY

3:00 Rally begins with Check-in

5:00 Happy Hour, BYOB

6:00 Dinner All American build your own Hamburger, baked beans
and potato salad

7:00 Some fun

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Breakfast Scramble Eggs, Bacon or Sausage Links, Country Potatoes,
Biscuits & Gravy.

5:00 Happy Hour BYOB

6:00 Dinner Meat Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Parmesan Bread

7:00 Fun and Games

THURSDAY

8:30 Breakfast Pancakes, Scramble Eggs, Bacon or Sausage

9:30 Board Meeting followed by General Membership meeting @10:00

5:00 Happy Hour BYOB

6:00 Dinner Build your own Fajita Buffet Chicken or Beef with the works, Rice &
beans

7:00 Social time & game

FRIDAY

8:00 good byes sweet rolls at our site

RALLY FEES PER COACH. \$186.00 all meals catered.
RV FEES \$40 x 3 nights. 120.00
\$306.00 early arrivals add \$40

Make checks to Discovery Club of California & mail to Marilyn Turner, 620 Gary Pl. Newport
Beach CA 92663

MUST TURN SIGN UP BY April 30, 2016