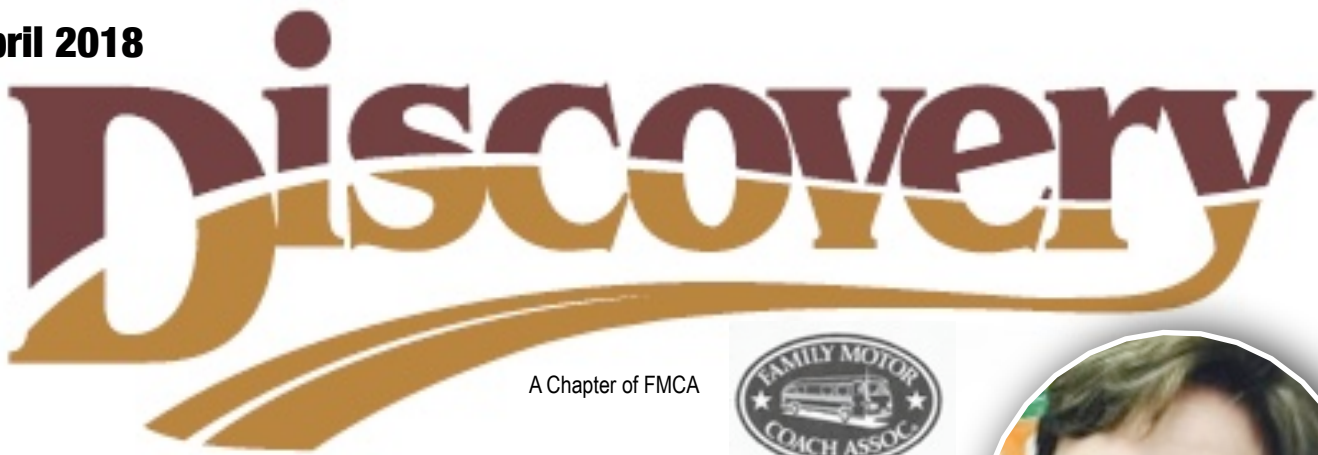


April 2018



Joan Edman  
President

## Presidents Report

I think Leo set a record for attendance at the Pismo Rally. We had a total of 17 coaches! We so needed the rain, and thanks to everyone for keeping a positive outlook despite the drizzle. Time was spent shopping, going to movies, visiting the Port San Luis Lighthouse, and just driving around the area. Leo and Marian kept us well fed and engaged in fun activities in the evening. Thanks to all who helped with the kitchen duties.

Welcome to our new members from Atascadero – Allen and Kathy Litten. Kathy showed us all how to play L-C-R. Hmm...”beginner’s luck” or a force to be reckoned with?

Our Chapter’s vote to allow towables resulted in 26 member coaches in favor and 3 against. Thanks to Ray’s diligence our bylaws, website, and our FMCA and WMHA info will be updated to reflect this change. A “qualifying recreational vehicle (RV)” is defined as a Class A, B, or C motorhome, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel or travel trailer. This self-contained wheeled vehicle must include permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities. Per FMCA, if the member attends a convention, they must have a manufacturer-installed on-board generator. Portable generators will not be permitted.

The Board had a discussion Thursday morning of how to entice members to become Trail Bosses. A good sharing of ideas and clarification followed during our General Meeting. Currently the Trail Boss receives 4 free site nights, and the Assistant Trail Boss receives 3 free site nights. Bottom Line: The rally activities and food are the decision of the Trail Bosses.

A big “thank you” to Evelyn Teixeira for once again serving as our Nominating Committee Chairperson. We will vote on the slate of officers at our Bakersfield Rally in September. They will be sworn in at the Desert Hot Springs Rally in January 2019.

Lastly, please visit [discoveryclubonline.com](http://discoveryclubonline.com). Lots of helpful information including guidelines for our officers, Trail Bosses, and Wagon Master. There are downloadable membership forms, our newsletters (thank you to our beloved Editor -Susan Salit!), rally pictures, and links to FMCA and WMHA. There will be a website trivia quiz at a future rally, so check it out!

Sorry we had to miss the final evening with you. The pictures were certainly proof of all the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you again in Chula Vista. Stay happy and healthy.

Joan Edman

## FMCA National Director's Report

FMCA is welcoming owners of towable RVs to the family. The FMCA Magazine, *Family Motor Coaching*, will become *Family RVing* beginning with the May 2018 issue.

The Northwest Area FMCA Rally will be held June 21-24 at The Mill Hotel and Casino in Coos Bay, Oregon. Currently, they have a waiting list for 30 amp. sites. FMCA's 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo will be held July 18-21 at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. The fourth night of entertainment will feature The Flashback Boyz, our favorites from Indio!



