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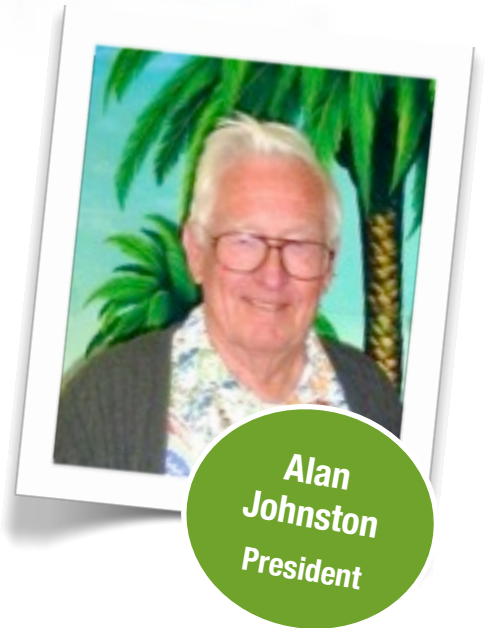
# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



### President's Message



#### Officers

Alan Johnston - President  
Carl Johnson - Vice President  
Jackie Ouellette - Secretary  
Marilyn Turner - Treasurer  
Ray Ouellette - National Director  
Gary Brown - Alternate National Director

A good time was had by all who attended our outing at the Valencia Travel Village this last September. We owe a special thanks to Noe and Pat Roman and Curtis and Lois Jones who were the Trail Bosses for the weekend. They made the whole outing go very smoothly.

The visit to the Nethercutt Museum was a highlight that we all will remember. It is an attraction that everyone needs to see at least once, and we got to see it without having to do the usual long drive.

Thank you again for coming, and we will see you all again in January at the River.

Alan

# Member News



## **DCQC Babies**

More adorable Discoverers

Don't forget to send yours in.



## WAGONMASTER'S REPORT



### DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA MID-FALL WAGON MASTER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

Slightly behind schedule on my report but I recently had surgery for a hernia so I have not been able to sit for a long time and tap on the computer. We had our last rally (as a last resort) at the Valencia Travel Village in Castaic, CA on September 17 through 20, 2013. This location was a secondary rally site because we had to cancel our reservation at the Boulder Creek RV Resort in Lone Pine, CA. We succeeded in a last minute search with the help of Lois Jones and Joanne Johnston who suggested I contact the Valencia Travel Village. The manager was very helpful in accommodating our needs on a short time notice. Originally we were not getting the use of the larger club house but Noe's persistence in pressing the manager to let us use the large club house paid off and we ended up with a wonderful set up location near our rigs allowing us to have a splendid time. The catered food was good and reasonably priced, thanks to our Trail Bosses, the Jones and the Romans. The tours set up by our Trail Bosses at The Nethercutt Museum was absolutely fantastic. Everyone enjoyed the day at the museum listening to the tour guide, looking at vintage cars, and many other artifacts. Some of us even took in a tour of the Ronald Reagan Museum which was also very enjoyable and rewarding. All in all this rally turned out to be outstanding, thanks to Curtis and Lois Jones and Noe and Pat Roman who did an excellent job, kudos to the four of you.

Our next rally is at the Avi Casino Resort just south of Laughlin, NV. in January 14th-17th, 2014. Trail Bosses are Harry & Susan Salit and John & Marsha Swansen. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Please sign up early. Have an enjoyable "THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY" and a "MERRY CHRISTMAS".

Your Wagon Master  
Leo Aragon

# Happy Halloween



## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Each of FMCA's 10 areas holds an area rally annually, where members gather to socialize, view exhibits, attend seminars and enjoy quality entertainment. You are all encouraged to attend the forthcoming Western Area Rally entitled "Dogpatch USA" to be held at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Indio, California on January 8 to 12, 2014.

The Rally Highlights include 4 nights of dry camping, 3 Nights of Great Entertainment, Parade, Ladies Tea and Fashion Show, Bingo, 1st Time Attendee Orientation, Chapter Fair, Seminars and Commercial Exhibits, Display Coaches, 2 Ice Cream Socials, Pet Fashion Show, Door Prizes, The Frustrated Maestros, Plus Coffee and Doughnuts served each morning.

The rally fees for 2 adults - Electric - are \$210. prior to 12/20/2013 and \$220 after that date. The holding area opens at noon on Sunday, Jan 5 at \$20. per night, dry camping. Rally parking starts on Wednesday, Jan 8, at 8:00 A.M. You can also purchase a \$90 "Passport" admission for 2 adults which would entitle you to view exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials and coffee hour but would not provide motorhome parking.

