

June 2012

# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter



A Chapter of FMCA

### Presidents Message

The Pismo Beach Rally was great! You could not beat the private RV Park that Art got us into. It was nice, quiet and relaxing, and was also within walking distance of down town Pismo and a short drive to SLO. Dick and Lillian Rody and Art and Barbra Valenzuela were the Trail Bosses on this Rally and did a very good job in keeping us fed. Thanks to the Trail Bosses for all their hard work on this rally! To top it off we all got together as a group and attended a theater in Oceana that featured "Vaudeville Spectacular- Melodrama" which was very entertaining. In any case the time just flew by on this Rally.

Please note that included in this newsletter is a ballot for executive officers for 2013-2014. The positions open are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- National Director

If you cannot make it to the next Rally at Pechanga then mail in your ballot to the secretary to make your vote count.

My term is not over yet, but it has been fun being your president. I know the people that deserve all the credit for a well run club are the Wagon Master Ray and the trail bosses that work at each rally.

Again we'll see you all in Pechanga!



**Carl  
Johnson  
President**

# Member News



Here are some fabulous pictures of the solar eclipse that occurred on May 20, 2012. These are from Facebook and were posted by a surfer. The ring of fire picture was taken in New Mexico.  
Susan



Do you know this man?? Former Discovery Club Member. Former President of the Discovery Club.

Answer: Gary Einck, Photo taken at Art Valenzuela's surprise 80th birthday celebration.

Our own pirate, Lois Jones, at the Indio Rally. She was marching in the parade with the Bus Nuts.

## WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

### Pismo Creek Rally

Our Pismo Creek Rally was a great success thanks to Trail Bosses Dick & Lillian Rody and Art & Barbara Valenzuela who provided some 26 members with breakfast consisting of waffles, sausage, omelets-in-bag, home made Belgium waffles, strawberries and much more. The three dinners included pizza, lasagna and chicken. Pismo Creek is private resort, well maintained and within walking distance to the beach. Dave Wickersham was assigned the task of presenting the DDD Award but his investigations disclosed everyone was well behaved so it was held in abeyance until our next rally. Mary Johnson was our under-cover sheriff and managed to collect \$5.00 in fines including \$1.00 from her husband who was late for the membership meeting.

The highlight of our rally was the 100% participation of all attendees to "The Great American Melodrama & Vaudeville" program which kept everyone laughing for at least two hours. They certainly lived up to their reputation of being "The Best Live Entertainment on the Central Coast".

It was also interesting to note that nine of the thirteen rigs had extended stays beyond the scheduled 3-day rally. I would encourage everyone to consider spending more than the customary three day period especially when traveling long distances. Simply notify the wagon master or trail boss who will either make the arrangements or advise you to contact the resort directly.

Our next rally will be at "Pechanga R.V. Resort" on MONDAY, Sep 24 through Thursday, Sep 27, 2012. The reason for starting our rally one day earlier in the week was due to the availability of the clubhouse. Election of Officers will be held during this rally, Dave Wickersham has been volunteered to be the "Nominating Committee Chairman". The trail bosses will be Rick & Sue Skinner, Gary & Carrie Brown, and John & Marsha Swanson. Unfortunately, we were unable to schedule golfing at this resort because of seeding during the scheduled rally dates. However, we will attempt to reserve eight spots at "Red Hawk" golf course located nearby.

Our first 2013 rally will be at Emerald Desert R.V. Resort located at 76000 Frank Sinatra Drive Palm Desert (760)345-4770 from Tues Jan 15 - Friday Jan 18, 2013. Trail Bosses Johnson's & Ouellette's. The site fees may be a little higher than normal but well worth it during this prime time of year and it's probably the very best R.V. Resort in Southern California. Additionally, it will be a considerable fuel savings for participants not going to Quartzsite.