*Happy April*  
*It's spring*

The sun was warm but the wind was  
chill.  
You know how it is with an April day.  
~Robert Frost

# Wagonmasters Report



Leo Aragon  
Wagonmaster

## PISMO SANDS RV RESORT, OCEANO, CA MARCH 13 - 16 2018 RALLY

Unfortunately, this report is a little late, because Marian and I took off on a European trip and just returned on April 8. This Rally was the first held at the Pismo Sands RV Resort, and it turned out to be an outstanding rally. We had one of the largest turn out (17 rigs in all, well 16 because they didn't have room for Ed & Joan Edman). The resort is a very nice camp ground and the club house was just right for our group. Unfortunately, we had to deal with the rain but we toughed it out and had a good time.

As usual most everyone showed up on Monday and our hosts, Leo & Marian made dinner reservations at the Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co., in Arroyo Grande, CA where we all tried some of the brews, wines and food items from the menu. We had 32 people at dinner so it took awhile but the good thing was nobody got lost going or coming.

The rally got going Tuesday with our usual happy hour and our 6 pm dinner of spaghetti and meat balls served on the table (no plates) with salad and garlic bread prepared by Ann Marie and Janet. Eating off the table can get messy but its easy when it comes to clean up, you just roll-up the table clothes and trash it. After dinner we played L-R-C.

Wednesday morning we had breakfast burritos with hashed brown potatoes cooked old fashioned. People ventured out during the day to explore the Pismo/Ocean Beach area to shop and grab a bit for lunch. For dinner we had Marian's special cooked pulled pork with BBQ sauce served on a french bun with pinquito beans from JACKO'S. For dessert we had real fresh strawberry short cake. After dinner we played bingo.

Thursday was our busiest day starting off with a breakfast of pancakes and pork sausage. The big grill in the club house kitchen really helped the cooks, Norm and Carl, prepare a stack of pancakes just like old pros. Later we had our Club Board Meeting followed by the General Membership Meeting at 10:30. President Joan Edman announced the results of the membership voting in favor of allowing towable RVs to join the Discovery Club. For dinner we had fried chicken, potato salad and cherry or apple pie a-la-mode. After dinner we had the "Saint Patricks Best Dressed in Green" contest. The competition was close with several members really looking good. The winners were (we had a tie) Jackie Ouellette and Marlene Vanik. Finally we had the DDD Award presentation done by Carl Johnson. This presentation was also close with Glenn Turner being the winner and owner of the Toilet Seat for a few months.

Friday morning several of us standing around decided to go eat breakfast at the Railcar Diner just down the road. We completely took over the diner.

See you all in May in Chula Vista at the San Diego KOA.  
Leo Aragon, Wagon Master

# Pismo Sands RV Resort

Oceano, CA

March 13-16, 2018









It's a tie...  
The best  
dressed in green !



The winners of some real  
Irish silliness!

Aw  
nuts!





# Member Birthdays/Anniversaries

## January

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

### Anniversaries:

## February

4 Tammy Norris  
23 Ralph Norris

### Anniversaries:

10 Ed and Joan Edman  
18 Bob and Beverly Kennedy

## March

4 Beverly Kennedy  
25 John Swanson  
26 Gary Brown  
26 Dick Rody

### 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:

19 Tim and Sue Golec

## May

23 Patsy Miller  
29 Ray Ouellette

### Anniversaries:

## June

6 Bill Miller  
14 Lillian Rody  
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  
22 Dick and Lillian Rody  
28 Gary and Carrie Brown

## September

2 Barbara Valenzuela  
13 Marv Zepeda

### Anniversaries:

1 Carl and Mary Johnson  
20 Ralph & Tammy Norris  
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:

If you are not on the list, please email your birthday and anniversary dates to Susan at [gsue@salit.us](mailto:gsue@salit.us)

## DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

Pismo Sands RV Resort, Oceano, Ca.

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Joan Edman. Joan then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the Invocation.

President Edman introduced new members, Jan Ortiz and Ann Marie Nelson, Allen and Kathy Litten and Lois Jones introduced her guest, Ray. President Edman then thanked trail bosses Leo and Marian Aragon and all their helpers for this wonderful rally. She also said all birthdays and anniversaries are listed in the Newsletter.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said a copy of the FMCA annual report regarding our membership has been posted and that it has been approved by FMCA. She also said a copy of the September 14th, 2017 minutes were posted for approval. A motion was made by Lois Jones and seconded by Mary Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson posted a copy of the Treasurer's report ending 3/14/18 for approval. Balance \$9,396.09 - not taking into account any bills for this current rally. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Sandy Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

National Director, Joan Edman, gave a report from FMCA stating that "towables" are now approved thru FMCA, see guidelines for towable vehicles. Also that the FMCA newsletter will now be titled: Family RVing. Joan also said that a phone vote was unanimous from our club to also include towable vehicles. (See New Business section of these minutes).

Membership chairman Mary Johnson said we have 28 (coach) members and 5 Honorary members. About 4 or 5 of our members are somewhat inactive due to health issues, although their membership dues are paid up to date.