This FMCA Rally is just a couple of days prior to our Discovery Club Rally at AVI Casino in Laughlin, NV scheduled for Jan 14 - Jan 17, 2014. A great way to start out the New Year with loads of R. V. fun. For more information and registration, Please go to <http://www.fmca.com/chapters/area-rallies/2649> You can register on line or by mail. See you there.

Ray Ouellette  
FMCA National Director





## Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Coach License:	Coach Make:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally	
Last Name:		First Name:	Spouse's Name:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Handicapped Parking Placard #:	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		
Caravan Name/Chapter:		<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call		<input type="radio"/> Mail Confirmation Packet

	Pre-Registered	After 12/20/13	Qty.	Total	Parking Preference (only check one)
Coach with 2 adults – Electric	\$ 210.00	\$ 220.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> General Electric Parking – 20-30 amps
Coach with 1 adult – Electric	\$ 190.00	\$ 200.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> General Parking – Generator between 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Coach with 2 adults – Generator	\$ 135.00	\$ 145.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> Handicapped Electric Parking* – 20-30 amps.
Coach with 1 adult – Generator	\$ 115.00	\$ 125.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> Handicapped Parking* – Generator between 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> 24-Hour Generator Parking
Children Under 12	FREE	FREE		FREE	<input type="radio"/> National Officer/WMHA Executive Officer
Passport* for 2 adults	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00		\$	* Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. Please provide parking placard number above.
Passport* for 1 adult	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00		\$	

\* No motorhome parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and coffee hour.

**Total \$**

<b>Payment Information</b>		<b>Mail to:</b> FMCA Attention: Western Area Rally 8291 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244  <b>Place your credit card registrations by:</b> <b>Phone:</b> (800) 543-3622 (513) 474-3622 <b>Fax:</b> (800) 543-4717 (513) 474-2332 <b>Online:</b> www.fmca.com
Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc. <b>Please Charge:</b>		
Card Number	Expiration Date	
Signature		
<b>Cancellation Policy</b>		
Refunds will be given only upon written request if received no later than 12/20/13. A cancellation charge of \$10.00 will be deducted from any amount. Badges and confirmation material must be returned with request. Registrations after 12/19/13 will be held at will call.		

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**AVI Casino KOA**

Tuesday, Jan 14 – Friday, Jan 17, 2014  
1000 Aha Maca Parkway, Laughlin, NV 89029  
Phone (800) 571-1167

TRAIL BOSSES: Harry & Susan Salit, John & Marsha Swanson

Tuesday Jan 14            3:00 PM.....Welcome & Registration  
                                  4:00 PM.....Happy Hour-BYOB-snacks & chips provided  
                                  5:00 PM.....Dinner - Pot-Luck i.e check with Susan for ideas

Wednesday Jan 15        8:30 AM....Social Coffee  
                                  9:00 AM....Breakfast @ AVI Casino  
                                  10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM On Your Own  
                                  4:00 PM....Happy Hour, BYOB - Snacks provided  
                                  5:00 PM....Dinner - On Your Own/Dine at Casino  
                                  7:00 PM....Games @ Casino

Thursday Jan              8:30 AM....Social Coffee  
                                  9:00 AM....Breakfast @ Casino  
                                  10:00 AM.....Board Meeting  
                                  10:30 AM.....General Membership Meeting - Elections  
                                  4:00 PM.....Happy Hour, BYOB - Snacks  
                                  5:00 PM.....Dinner - OYO or Dine @ Casino

Friday Jan 17             9:00 AM.....Farewells - Bring Your Own Coffee

Applications must be received by Monday December 16, 2013

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone & E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Camp site: .....\$19 + tax per night X 3 .....\$64.18  
Rally Fees:.....10.00  
TOTAL:.....\$74.18

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club Of California  
Mail To: Treasurer Marilyn Turner 620 Gary Place, Newport Beach, Ca. 92663-5410  
(FOR EXTRA NIGHTS MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS)

**Restaurants at the Casino:**

Feathers Café (open24/7 (99 cent breakfast all day): Native Harvest Buffet  
Moonshadow Grill (fine dining): Ristorante Avianos (fine Italian) open 4-9 PM  
The Food Court - casual, Subway, Sbarro, Thrifty  
Whispers Lounge - \$0.99 Shrimp Cocktail, Hot Dogs

**Sightseeing and Things to Do:**

Gambling at the casino, Movies at the casino, 8 Theaters (some 3D)  
Visit Oatman, a western ghost town & mining camp (24 miles, 35 minutes away)  
Visit Havasu and London Bridge (about 63 miles away), Laughlin Outlet Center (about 11 miles away)

# Valencia Travel Village Rally Castaic, CA

## Who came:

Trail Bosses - Curtis & Lois Jones, Noe & Pat Roman

Leo & Marion Aragon  
Tom Brown & Judy Kass  
Alan & Joanne Johnston  
Ray & Jackie Ouellette  
Dick & Lillian Rody  
Harry & Susan Salit  
John & Marsha Swanson  
Norm & Evelyn Teixeira  
Tom & Dee Thomas  
Glenn & Marilyn Turner  
Art & Barbara Valenzuela  
Chuck Walker & Marlene

We won prizes and ate catered meals.

