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Discovery

Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

We had our Election Rally and our last rally for the year at the Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista, California. We had one of our largest turn outs for a rally in a very long time, 16 rigs at my last count, that is great. We missed Noe and Pat Roman. They cancelled at the last minute for health reasons. This was some rally as we were overwhelmed with three days of rain, thunder and lightning, WOW!! The Edmans even saw a nearby palm tree catch fire from a lightning strike.

As scheduled by our wonderful Trail Bosses, Ouellettes and Turners, the rally started on Monday the 19th and since 13 rigs (26 of us) decided to arrive on Sunday, Ray arranged for us to have dinner at the "Galley At The Marina." We had a private room and very good sea food. The real "gotcha" is the low cost breakfast the restaurant has every morning. We enjoyed our Sunday dinner and the leisurely walk back to our rigs.

The rally got under way Monday as our hosts prepared the club house and the goodies during our social period. We had our Happy Hour at 5 pm then we all feasted on LARGE baked potatoes and dressing followed by dessert. Later in the evening everyone played R-L-C. It was a large crowd. The winner that walked away with all the money was Evelyn Teixeira.

Tuesday we had an early breakfast because we had to hustle out to catch the Duck Seal Tour Bus/Boat. Breakfast consisted of tostadas filled with eggs, cheese, salsa and beans accompanied with fruit. After breakfast we all car-pooled to Seaport Village. We took a group picture by the boat then boarded the vessel for a 90 minute narrated tour that winds through San Diego Harbor before we plunged into the harbor waters. The Captain took us for a long ride up and down the harbor before going back on land and back to our cars. The vessel is called the Unsinkable Hydra-Terra. Our narrator was well informed, as he has been doing this for 23 years. The group kind of split up into smaller groups and ate lunch at local restaurants before heading back to the resort. After a leisure afternoon we gathered at the club house for Happy Hour and later a dinner of Chicken Casserole, salad and dessert. We closed the evening with three games of bingo, none of which were won by the wagon master.

Wednesday morning we had Jackie's famous French Toast Casserole, with bacon, fruit and some good coffee. Later in the morning we had a board meeting followed by our general membership meeting (we had to wear red, white, and blue). The focus of our general membership meeting was the election of officers for the next two year terms.

Slate of Newly Elected Officers:

President -----Joan Edman; V. President -----Evelyn Teixeira
Secretary -----Jackie Ouellette; Treasurer ----- Marsha Swanson
Nat'l Dir. -----Joan Edman; Alt Nt'l Dir ----- Ray Ouellette

Committees:

Wg'n Master -----Leo Aragon; Web Master -----Ray Ouellette
Newsletter -----Susan Salit; Hospitality -----Tammy Norris
Way & Means-----Marian Aragon; Photographer-----Bill Miller
Historian----- Murial Benson; Librarian-----Marsha Swanson

.....CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ELECTED.....

At dinner time we had Jackie's and Glen's famous Roast Pork and trimmings, very good stuff. After dinner we usually have our famous DDD Award ceremony but Noe didn't show with the award and Ray didn't have any candidates so we skipped the DDD Award. Instead we played a guessing game created by Marsha Swanson and the winner (wassssss) Mary Johnson.

Thursday morning we had a short good-by session as everyone was about to hit the crowded freeways for their trip home.

Our next rally will be in Quartzsite, Arizona on 23, 24, and 25 January 2017. Don't forget you have to call in your own reservations with Park Place RV Park. They will hold the site until October 15th.

HOPE SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS AS TRAIL BOSS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN

HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER AND SEE YOU ALL IN JANUARY.

YOUR Wagon Master
Leo Aragon



Presidents Report



Ray Ouellette
President

I would first like to thank Trail Bosses Jackie Ouellette and Glenn & Marilyn Turner for all the hard work they put in to make this rally so enjoyable. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our Wagon Master Leo Aragon, who has agreed to serve us for another two (2) years. We have several important board and committee positions in our organization but I place the Wagon Master and the Trail Boss positions at the very top.

We had a great turnout at our Chula Vista Rally. Three of the sixteen rigs were invited guests, two of which decided to join our club. The lightning and thunder kept us alert but did not dampen the great time we had playing games and feasting in the clubhouse. I also think that our Seal tour was most enjoyable with 100% participation.

Our website has been updated with our list of scheduled rallies for 2017, our new board and committee members, photos from our Chula Vista Rally, etc. Check it out at <http://discoveryclubonline.com/>. Also, please check out page 31 of the October issue of the Family Motor Coaching Magazine for our Discovery Club Article and photo..

Congratulations and a great thank you to our new President Joan Edman, Vice President Evelyn Teixeira and board members for volunteering to serve our club for the next two years. I look forward to our swearing in ceremony during our Quartzsite Rally.

Have a wonderful Christmas, see you in Quartzsite January 2017.