Hospitality chairman Tammy Norris was absent. Joan Edman gave a brief update on prior member Chuck Walker's health. He has home health care and still gets out to go to the Elk's Club. Please call or text Tammy if you know of a member who needs a get well or thinking of you type greeting card.

Ways n Means chairman Marian Aragon talked of tonight's white elephant silent auction sale. Bring your items early for all to see and make bids. Items to be unwrapped.

Newsletter chairman Susan Salit was absent. She sent the message to please forward to her pictures, any articles or information to go into the newsletter. Items can be sent via e-mail or snail mail.

Web Master Ray Ouellette said the web site is updated and all current information will be included ASAP. Please review updated by-laws, newsletter, rally information and check out all the pictures. Marsha Swanson and Jackie Ouellette are planning a "Trivia Quiz" for the next rally. All questions will come from the Web Site. A prize will be awarded for the person with the most correct answers. The person with the most wrong answers will become a candidate for the DDD Award!

Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave an update on the following rallies. He also asked for Trail Bosses for each Rally. (volunteers names are included). A copy of Trail Boss duties will be included in the Website.

May 15-18, 2018 San Diego Metro KOA, Chula Vista, CA. \*\*\*Trail Bosses the Brennan's

Sept. 11-14, 2018 River Run RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA \*\*\* Trail Bosses the Edman's and the Ouellette's.

Jan. 7-11, 2019 Catalina Spa & RV Resort, Desert Hot Springs, CA \*\*\* Trail Bosses the Rody's and Janet Ortiz.

March 19-21, 2019 Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula CA \*\*\*Trail Bosses the Ouellette's and Johnson's and the Swanson's.

May 21-24, 2019 Oasis RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV. \*\*\* Trail Boss needed.

Vice President Evelyn Teixeira did not have anything to report.

New Business: President Joan Edman talked further about "towables" as defined by FMCA. She then gave the results of a phone vote from our club members regarding accepting towables into our club. That vote was 23 yes, and 3 no. She then asked for a vote here at the meeting as to accept towables. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette to accept towables as per FMCA guidelines which include self contained 5th wheel trailers and self contained trailers. The motion was seconded by Ed Edman. Motion Passed.



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

Joan Edman announced that Vice President Evelyn Teixeira will head the Nominating Committee. Please contact Evelyn if you have interest in holding one of the elected positions or if you know of someone who is interested (please get that person's approval first).

A brief discussion was held regarding reimbursing Leo and Marian Aragon for their food for this rally. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Mary Johnson to pay for the Aragon's food for this rally. The motion unanimously passed.

With no further business President Joan Edman adjourned the meeting at 10:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of CA.



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership has increased with a few new members. We now have 28 members and 5 honorary members. Please keep telling your friends about the club and inviting them to join us for a rally. See you all in San Diego in May.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair ([mary30500@gmail.com](mailto:mary30500@gmail.com)).



### NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,

Thanks Ray for documenting such Irish silliness and fun with your pictures. So sorry I missed it. I'm glad you all had such a great time.

I'm off to DC for spring break. Hope to beat the snow and see some cherry blossoms.

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.

Have an eggy Easter!

Susan Salit, Editor ([gsue@salit.us](mailto:gsue@salit.us))

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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA RALLY**  
**Tuesday 15 MAY - Friday 18 MAY 2018**  
**San Diego Metro KOA**  
**111 N. 2nd Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91910, PHONE: 619-427-3601**

**TRAIL BOSSES: Ed & Yvonne Brennan**

**Always bring table service, utensils and coffee cups**

**Tentative Schedule:**

- TUESDAY - May 15**      3:00 PM: Welcome & Check-in  
5:00 PM: Happy Hour - BYO Drinks  
6:00 PM: Dinner-Chicken, dressing, salad & dessert  
7:00 PM: Entertainment-BINGO
- WEDNESDAY - May 16**    8:30 AM: Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, fresh fruit,  
English muffins  
12 Noon: We are looking at several fun things  
5:00 PM: Happy Hour - BYO Drinks  
6:00 PM: Dinner-Hamburgers, beans, chips & dessert  
7:00 PM: Entertainment-You're on your own!!
- THURSDAY - May 17**    8:30 AM: Breakfast-Breakfast burritos  
9:30 AM: Board Meeting  
10:00 AM: General Membership Meeting  
12 Noon: On Your Own  
5:00 PM: Happy Hour - BYO Drinks  
6:00 PM: Dinner-Street tacos, Spanish rice & dessert  
7:00 PM: Entertainment-LEFT CENTER RIGHT
- FRIDAY - May 18**      8:30 AM: Good-Byes and Departures

**APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE IN TO MARSHA BY APRIL 15th**

Rally Fees for two people: -----\$ 80.00  
Camp Site Fees for 3 Nights----- 165.00  
Early arrivals pay an additional \$50----- \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL-----

**Make Checks Payable To: Discovery Club of California & mail to:  
Marsha Swanson, P.O. Box 565, Wildomar, CA 92595**