Thanks Lois & Curtis, Noe & Pat





and the DDD Award goes to...

Chuck and Marlene. They were chatting and greeting everyone when they arrived and forgot to turn off the engine in their coach.



# At the Nethercutt Museum



Harry chilled with some Red Hat Ladies while listening to the amazing theater organ concert.



# At the Reagan Library



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

September 18, 2013  
Valencia Travel Village, Castaic, CA



**Jackie Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Johnston at 10:35 AM. Alan then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alan began the meeting with "Old Business" and asked for the Secretary's Report. Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the May 16th meeting were posted on the bulletin board. Evelyn Teixeira made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Harry Salit seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner gave the Treasurer's Report. Balance of \$9,824.29 does not include any of the current rally income or expenses. A motion was made by Marsha Swanson and seconded by Susan Salit to accept the Report. Motion Passed.

President Alan Johnston then thanked the Trail Bosses Noe and Pat Roman and Curtis and Lois Jones for the wonderful rally. He also mentioned how excited we all are to attend the Nethercutt Museum tomorrow after breakfast. He also thanked Tom Brown and Judy Kass for joining us at the rally, and hoped Tom would be joining our club. He also had member Chuck Walker introduce his friend Marlene.

National Director Ray Ouellette passed out pamphlets from FMCA regarding revised member benefits. He encouraged everyone to read and know your benefits. Further information is available at the FMCA Website.

Membership chairman Mary Johnson was absent. It was announced we currently have a paid membership of 24 coaches.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave highlights of the upcoming rallies for 2014:

Jan. 14-17 Avi Casino KOA Campground, Laughlin, NV

Trail Bosses: The Salits and the Swansons

March 18-21 Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, CA

Trail Bosses: The Teixerias and the Aragons

May 20-23 Pechanga Casino & RV Resort, Temecula, CA

Trail Bosses: The Johnsons and the Ouellettes

Sept. 16-19 Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA

Trail Bosses: The Rodys and the Valenzuelas

Leo asked for feedback regarding the location of the current rally and asked if people would like to come back here for another rally. Comments were very favorable. Noe announced that we do not have the clubhouse on Friday morning as there is another group scheduled to begin their rally that morning. Our good byes, hugs etc. will take place at Noe and Pat's coach.

Ways and Means chairman Jackie Ouellette announced there will be a "fund raiser" at the January rally in Laughlin. Please save those unwanted Christmas presents for a silent auction.

Hospitality chairman Lois Jones gave updates on the following members:

Gray Brown has blood clots and is doing much better

Mary Archambeault has cancer and is currently undergoing chemo treatments.

Jackie Ouellette had minor heart surgery and is doing great.

Marilyn Turner had surgery on her right hand (finger) and will begin therapy soon.

Pat Roman had surgery on her right arm in Oct. and is doing quite well. Also Pat

Noe are great grandparents to a baby girl.

The Norris's are expecting a grandson in February.

Newsletter chairman, Susan Salit asked for more baby pictures to be presented in the Newsletter. Also, please forward to her any articles to be published. Remember this is our newsletter and Susan puts lots of hours making it such a great publication. She also asked if all had email to read the Newsletter. The Valenzuelas and Chuck Walker asked to have hard copies of the Newsletter mailed to them. Ray Ouellette thanked Susan on behalf of all the members for her outstanding work.

President Alan Johnston then asked for new business. Discussions made:

Lois Jones gave directions for the Nethercutt Museum and suggested car pooling. She said our planned tour was to begin at 10 AM. It was decided to caravan the 15 miles to the museum, and to be ready to leave by 9:20 AM,

Leo Aragon began a discussion regarding the amount of money each trail boss should request for food expenses. He mentioned the past 3 rallies went over the budgeted amount collected. This was due to many catered meals. After a discussion of the balance in our treasury, and the convenience of catering, it was determined there is not a set amount of money to be asked for food. The amount is set by the Trail Boss to cover the approximate cost of food that is provided for each rally.

Noe Roman began a discussion regarding Trail Boss and Assistant Trail Boss expenses. Currently the Club pays site fees for both and food for the Trail Boss. Norm Teixeira made a motion that the Club pay site and food expenses for both Trail Boss and Assistant Trail Boss. Noe Roman seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

With no further business, President Alan Johnston adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California