Ray-O
Your Lame Duck President

Discovery Club of California Officers 2017-2018

President	Joan Edman
Vice President	Evelyn Teixeira
Secretary	Jackie Ouellette
Treasurer	Marsha Swanson
National Director	Joan Edman
Alt. National Director	Ray Ouellette

Committee Members

Wagon Master	Leo Aragon
Webmaster	Ray Ouellette
Newsletter Editor	Susan Salit
Membership Chair	Mary Johnson
Hospitality	Tammy Norris
Ways & Means	Marian Aragon
Photographer.....	Bill Miller
Historian.....	Muriel Benson
Librarian.....	Marsha Swanson

FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Joan Edman
Nat'l. Director

We attended the FMCA Northwest Area Rally in Albany, OR in June. The town's residents were so welcoming. We toured several museums and their historic downtown with its unique shops and restaurants.

There were numerous vendors and the seminars were great. The food was exceptional. One seminar I attended was "Rejuvenating your Chapter." Tips were given on recruiting new members and retaining current ones. Membership in FMCA's Western Area continues to drop. There are 9,200 members in California, and 2,300 are in chapters. With many being members of several chapters, approximately 1,700 are current members. On the national level, FMCA's rate of loss has decreased. The first half of calendar year 2016 actually experienced a membership increase in five out of six months. Most of the seminar attendees at Albany were from Oregon and Canada. It was interesting to me that several chapters have a rally every month, dry camp often, and potluck. A few held weekend rallies, however, they have young families and few retirees. I explained that in CA it is often necessary to reserve camping spots months in advance. They liked our auctions and especially our DDD award. At the end of the seminar, door hangers were provided to promote membership.

I did not attend the FMCA Assist seminar since I attended one previously. FMCA's investment earnings are performing very well, and continue to fund the FMCA Assist Medical Evacuation and Travel Assistance Program. Kathie Balogh, FMCA National Vice President for the Northwest Area, told me later of a change in the vehicle return coverage provided by Seven Corners for coaches 10 years or older. In October this change will be included in the new membership foldout. Effective on October 1, 2016 our dues will increase by \$10 per year. Thus first year dues will be \$60 and renewal \$50.

Thanks to Ray Ouellette, our chapter is being featured in the October issue of the FMCA magazine! We will be spotlighted in the "Enhancing the Motorhome Lifestyle" section. Hopefully we will get some new members. I included our Chula Vista rally in the FMCA Magazine's Association Calendar for August 2016 with zero response!

Future FMCA rallies include the 29th Western Area Rally in Indio, CA January 11-15, and the 95th International Rally in Chandler, AZ March 7-10.



Chula Vista Rally

September 19 - 22, 2016
Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista, CA



Kiss the cook!
XXOO





The luckiest woman!





JUST MARRIED!

Congratulations to Ed and
Yvonne Brennan

Welcome to guests

Bob and Annette Hall



NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome Jim and Marlene
Vanik

NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome Cliff and Katie
Horton



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

16 Larry Benson
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:
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

22 Marsha Swanson
28 Noe Roman
Anniversaries:
28 Noe and Pat Roman

November

8 Leo Aragon
11 Joan Edman
22 Susan Salit
27 Ruth Zepeda
Anniversaries:
8 Marv and Ruth Zepeda

December

Anniversaries:

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

Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista, CA

September 21, 2016



**Jackie
Ouellette
Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President, Ray Ouellette. Ray then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jackie Ouellette gave the invocation.

Ray extended congratulations to members Ed and Yvonne Brennan who recently got married. Ed Brennan then introduced their guests, Cliff and Kathy Horton and Robert and Annette Hall. Gary Brown then introduced his guests Jim and Marlene Vanik.

Ray then extended birthday wishes to Zip Zepeda (87 yrs old) Marsha Swanson, Noe Roman, Leo Aragon, Joan Edman and Ruth Zepeda. He also announced anniversary wishes to the Johnson's, Norris's, Zepeda's, Brennan's, Roman's and Ouellette's.

Ray then thanked Glenn & Marilyn Turner and Jackie Ouellette for being Trail Bosses and for Marsha Swanson also for all her help. All agreed to having a great rally.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes for the May Rally in Bakersfield are posted on the bulletin board for all to review. A motion was made by Marsha Swanson and seconded by Tammy Norris to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner announced the treasurers report is also posted on the bulletin board for all to review. Current balance before any expenses from this current rally is: \$6,507.52. A motion was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Tammy Norris to approve the report. Motion passed.

National Director Joan Edman gave an extended update of the FMCA meeting she attended in June 2016 in Oregon. She announced the increase of FMCA annual dues by \$10. and you can still pay for 4 years and get the 5th year free. She also told of the Discovery Club picture and article in the Oct. issue of the FMCA Magazine. See attached full copy of the National Director's report.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson announced we have 21 members (rigs) and 4 Honorary Members. At this rally we will have 2 new memberships and a possible 3rd. Mary also announced that membership dues of \$20. are due prior to December 31, 2016 for the 2017 year. The secretary must fill out forms informing FMCA of our 2017 membership names and of officers holding board positions prior to the end of the year.

Hospitality Chairman Jackie Ouellette gave health updates on Dick Rody, Barbara Valenzuela, Larry Benson, and Curtis Jones, and Glenn Turner gave an update on Dave and Betty Wickersham. Get well cards have been sent to all these members. It was also mentioned that Pat and Noe Roman had a emergency and were not able to make the rally. A get well card will be sent to Pat.

