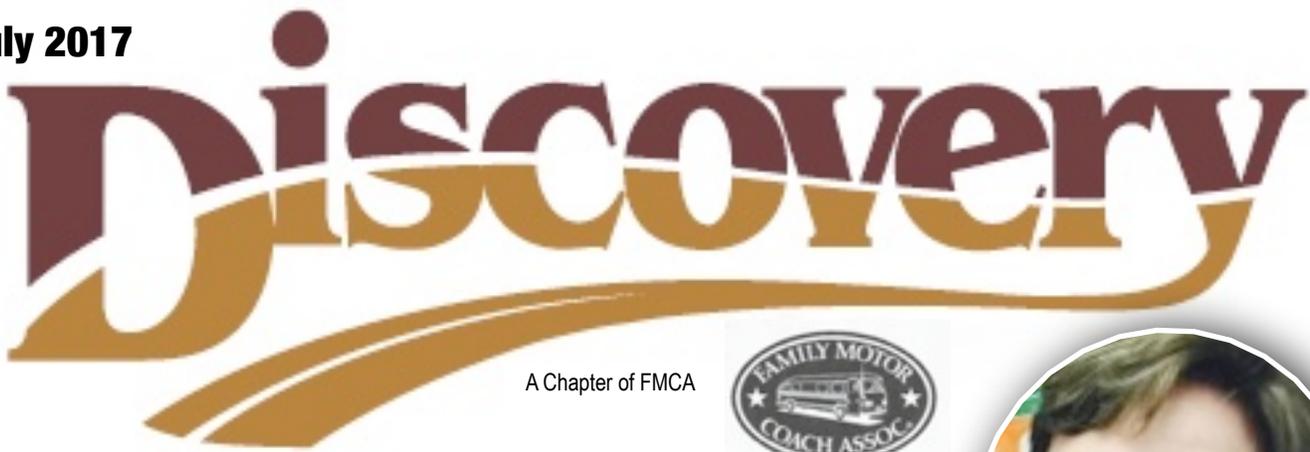


July 2017



Joan Edman
President

Presidents Report

The Flying Flags Rally was fun with plenty of laughter and a great group of friends! Thanks to our Trail Bosses, Leo and Marian, we were very well taken care of. So many members stepped forward to help as needed, and that was definitely appreciated by the Aragon's. A big thank you to Ray Ouellette for once again taking lots of photos to record our rally.

The weather was cool the first couple of days, and of course - the best weather was on the day we left. We had 11 rigs in attendance with one being an invited guest who has decided to join us officially. Welcome to our newest members Bob and Annette Hall! We now have 24 paid members and 5 honorary.

The membership voted to charge all invited guests and honorary members for meals at our rallies. The charged amount will be up to the Trail Boss for that particular rally. Those providing rally entertainment will not be charged.

All details have not been finalized by FMCA in the proposal allowing towable RV's in FMCA. This is to be voted on at the 96th International Convention July 12-15, 2017 in Indianapolis. We are hopeful that clarification will be forthcoming soon. Our chapter does not have to include towable RV's. I will not be attending the July convention nor will my alternate, Ray Ouellette. If anyone wishes to represent our chapter, please notify me.

Looking forward to seeing you in Pala at our September rally.

Have a great summer, and stay happy and healthy!

Joan Edman

Wagonmasters Report



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

MAY 15TH - 19TH 2017 RALLY FLYING FLAGS RV RESORT, BUELLTON, CA

We started our third rally for 2017 (unofficially) on Monday the 15th, since everyone chose to make an early appearance. We all enjoy socializing with each other, that is a good thing. We had eleven rigs in attendance with one extra person. Susan checked in to a rental at the resort. There was a total of 23 people, that's another good thing. The resort is undergoing some renovations and upgrades so there was considerable construction activity taking place and for some it was difficult getting around some of the equipment and trenches to get to our assigned sites.

We started off Monday evening with a dinner at the Firestone Brewery in Buellton ordering from the menu garnished with some spirits of choice, beer or wine.

