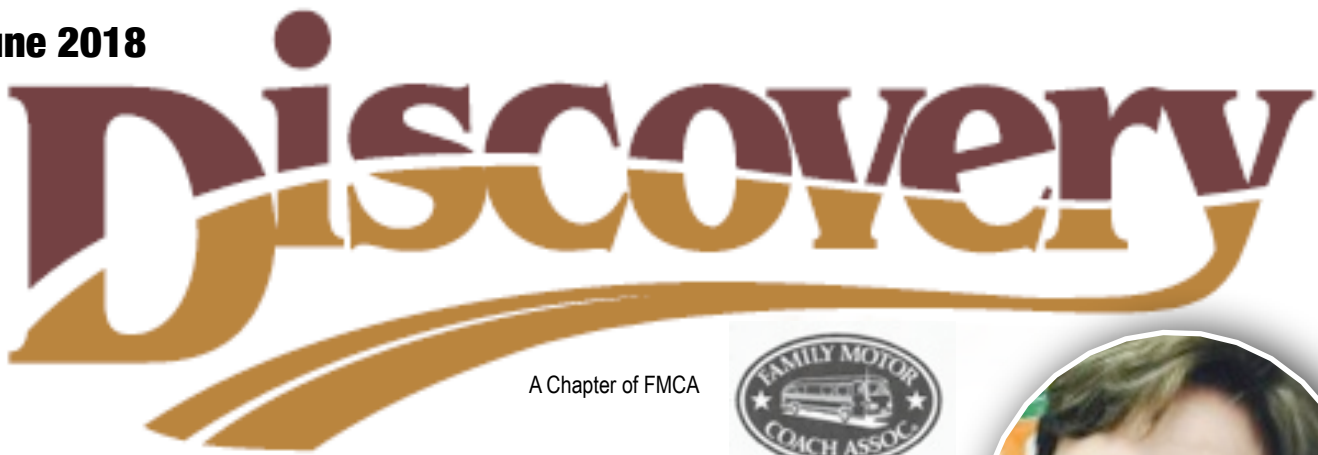


June 2018

# Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



## Presidents Report



Joan Edman  
President

It was great to see several coaches at the San Diego Metro KOA Rally in Chula Vista - a park undergoing a lot of wonderful improvements. Leo gave us a chance to try something new, and the sites were very nice. Even without a kitchen, Ed and Yvonne did an amazing job meeting our dietary needs, and keeping us moving! "Drivers" were even provided to get us to the clubhouse if needed. I enjoyed the visit to Old Town San Diego and the wonderful lunch. My continued losses at Bingo and Left Center Right were another matter. Such fun sitting around the campfire. We discussed dozens of topics while munching on brownies and ice cream. Noe provided a diatribe about the differences between men and women that won him a coveted award later on. I still cannot believe his bravery around strong women and a raging fire!

The following slate of officers was presented:

President:	Leo Aragon
Vice-President:	Evelyn Teixeira
Secretary:	Katie Horton (NEW MEMBER)
Treasurer:	Marsha Swanson
Nat'l. Director:	Janet Ortiz (NEW MEMBER)
Alt. Nat'l Director:	Carl Johnson

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.

Our Committee Members have agreed to continue their positions with a couple of exceptions: Leo Aragon and Ray Ouellette.

NOTE: Leo does not wish to continue as Wagon Master after an 8-year stint of service planning our rally locations – no small feat, and a big "Thank You" is in order! We desperately need to fill this position. Leo has already planned the 2019 rallies for us. I am begging for someone to take this committee membership. Please help keep us a viable chapter!!

Two very important members – Jackie and Ray Ouellette - are also stepping down after many years of service to the Discovery Club of CA. Ray will be "retiring" as our award-winning Webmaster (a committee membership) as well as Alternate National Director, and Jackie wishes to "retire" as Secretary. These two individuals have been amazing in tackling anything that comes our way, and have done so for many years.

What would we do without our much beloved Newsletter Editor Susan Salit???

See you at our final September 2018 Rally at Bakersfield River Run RV. Please stay happy and healthy!

# FMCA National Director's Report

Interesting to receive the May 2018 issue of FMCA's newly redesigned magazine "*familyRVing*." With the new advertisers and format encompassing towables, it will hopefully bring in some much-needed revenue for FMCA.