If you plan to proceed to Quartzsite, you may want to make reservations by contacting Quail Run R.V. Resort at 928-927-8810 and speak with Kim, the new resort manager. We can caravan from Emerald Desert as we have done in the past. It may also be possible to spend a day or two in the overflow area of Quail Run with a short notice.

In the meantime, trail bosses are still very much in demand and the Club continues to cover the site fees for both the trail bosses and their assistant. Please contact your wagon master for further information.

Drive safe, C U on MONDAY September 24th at "Pechanga R.V. Resort .

Ray Ouellette, Wagon Master  
Discovery Club of California



## Forthcoming Discovery Club Rallies 2012

Monday Sept 24 - Thursday Sept 27, 2012

[Pechanga RV Resort](#)

45000 Pechanga Parkway (Tour Old Town)

Temecula, CA 92592

951-587-0484 or 877-997-8386

Trailbosses: Rich & Sue Skinner, Gary & Carrie Brown

### Proposed 2013 Rallies (Subject to Change)

Tuesday January 15 - Friday January 18, 2013

[Emerald Desert RV Resort](#)

Palm Desert, CA

The Johnsons and The Ouellettes

Tuesday March 19 - Friday March 22, 2013

[Bakersfield RV Resort](#)

5025 Wible Road

Bakersfield, CA 93313

PH (661) 833-9998 | FX (661) 833-9994

The Teixeiras

Thursday Sept. 19 - Sunday Sept. 22, 2013

(Proposed Only)

[Boulder Creek RV Resort](#)

2550 South Highway 395

Lone Pine, CA 93545 (760) 876-4243

Trail Boss ??

### Election of Officers

Slate of officers

Nominated for election at the Pechanga Rally in September, 2012

Alan Johnston - President

Carl Johnson - Vice President

Jackie Ouellette - Secretary

Marilyn Turner - Treasurer

Ray Ouellette - National Director

Gary Brown - Alternate National Director

Submitted by

Dave Wickersham, Chairman

Nominating Committee



**Pechanga R. V. Resort Rally Form**  
**Monday September 24 - Thursday September 27, 2012**  
**4500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592 Phone 951-587-0484**  
**Trail Bosses: Rich & Sue Skinner, Gary & Carrie Brown**

**Tentative Schedule**

**Please bring table service and your coffee cup for every meal**

Monday Sep 24                    3:00 PM.....Welcome & Check-in  
   5:00 PM.....Happy hour, BYOB  
   6:00 PM.....Dinner, potluck, catered or ???  
   7:00 PM.....Games?????

Tuesday Sep 25                    8:30 AM.....Breakfast, Continental or ???  
   12:30 AM....Lunch on your own...Old Town Shopping??  
   or Golfing (\$49. for RV Guests) reg \$200 +  
   5:00 PM.....Happy Hour BYOB  
   6:00 PM.....Dinner, catered or ???

Wednesday Sep 26                    8:30 AM.....Breakfast ?????  
   9:30 AM.....Board Meeting  
   10:30 AM....General Membership Meeting  
   *and Elections*  
   12:30 PM.....Lunch on your own  
   5:00 PM.....Happy Hour  
   6:00 PM.....Dinner  
   7:00 PM.....Games???

Thursday Sep 27                    8:30 AM.....Juice, leftovers and goodbyes

**Applications must be received by Friday August 24, 2012**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee \$50, for two .....	\$ 50.00
Parking Site Fees \$35.00 X 3 Nights.....	\$105.00
Total.....	\$155.00
Pet fee...\$5.00 per pet per stay....Paid Directly to RV Office Staff	

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of California  
Mail to: Treasurer Ralph Norris 1208 Vista Cayenta, San Clemente, CA 92672

# Pismo Beach Rally



Trailbosses Dick and Lillian Rody  
Barbara and Art Valenzuela



Yum! Good chow!



The Sheriff collected fines for egregious  
infractions.



# Art's Birthday Party (Surprise)



Glorious days at the beach!

(Mary looks cold.)