The next morning we all walked to Ellen's Restaurant for a hearty breakfast, Danish style, choosing from the menu: eggs, ham hocks, sausage, bacon, pancakes, etc, all very good. During the day some folks took a drive into Los Olivos to some of the shops, wine tasting, and having lunch before returning to the resort. Happy hour began at 5 pm while the trail bosses prepared to cook up some burgers with home made potato salad and the fixings that go with hamburgers. Leo had plenty of help cooking the burgers with Carl and Ed pitching in while the ladies took care of things inside. We had Ice cream sandwiches for dessert. After dinner Marian had a raffle for a nice entry mat that plays Tiki music. The winner was Katie Horton; was she a happy lady. Next we played Left-Right-Center and the Winner Was Joan Edman, Wheee!!

Wednesday morning we started off with scrambled eggs, bacon rolls, juices and plenty of coffee. The day was left open for folks to venture out for some wine tasting, shopping, touring, gambling or just sleeping in. For dinner the trail bosses prepared the ingredients (carnitas and chicken) to fix your own street tacos and enjoy them with beans and rice. Dessert was Strawberry Shortcakes with whipped cream. After dinner everyone wanted to play Left-Right-Center again and the Winner Was Ray Ouellette, Wheee!! First time Ray has ever won.

Thursday morning with help from Ed Edman, Norm Teixeira and Carl Johnson we whipped up some good ole pancakes and sausage. At 9:30 we had our board meeting followed by the general membership meeting. The major discussion centered on the subject concerning a possible decision by FMCA to allow towables as members. The voting will take place at an FMCA rally this summer. For dinner we had catered Italian style Lasagna, Pizza, salad and ice cream for dessert. Then we had the main event, the presentation of the DDD Award. Ray emceed the event as he identified three candidates, Leo, Norm and Jim, but then someone identified Ray as a candidate. Guess who came out on top as the winner, none other than Ray Ouellette.

We concluded our May rally Friday morning with everyone saying goodbye and cranking up their motor home engines and making their departure until next time we meet in September at the Pala RV Resort.

Leo Aragon, Wagon Master

FMCA National Director's Report

June 2017

Proposed changes that would make FMCA inclusive of all RV owners will be presented for approval during the Governing Board Meeting at FMCA's 96th International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 12, 2017. Also, the FMCA National President, National Senior Vice-President, National Secretary and National Treasurer elections will be held.

Ed and I will be traveling to Woodland, WA in June for some interior updates on our motorhome. Since FMCA's Northwest Area Rally is only 20 miles away in Longview, we will be attending from June 22-25, 2017. We attended last year's in Albany, Oregon, and are really looking forward to the trip.

Happy Trails!
Joan Edman

Love this one from Ray

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch.

Flying Flags Rally

May 2017
Buellton, CA





Shopping Angels at the garden store in Los Olivos.



The kids just can't stay off the phone.



One of the wonderful breakfasts



A happy winner



We all enjoy this game. We drive for miles to be together and play Left Center Right. As Leo says, This is a good thing. <3



Darn it! Rolled a C.

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

23 Patsy Miller
29 Ray Ouellette
Anniversaries:

June

6 Bill Millerl
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 Zepede
Anniversaries:
8 Marv and Ruth Zepede

December

Anniversaries:

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

Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, California
May 18, 2017



Jackie Ouellette
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Joan Edman. Ray Ouellette led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the Invocation.

President Edman welcomed all to the rally. She thanked Leo and Marian Aragon for all the hard work they did to make this an amazing rally. Joan then introduced guests Bob and Annette Hall, who announced they have paid their membership dues and have officially joined our club. Joan also announced birthdays and anniversaries of members since our last rally in March.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the March meeting at Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula are posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Leo Aragon to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson said the Treasurer's Report ending April 30th is posted on the bulletin board. After a brief discussion explaining the balance does not reflect any monies from this current rally, a motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Yvonne Brennan to approve the report. Motion passed.

National Director Joan Edman passed out her FMCA National Director Report. (copy attached). She will be attending the June 22-25 2017 meeting in WA. At the National FMCA meeting in July in Indiana, the Governing Board will vote on "towables" being admitted to FMCA. Joan explained it would be up to the individual chapters to decide on accepting "towables" or not, and that would require a by-laws change.

Membership chairman Mary Johnson announced we have 24 member coaches and 5 honorary members,

Hospitality chairman, Tammy Norris was absent. Jackie Ouellette announced get well cards have been sent to Mary Johnson and to John Swanson. A card will be sent to Muriel Benson who will be having shoulder surgery.