Ed and I are planning to attend FMCA's 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention July 18-21, 2018 at the Camp-Plex Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, Wyoming. We will be taking a road trip by car not our RV. We did a road trip last year to Wisconsin and had a wonderful time. We just started out and planned our trip as we drove. Just call us, "Donner Party of Two." I hope to come back with lots of info and goodies for the Discovery Club of CA membership. Love these international conventions!

Joan Edman



# Wagonmasters Report



**Leo Aragon**  
Wagonmaster

We had our third Discovery Club Rally this past May at the San Diego Metro KOA with a wonderful turn out of 11 rigs. Lois Jones and R. Bass stopped by for a visit. As usual, we had a good time and the weather wasn't bad.

Several members showed up on Monday, so our hosts Ed and Yvonne escorted us to dinner at the Sand Piper next to the Chula Vista RV Resort. The spaghetti eaters among us enjoyed the "all you can eat" special.

The rally officially got going on Tuesday after everyone had checked in and set up their motor homes. Happy hour started at 5:00 PM then dinner followed at 6:00. Unfortunately, Ed and Yvonne didn't have a kitchen to work from, so they had to do all the cooking in their motor home, UGH!! They did an outstanding job of preparing baked chicken and dressing, salad and ice cream bars. We ended the evening with three games of bingo.

Wednesday morning we had breakfast of scrambled eggs and English muffins and fresh fruit, coffee and juices. Later in the morning Ed led those interested for a walking and shopping trip to Old Town San Diego. After strenuous walking we had lunch at a Mexican restaurant selected by Ed and drank big glasses of margaritas. For dinner our trail bosses prepared hamburgers, (large patties and buns) beans, and chips plus ice cream for dessert. After dark we all sat around the fire pit by Brennan's motor home and drank different flavors of margaritas and shots of Fire Ball. We told jokes and laughed a lot, all in fun.

Thursday is usually our biggest day of events. We started off with a breakfast of burritos, salsa, coffee and juices. We had a short Board Meeting followed by our General Membership Meeting led by President Joan Edman. She presented some info from the FMCA actions/ meetings. Then she announced the list of members that are vying for the offices on the Board of Directors. Here are the set candidates:

**President: Leo Aragon; V. President: Evelyn Teixeira Secretary: Katie Horton**  
**Treasurer: Marsha Swanson Nat'l Dir: Janet Ortiz**

All the committee positions will be filled by the incumbents except the Wagon Master and Webmaster positions. We need volunteers. The final topic of discussion was making plans to celebrate the club's 20th anniversary next year. Since Noe introduced the idea, he was appointed to chair a committee to present ideas and plans to the board at the next rally in Bakersfield.

For dinner on Thursday we ate street tacos, rice, beans and salsa and dessert. The dinner was followed by the presentation of the DDD Award. The DDD Award MC Mr. Noe Roman was the winner. After the DDD Award we played R-C-L won by Jackie.

Friday we all went outside to mingle and say good by. Thanks to Ed and Yvonne Brennan for such a wonderful rally and hard work in preparing all the good food we ate. See you all in September in Bakersfield, CA.

Your Wagon Master,

Leo Aragon

# San Diego Metro KOA

Chula Vista, CA

May 15-18, 2018









Many Thanks to the Brennans, Trail Bosses extraordinaire







# 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)

**Happy Birthday Marian Aragon  
and in July...  
Happy Birthday to Sandy, Art and  
Jackie**

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

May 17, 2018  
San Diego KOA, Chula Vista, CA



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Edman at 10:05 AM. Joan then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the Invocation.

Joan thanked Trail Bosses Ed and Yvonne Brennan for the outstanding job they are doing for this rally. As we know there is no kitchen facilities at this venue and Ed and Yvonne prepared and cooked all the food in their motor home and then transported everything to the meeting room. As we could all see Ed just had hand surgery and is working with one hand in a cast! Amazing job well done.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes of the March rally are posted for review and approval. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Mary Johnson to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson announced a copy of the Treasurer's Report is posted for review and approval. Our current balance is \$9,408.57 prior to bills for this current rally. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Yvonne Brennan to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion passed.

National Director Joan Edman shared a copy of the New FMCA magazine "Family RVing". Inside lists many articles relating to "towables". Joan and Ed will be attending the FMCA National Rally In Wyoming this June. She will have a report in Sept. 2018.

Membership chairman, Mary Johnson said we currently have 28 regular members and 5 honorary members.

Hospitality chairman, Tammy Norris said she mailed a get well card to Jim Vanik who recently underwent surgery. She asked for information if anyone knows of a member who is ill so she can mail a get well card.

