

April 2012

Discovery

Club of California Newsletter



A Chapter of FMCA

Presidents Message



The Paso Robles Rally was put on by Trail Bosses Chuck and Dolores Walker, Leo and Marion Aragon and Ed and Joan Edman, and to those that could not make it you missed a great time put on by these folks.

I do not wish to steal the thunder of Wagon Master Ray's report, but the capstone event was the great entertainment on the last night. That evening was topped off with great entertainment that Dolores was able to locate. Some folks were able to dance their feet off to their hearts content.

Again, thanks to the Trail Bosses for a Great Rally! Paso Robles is a great area and there are a multitude of venues to visit. There was no organized day event so you could visit the Wine Country, go shopping (if you were female), visit the numerous museums or just chill out.

Our next rally is in Pismo Beach which I am sure will be another excellent location. Thanks for the hard work of our Wagon Master Ray. See you all in Pismo Beach!

**Carl
Johnson
President**



The Salit's grandson, Skylar. Shooting the curl down under.

Member News

Dear Discoverers,

We were very disappointed that we missed the Wine Country Rally. We spent that time visiting the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix and dealing with Harry's eye problem. He did lose the sight in his right eye and he was advised not to drive. Our daughter and son-in-law flew to Arizona and drove home with us in the RV.

We were thinking of you and really appreciated your cards, thoughts and prayers. Harry is attending occupational therapy and practicing depth perception exercises, so he is now back on the road. Look out!

We're glad you all had a great time.

Thanks,
Harry and Susan

Welcome to new members:

John and Marsha Swanson
PO Box 565
Wildomar, CA 92595
(H) 951-674-7694
(F) 951-304-2910
(C) 951-315-7763
E-mail: John.Swanson44@Hotmail.com

They were referred by Carrie & Gary Brown.
Marsha is a former Mayor of Wildomar.



Ray and his new great granddaughter, Brooke Cammaressi, born April 10, 2012. Congratulations!



Breaking news from the Norrises

Ralph and I are now grandparents for the first time. Emily Alyce Norris was born April 14th at 9:39 am. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and is 19 inches long. Of course she is a real cutie.

WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

Wine Country Discovery Club Rally

Our Paso Robles Rally held at Wine Country R.V. Resort can no doubt be classified as one of our best rallies ever thanks to our Trail Bosses Chuck and Dolores Walker, Leo and Marion Aragon and Ed and Joan Edman. We ended up with a total of twelve (12) rigs with half that number coming in one day early. Master Chef Dolores Walker and crew treated us like royalty with special home made fresh pizza the first night along with salad and desert. The casserole dish was delicious along with breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage and fruit. Dolores went beyond the call of duty with table decorations, center pieces and free aprons for our club members.

I would also express a special thanks to Leo Aragon for the wonderful barbequed baby back ribs. We all need to try out his recipe of searing and steaming the ribs prior to BBQ. The ribs were absolutely delicious served with barbequed garlic bread and pinto beans.

Wine Country R.V. Resort is probably the very best R. V. Resort in the State of California with friendly accommodating staff. They did not hesitate to fully refund site fees for late cancellations. Our R.V. sites were together and close to the cozy private clubhouse which was a perfect size for our group.

The highlights of our rally were the cake walk and the live entertainment. The 100% participation in the hilarious cake walk netted us a profit of \$80 in ticket sales and just about everyone ended up with a cake or some type dessert. This profit was applied to the cost of our live entertainment consisting of classic 50's and 60's rock, country music and love songs by a handsome young singer known as Randy Anderson. At one point, everyone was up dancing to his love songs. Randy also sang his personal love song entitled "Take me Home" to the females in our group who were blushing and wishing. We also paid tribute to Curtis Jones with the help of Randy who sang to "Our Favorite Fireman". Curtis was well deserving of the standing ovation.

As your wagon master, I am pleased to report that we have trail boss covered for our next four (4) rallies through March 2013. These rallies are scheduled for Pismo Beach, Pechanga, Emerald Desert and Bakersfield R.V. Resort.

Our original plan of Quail Run Quartzsite for the January 2013 was changed because they were unable to provide exclusive use of the clubhouse during the week of the R.V. Show. So, we have a signed contract with Emerald Desert Resort from Tuesday, January 15 to Friday, January 18, 2013. Emerald Desert is a very desirable location during that time of year and a great location for a rally even though it's a little on the pricy side of \$59.95. However, if you consider the fuel saving from



Emerald Desert to Quartzsite you may find that it's even more affordable and we have the clubhouse privacy. Additionally, we will have the option of proceeding to Quartzsite the following week for the R.V. Show.