Ways & Means chairman, Marian Aragon announced the club made \$65.00 in last night's raffle ticket drawing for the Tiki Light-up Mat. Katie Horton was the big winner.

Newsletter chairman Susan Salit thanked all for articles and expressed a desire to expand the newsletter. She would like articles regarding RV trips or any vacations members may be taking, or family information to share, i.e. special achievements, illnesses, etc.

Web Master Ray Ouellette said the web site is kept up to date and pictures from this current rally will be on the web site within a few days. He advised members to have possible new members refer to the web site for any information needed.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon spoke of the current rally and some difficulties in the billing systems of Flying Flags. He was finding the office staff uncooperative and hard to work with. There is new ownership at Flying Flags. All issues will be handled in a timely manner. Leo then talked of the upcoming Pala Rally in September. This will be a 4 night rally - check in will be Monday September 11th and check out will be Friday September 15th. Trail Bosses will be the Browns and the Swansons. Pala Resort REQUIRES all names of attendees AND FULL PAYMENT 30 days prior to the rally start. This means all attendees must send in their registration NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10th. Leo also said he is researching locations for our January 2018 rally - possibly San Diego KOA. Also possible March rally in Morro Bay. May Rally will be May 14-17, 2018 at Wine Country RV Resort in Paso Robles. All rallies still need Trail Bosses.

Vice President Evelyn Teixeira did not have anything to report.

President Joan Edman then took a "hand up" vote to see interest in including towable vehicles in our club. She also included the email "votes" from members unable to attend this rally. Vote: Yes 16 No 21. This was not a binding vote.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding guests paying for their meals, or have them eat free. After much conversation it was decided that guests meals will not be free and that either the guest or club member will pay the cost of the meal (s).

Librarian and Historian were both absent.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Joan Edman at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary Discovery Club of California



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome new members Bob and Annette Hall. We are always enjoying our rallies and always welcome your friends to join our club. We have 24 members and 5 honorary members. See you all in September at Pala

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NEWSLETTER REPORT

It was a blast being with you all at the Flying Flags Rally. I felt right at home in my little rented vintage trailer, and the Edmonds were kind enough to chauffeur me back and forth and all around. Thanks Ed and Joan! Ray took lots of pictures for us to enjoy in the newsletter and on the website. I couldn't put the newsletter together without all the wonderful information submitted. Please keep it coming; we all enjoy it.

Susan Salit, Editor gsue@salit.us

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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
September Rally Pala RV Resort 9/11-15
11042 Highway 76 Pala CA 92059
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Trail Bosses Gary & Carrie Brown, John & Marsha Swanson

- Monday 9/11 Happy Hour 5:00 at Swanson's/Dinner at Pala Cafe @6:00
(Van's will pick us up)
- Tuesday 9/12 8:30 AM Breakfast Waffles & Chicken, fruit
Lunch on your own (if you eat lunch at Pala they have a
free show after) it is Senior Day
- 5:00 Happy Hour BYO drink 6:00 Dinner lasagna, salad & dessert
Fun & Games
- Wednesday 9/13 8:30 Breakfast Omelette in a Bag, TaterTots, juice
10:00 Pala Mission Lunch on your own (suggestion
Nessy Burger)
- 5:00 Happy Hour bring your drink 6:00 Dinner Ed Brennan's famous
Enchiladas, small Tostada and Dessert
Fun & Games
- Thursday 9/14 8:30 Breakfast pancakes, Sausage (Patties or Links)
Juice
10:00 Board Meeting, 11:00 General Meeting
Lunch on your own (maybe The Stewart Mine)
- 5:00 Happy Hour 6:00 Hot Dogs "Your way" Chili, Sauerkraut and all
the Fixin's, Chips and John's home Brew
Game
- Friday 9/15 8:00 Good Bye's at Gary & Carries Bring your own
Coffee grab a Pastry

MUST REGISTER BY JULY 15th

Name _____

Rally Fees for two.....\$120.00
Camp Site Fee.....\$235.00
TOTAL.....\$355.00

**MAKE CHECK TO DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA and mail to
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