Melodrama! Pretty funny, everyone enjoyed it.



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

May 17, 2012

Pismo Creek R.V. Resort, Pismo Creek, CA

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Johnson at 10:10 am. Carl then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes of the March meeting were posted on the bulletin board. Gary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

President Johnson gave special thanks to Trail Bosses Richard and Lillian Rody and Art and Barbara Valenzuela for all their hard work and making this a wonderful rally. Also a special thank you for the Vaudeville Spectacular Melodrama which everyone enjoyed.

President Johnson said in the absence of Treasurer Ralph Norris there was no treasurers report to be presented at this meeting.

National Director Ray Ouellette announced he has extra FMCA information cards and brochures for anyone not present at the last meeting and who may still need one. He also discussed a possible FMCA by-law change which would allow a member of two FMCA chapters to hold elected positions in both chapters. FMCA meeting will be held in August. Further information to be given at the September rally.

Newsletter chairman Susan Salit was absent. A discussion was held regarding the great job she is doing and to please forward to her any information you would like to be included in the newsletter.

Membership chairman Tammy Norris was absent. A discussion was held regarding the need for new members and that our by-laws now allow class A gas motor homes also. It is very important to have a least 10 rigs at a rally in order to secure a clubhouse and also for a reduced club rate on parking sites.

Wagon Master Ray Ouellette announced the upcoming rallies:

Monday, September 24-27, 2012, Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA

Trail bosses: Browns, Skinners, & Swansons

Tuesday, January 15, 2013, Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

Trail bosses: Johnsons & Ouellettes

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA

Trail bosses: Teixeiras

Hospitality chairman Lois Jones was absent. A discussion was held regard Muriel Benson's recent surgery, and also Noe Roman's surgery. Also discussed was the death in the family of Barbara and Jimmie Wilkinson. Jackie Ouellette will call Lois Jones to make sure get well & sympathy cards are sent on behalf of our club.

Ways and Means chairman Jackie Ouellette said there will not be a fund raising event at this rally. There are plans being made to have a raffle basket of "Temecula Goodies" to be held at the Pechanga Rally in Temecula in September.

With no other "Old Business" President Johnson announced "New Business". Dave Wickersham will be the head of the Nominating Committee. Please contact Dave if you or anyone you may know would like to hold an elected position in our club. Dave will post a sample ballot in the newsletter. Our by-laws permit a member who will be absent at an election meeting to vote "absentee". Please forward your absentee ballot to Dave.

Art Valenzuela announced a group would be golfing today after the membership meeting if anyone would care to join. He also said tomorrow's breakfast will be "Pismo Beach" famous traditional cinnamon rolls and coffee will also be provided.



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

A discussion was held regarding a death in the Wilkinson family. The Wilkinson's were more than half way to this rally when they received a call regarding the death and they had to return home. Most of the monies they paid were recovered (i.e. site fees and melodrama ticket fees). There was a difference of \$84.00. which was food and deposit monies. A motion was made by Betty Wickersham and seconded by Carrie Brown to refund the \$84. to the Wilkinson's from the treasury. Motion passed.

Marilyn Turner, library chairman, announced the box of books which we exchange was accidentally left at the Quartzsite Rally in January. Discussion was held regarding donating more books and also purchasing a portable rolling carrier for the books.

With no further business Marsha Swanson made a motion, seconded by Mary Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. At 10:45 am President Carl Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California

## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FROM WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN

JACKIE OUELLETTE

Thank you Richard and Lillian Rody and Art and Barbara Valenzuela for the wonderful rally. Everyone had a great time, laughed a lot, shopped like crazy, and most of us put on a few pounds too!

We did not have a fund raising event at this rally, however, I do plan on a "Temecula Goodie Basket" to be raffled at our Pechanga Rally in September. I'm hoping to get lots of donations from businesses around town for "someone" to enjoy. See you all in September and have a fun and safe summer.



Have a wonderful  
patriotic 4th of July!