In closing, I think the backbone of our organization is the "Trail Boss Volunteers" and I appreciate their help. Our group is getting smaller with a total of 24 rigs, we are fine as long as we maintain a minimum of 10 rigs per rally. But, we should probably welcome potential new members to our club if possible. We have a special club with truly wonderful members.

I remain open to your comments or suggestions. Just drop me a line at ray.jak@verizon.net or give me a call at 951-699-2567.

Drive safe and remember "A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs -- jolted by every pebble in the road."

Sincerely,

Ray Ouellette, Wagon Master
Discovery Club of California



Forthcoming Discovery Club Rallies 2012

Tuesday May 15 - Friday May 18, 2012

[Pismo Creek RV Resort](#)

98 So. Dolliver Street

Pismo Beach, CA 93449 Phone 805-773-4434

Trail Bosses Dick & Lillian Rody, Art & Barbara Valenzuela

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 ??



Wine Country Rally



The Cake Walk



Wining a Little!





Enjoying the music and being romantic!



Such silliness!

Even though Leo dressed up in a hula skirt and cooked ribs, he still received the DDD Award. No mercy was shown.





The DDD Award

CANDIDATES FOR DDD AWARD

1. Dick Rody: No longer wants to fly because he thought they took his shoe going through airport security. When he got on the other side he realized he had his shoe under his arm.
2. Delores Walker: What a hostess with the mostess! She made it to the club house in plenty of time to get our dinner ready. Only problem was she forgot to turn on the oven.
3. Leo Aragon: Left his wallet in the girls bathroom. (I lied about the girls room.) Monica came into the club house and returned it to him. She said she found it in the bathroom.
4. Carl Johnson: dropped his wallet outside his car. Ray found it lying there and pointed it out to him. He had the nerve to laugh at Leo!

Muriel



And the winner is...

Leo Aragon

Pismo Creek R.V. Resort

98 South Dolliver Street, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Tuesday May 15 to Friday May 18, 2012

Trail Bosses: Richard & Lillian Rody, Art & Barbara Valenzuela,

Tentative Schedule

Please bring table service and your coffee cup for every meal

- Tuesday May 15 3:00 PM---Welcome & Check-in
 4:00 PM---Happy hour, BYOB
 5:00 PM---Dinner provided by Host
 7:00 PM---Bingo (With other park members)
- Wednesday May 16 8:00 AM---Waffles, Sausage, Strawberries & Juice
 12:30PM--- Lunch on own
 4:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB
 5:00 PM---Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans & Potato Salad
 6:30 PM----**Vaudeville Spectacular - Melodrama - Oceano - \$22.**
- Thursday May 17 8:00 AM---Omelet-In-Bag, Tortillas & Refried Beans
 9:30 AM---Board Meeting
 10:00 AM---General Membership Meeting
 12:00 PM---Lunch on your own, shopping, Beach, etc
 4:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB
 5:00 PM---Surprise Dinner Provided
 7:00 PM---Bingo (With other park members)
- Friday May 18 Juice, Leftovers & Goodbyes

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2012
AND CONFIRMED BY MARCH 15, 2012 WITHOUT PENALTY.**

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

Rally Fee (Food for two)(1/2 for one person) Approx..... \$ 50.00
Parking Site fees \$32.00 X 3 Nights.....\$ 96.00
The Great American Melodrama Comedy Show - \$22. per person.....\$
Pet Fee, \$2.00 per pet per stay.....\$

TOTAL.....\$ _____

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

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

March 29, 2012

Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA



**Jackie
Ouellette**
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Johnson at 10:15 am. Carl then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the January 2012 meeting are posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Lois Jones to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

President Carl Johnson thanked the Trail Bosses the Walkers and the Aragons for an outstanding rally, and also thanked the Edmans for all their help also in assisting the Trail Bosses.

President Carl Johnson said Treasury Report is posted on bulletin board. Treasurer Ralph Norris was absent. The report does not include any expenses of current rally. Motion made by Muriel Benson, seconded by Joanne Johnston to approve the Treasury Report. Motion passed.

National Director Ray Ouellette gave a brief overview of the FMCA Family Assist Program. He then passed out brochures which included an information card and list of benefits.

President Johnson then said Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent due to her husband's recent illness. Please send her all articles to be published in the Newsletter. He also announced Membership Chairman Tammy Norris was also absent. He announced we have a current membership of 25 coaches including one new member from our last rally, the Swansons. Chuck Walker announced he may have a new member and he was informed that we still have 4 more free one year FMCA memberships available.