Ways and Means Chairman Evelyn Teixeira had no report. Evelyn is also the Nominating Committee Chairman and presented the following Officers for the 2017-18 Board: President, Joan Edman; Vice President, Evelyn Teixeira; Secretary, Jackie Ouellette; Treasurer, Marsha Swanson; FMCA Director, Joan Edman; and Alternate FMCA Director, Ray Ouellette. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Tammy Norris to approve the 2017-18 Board. Motion Passed. Joan asked for volunteers for any of the Chairmanships to please see her ASAP.

Librarian Marsha Swanson reminded everyone that the Library is available and asked after you read a book if you could do a brief review of the book for others interested in reading it. Marsha also explained her 3 rally system that if a book isn't borrowed during 3 consecutive rallies she then donates the book to the local library for their use. New donations are always appreciated.

There was a brief discussion regarding all the books Muriel Benson has as our Historian and how we have so many pictures on our web site that perhaps the books could be stored and brought to rallies periodically. Further follow-up will be made when Muriel is available.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent. President Ray O. will forward pictures to her, along with his report. He did ask all committee chairman to also forward their reports to her to be included in the Newsletter.

Web Master Ray Ouellette encouraged all to view pictures, upcoming rally information and much more on our web site. Site is kept up to date.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon began his report with his usual joke then proceeded to list the following 2017 rallies:
Jan. 25-26, 2017 *note date change and rally begins on Monday - Park Place RV Resort, Quartzsite, AZ. No host rally. Everyone must call the Resort and make your own reservations.

March 13-16, 2017 *note date change and rally begins on Monday - Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA - Trail Bosses Needed

May 15-18, 2017 - Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, CA - Aragon's Trail Bosses

Sept. 11-14, 2017 - Pala Casino RV Resort, Fallbrook, CA - Trail Bosses Needed

Vice President Glenn Turner had no report.

With no further business President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary, Discovery Club of California

CALLING
ALL MEMBERS!
It's time to renew



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is that time of year again: the collecting of dues for 2017. At the rally 14 membership dues for 2017 were collected - this includes 2 new members! In December Jackie needs to send to FMCA a roster of members for 2017. For those members unable to be at our last rally, please mail me your renewal dues (\$20.00 payable to Discovery Club of California). I hope we see everyone at our next rally. And remember keep inviting your RV friends to join our club.

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

NEWSLETTER REPORT

I know you all had a great time at the Chula Vista Rally. I truly wish I had been there with you. There are lots of great pictures shared here for your memories, and don't forget to try Jackie's yummy recipe for French Toast. The holiday season is already upon us and we won't have another get together until January. So, have a great time until then and if you have special things to share, be sure to send them to me for the next newsletter.

Susan Salit, Editor (gsue@salit.us)

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Planned 2017 Rallies

MONDAY Jan 23 - 26, 2017 Park Place RV Park, 250 N. Riggles Ave, Quartzsite, AZ Phone 928-927-6699 No Host Rally

Monday Mar 13 - 16, 2017 Pechanga R. V. Resort, 4500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592

Phone 877-997-8386 Trail Bosses Needed

May 15 - 19, 2017 Flying Flags RV Resort, 180 Avenue of The Flags, Buellton, CA 93427

Phone 877-783-5247 Trail Bosses Leo & Marian Aragon

Sep 11 - 15, 2017 Pala Casino RV Resort, 11042 Hwy 75, Pala, CA 92059 Phone 844-472-5278

Trail Bosses John & Marsha Swanson, Gary & Carrie Brown

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!!!!**

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE
FROM CHULA VISTA RALLY BREAKFAST

Night before serving:

Ingredients:

1 loaf (1 pound) French or Italian Bread cut into 1 inch cubes (I used Italian bread)

8 eggs, lightly beaten - I used 9 eggs

3 cups 2% milk

4 t sugar

1 t vanilla

3/4 t salt

Topping:

1/2 c all purpose flour

1/2 c brown sugar

1 T cinnamon

1/3 t salt

pinch of nutmeg

1 stick of butter

blueberries (or any fruit)

Directions:

1. Grease 13 x 9 baking dish (I used foil disposable pans!)

Place bread cubes into baking pan

In a large bowl whisk eggs, milk, sugar, salt and vanilla

Pour over bread. Cover, refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

2. Mix all topping ingredients (I did the night before in a plastic baggie)

Take cube of butter cut into pieces, and "dot" top of bread

Add fruit (without juices)

Sprinkle topping ingredients over fruit.

Cover with foil - bake 350 degrees - 45-50 minutes or until knife inserted near center of casserole comes out clean.

Let stand 5 minutes before cutting. Serves 8-12 depending on how hungry you are!

Serve with syrup, butter, whipped cream or more fruit if desired.



This recipe is a combination of 3 different recipes which I found on-line.

Glad you enjoyed it - very easy and great for large group. I made 5 pans full for the rally.

Thanks, Jackie O.