Way & Means chairman, Marian Aragon announced that the club made \$105.00 at our last rally's auction.

Newsletter chairman, Susan Salit was absent. Please send her any articles so she can include them in the newsletter. All commented on her outstanding job.

Web Master, Ray Ouellette said all information is up to date on the web site. Please review upcoming rally information.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon, passed out list of 2019 rallies. Trail bosses are needed for both May & Sept rallies. See website for further information and updates.

Jackie Ouellette passed out sign up sheets for the Bakersfield Rally Sept. 11-14th. Lots of fun is planned, and a special dinner/show outing is already reserved for the Crystal Palace in Bakersfield.

Joan Edman spoke of Norm and Evelyn's nephew Ryan's passing and a web site is set up on his behalf. Very interesting, please review. 17Strong.org - a non profit for donations and to check out the book he wrote "The Toads Code".

Noe Roman brought up the fact that next year 2019 is the 20th Anniversary of the Discovery Club of California. A discussion was held on how and when to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Please gather some ideas and more discussion will be held at the next rally in Bakersfield.

Joan Edman presented the following list of Officers for 2019-2020. If anyone would like to hold an office or chairmanship please call Evelyn Teixeira, nominating committee chairperson and volunteer. Remember the club is only as good as its volunteers.

President:	Leo Aragon
Vice President:	Evelyn Teixeira
Secretary:	Katie Horton
Treasurer:	Marsha Swanson
National Director:	Janet Ortiz
Alt National Director:	Carl Johnson

Many of the chairpersons are going to continue to hold their office HOWEVER there are still many posts to be filled. Please volunteer!

With no further business President Joan Edman adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.

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



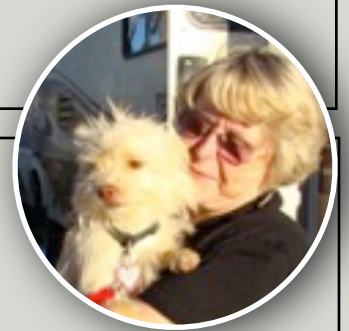
Who is that handsome Discoverer with Jack Webb?



#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership remains at 28 members and 5 honorary members and wonderful friends they all are. Please keep telling your friends about the club and inviting them to join us for a rally. See you all in Bakersfield in September.

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



#### NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,

I'm so pleased that all you Discoverers had such a great time in San Diego. Next stop will be Bakersfield home of Buck Owens. My iPhone ringtone is "I've Got A Tiger By the Tail". I'm sure we'll have lots to report after that.

Please check the birthday/anniversary page and send me any additions/corrections. Send us some good news and pictures to print.

Have a happy 4th of July.

*Please send your info in Word file format. PDF files are not as easily reformatted to fit in available space.*

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

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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA RALLY**

**Sept. 11-14, 2018**

Bakersfield River Run R.V. Resort  
3715 Burr Street, Bakersfield, CA 93308 - Ph. 661-377-3600

TRAIL BOSSES: Ray & Jackie Ouellette & Ed & Joan Edman

Always bring your own table service and coffee cups

Monday - Sept 10: Early arrivals: 5 PM Dinner at Benjie's Basque Rest.

Tuesday - Sept 11: 3:00 - PM welcome and check in  
5:00 - PM Happy Hour - BYOB  
6:00 - PM Dinner - Mexican Fiesta  
7:00 - PM - LRC

Wed. - Sept 12: 8:30 - AM Breakfast Casserole, bacon/sausage & juice  
Spend the day sightseeing - check welcome package for ideas  
5:00 - PM Caravan to Buck Owens Crystal Palace for dinner & show  
See menu in your welcome package

Thursday- Sept 13: 8:30 - AM Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit  
9:30 - AM Board Meeting  
10:00 - AM General Membership Meeting  
5:00 - PM Happy Hour - BYOB  
6:00 - PM Dinner - BBQ Rib Dinner & Joan's Famous Cookies  
7:00 - PM Bingo - Bring \$\$\$

Friday - Sept 14: 8:00 - AM Breakfast Rolls, juice, BYO coffee-Hugs till 2019

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TO MARSHA BY THURSDAY AUGUST 23, 2018

Name & RV type: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUCK OWENS (pay on your own at Crystal Palace) CIRCLE ONE YES or NO**

Rally Fees for two: (\$30.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 60.00  
Camp Site Fees for 3 Nights \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 120.00  
Early arrivals additional \$40. per day \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL-----\$\_\_\_\_\_**