Wagon Master Ray Ouellette announced the list of forthcoming Discovery Rallies:

May 15-18, 2012 Pismo Creek, 13 rigs signed up. Trail Bosses: Rodys & Valenzuelas

Sept. 24-27, 2012 (beginning on a Monday) Pechanga RV, Trail Bosses: Browns & Skinners

Jan 15-18, 2013 Emerald Desert RV, Trail Bosses: Johnsons & Ouellettes

March 19-22, 2013, Bakersfield RV, Trail Bosses: Teixeiras

Ray also talked about reasons for not going back to Quartzsite next year, first they can not give us exclusive rights to the clubhouse, and secondly they want \$1250. in advance to hold parking spots. Ray also said most of the meals at the Bakersfield Rally will be catered as they have a restaurant and catering on premises.

Hospitality Chairman Lois Jones gave a report regarding health of Noe Roman, Harry Salit, Bill Richardson, Leo Aragon & Joanne Johnston. All are doing well. Ray Ouellette spoke to Harry Salit regarding his "eye stroke" and said he is in good spirits and sends his regards to all.

Ways and Means Chairman Jackie Ouellette gave a brief update on our "cake walk" from Tuesday evening. Participants had lots of fun and winners brought back goodies to their RV's. A total of \$80.00 was collected. A brief discussion followed regarding using the cake walk money towards the entertainment expenses planned for after dinner tonight. A motion was made by Muriel Benson and seconded by Mary Johnson to give the \$80. to the trail bosses to be used towards entertainment expenses. Motion Passed.

President Carl Johnson then asked for any other "old business", being none, he went onto "new business". Carl talked of the upcoming elections and that Dave Wickersham will be heading the nominating committee. Anyone

interested in the following "elected" positions please contact Dave. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, National Director and Alternate National Director.

With no further business, Mary Johnson made a motion, seconded by Evelyn Teixeira to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. At 11 am President Carl Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of California

WAYS & MEANS REPORT

All those who attended the Paso Robles Rally can say: "We had a ball doing the cake walk". We laughed so hard at each other, and I can tell you the guys, most of all, had a blast! The dessert "prizes" were wonderful. A big thank you to all who donated the goodies. Ticket sales for the cake walk netted \$82.00. At our General Membership Meeting it was decided to donate the cake walk money to assist in the cost of the wonderful entertainment our "Trail bosses" had planned for the evening.

I do not have a "Ways N Means" project scheduled for the Pismo Beach Rally. If anyone has a suggestion for a future FUN money making project, please contact me either by e-mail (jackieo4@verizon.net) or phone (951) 699 2567.

See you all soon,

Jackie Ouellette,
Ways N Means Chairperson

One of the benefits of FMCA membership is the FMC Assist Program. Clip these cards and keep them with you in case of emergency. The full Member Benefits Guide is in the January Issue of the FMC Magazine beginning on Page 99.

FMC Assist I.D. Card

FMCA Membership #:
Contract Holder: FMCA Policy #: CL-1001-EX
Certain services and benefits will be provided to those eligible members under this group plan.

Before obtaining assistance, call one of the phone numbers below:
If in the United States or Canada call (877) 202-4176
To call collect from Mexico place your call to
+1(603) 328-1750

Travel can be for business or pleasure at a distance of 100 or more miles from your legal residence. On Call coordinates the following:

Emergency Evacuation (Up to \$300,000) CSL
Repatriation of Remains (Up to \$300,000) CSL
Vehicle Return (Up to \$5,000)

CSL - Combined Single Limit

IMPORTANT: On Call must approve in advance and coordinate all of the above services.

This card is Non-Transferrable



APPLE AND BRIE QUESADILLAS

Serves 4

- 1 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
- 4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 8" flour tortillas
- 8 ozs. brie cheese, sliced (rind removed)
- 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled

Preheat a grill pan over medium high heat. Toss the apple slices with 2 teaspoons olive oil and cook, turning occasionally, until tender, 3 to 4 minutes.

Lay the tortillas on a cutting board. Top each with one-quarter each of the grilled apple and brie on one side, then fold the tortillas in half to cover filling.

Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons of olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, cook the quesadillas until golden brown and the cheese melts, about 2 minutes per side. Meanwhile, mix the mustard and maple syrup in a bowl. Slice each quesadilla into wedges. Drizzle with the maple-mustard syrup and top with the bacon.

(from the Food Network Magazine, April 2012)

