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Discovery

Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT MAY 17TH – 20TH 2016

Early in the month of May we had our third Discovery Club of California Rally in Bakersfield, CA. The attendance of members at this rally was second to the worst with only 8 rigs. The Worst was a couple of years ago in January 2014 at the AVI RV Park in Laughlin, NV where we Only had 7 rigs in attendance. However, those who did show up enjoyed another fun get-together starting with Monday when 7 of 8 rigs arrived early. Our gracious trail bosses John and Marsha Swanson arraigned for an excellent dinner at the Wool Growers Restaurant. Wow, what a meal we had with lots of homemade soup, salads, side dishes, other greens and excellent main meals.

The rally officially got going Tuesday evening as our trail bosses worked to decorate the club house for a catered meal of thick patty hamburgers and all the trimmings followed by ice cream and cake. As noted on the rally flyer all meals were catered by the CREST Restaurant located within the rv resort grounds, a requirement of the resort. After dinner we played some games involving small children's books where we competed to find certain objects on each page. The winners were Leo & Marian earning a basket gift with real root beer, i.e. it has alcohol.

Wednesday morning we had breakfast consisting of eggs, bacon, home fired potatoes, biscuits and gravy, sauces and our club coffee. Later in the morning we all drove by caravan to Murray Family Farm where we all paid our \$5 and took a hayride tour of the immediate farm area. We all returned to our rigs and the ladies left the men and went shopping at the mall. They call it "peace and quiet for the men". For dinner that evening we had lasagna, salad and bread followed by dessert of cake and ice cream. Different cake this time. Again we played a game of guessing names and locations of Italian popular sites. Mary won that contest and was presented with a bottle of wine.

Thursday morning we had an 8:30 am breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits. After breakfast Glen Turner conducted a short combined board and general membership meeting. We talked about our next rally in September and our January 2017 rally in Lake Havasu and later in January we have reservations for Quartzite January 21 – 25. Mary passed out the flyers for our rally in Chula Vista. Evelyn Teixeira, chair for nominating committee, identified candidates for some of the positions on the board of directors and others duties. These candidates will be available when we have our election of officers in September.

Here are the names:

President: Joan Edman
V. President: Evelyn Teixeira
Treasurer: Marsha Swanson

Secretary: ??????????
FMCA DIR. Joan Edman

Appointed positions: Wagon Master: Leo Aragon
Membership: Mary Johnson
Ways & Means: Marian Aragon
Newsletter: Susan Saliz
Club Website: ????????????



For dinner that evening we had fajitas with either beef or chicken and flour tortillas; beans and rice and cake and ice cream for dessert . No games were played but we discussed the DDD Award we all decided that Ray would be the winner again for carrying rat food in his motor home.

Hope to see you all in Chula Vista in September.
Wagon Master; Leo Aragon



Presidents Report

Unfortunately, Jackie and I were unable to attend the Bakersfield Rally due to major motorhome problems. However, it appears that even though there were only eight rigs in attendance, everyone had a wonderful time thanks to Trail Bosses John and Marsha Swanson. A smaller group is sometimes more enjoyable because we can spend more time interacting together. The downside is the fact that most R.V. Resorts require a minimum of ten to fifteen rigs in order to receive site fee discount and exclusive clubhouse use.

Vice President Glenn Turner conducted the membership meeting and states the following: *"Bakersfield rally we had a total of eight and of nice catered food , since it was a small group it was nice sitting around during the day and have a conversation with people we normally may not have , we also went to a fruit and avocado farm where we took a ride through their whole orchards and then afterwards we took pictures of all of us."*

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Evelyn Teixeira for a job well done as Nominating Committee Chairman. It appears that we will have the best board ever to conduct the affairs of our club. I look forward to our election of officers at our forthcoming rally in Chula Vista.

A copy of our Chula Vista sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter. I know it's a long way to travel for some, but this should be a very fun rally which includes a 90 minute "Ducks/Seal Tour" through picturesque San Diego streets and through the waters of San Diego Bay. Please note that our Chula Vista Rally is Scheduled for "MONDAY Sept 19 departing on THURSDAY Sep 22, 2016. Extra days must be scheduled and paid directly to the resort, not through our club.

Drive Safely... See you there..

Ray-O

FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Joan Edman
Nat'l. Director

As requested, I contacted our Regional VP - Dick Gibbs, regarding the \$125 Chapter Recruitment Benefit funds available from FMCA. Mr. Gibbs informed me our easel type sign would not be eligible. Their three options are brochures, mailings, and advertising. When I told him our plan was certainly recruitment and advertising for new members, he thought we might want to use door hangers or direct mailing. Many chapters are having the same difficulty, and it was suggested I call the home office.

It seemed to me the door hangers would be considered solicitation. While camped at Pismo Coast Village, I asked for input. Door hangers are not allowed at their park because it would encourage businesses such as pizza delivery, RV maintenance and repair, etc., to follow suit.

I spoke with two individuals at FMCA. Basically, they told me direct mailing to recently joined members within our zip codes was best, resulting in a typical 1 to 2 percent success rate. FMCA would design a brochure, or we could do our own and list our rallies. Another option, as suggested by Leo, would be to list our rallies in the FMCA magazine. I await your input.

We are looking forward to the Albany, Oregon rally. Hope to bring some "goodies" back

Joan Edman, FMCA
National Director



Bakersfield Rally

May 17 - 20, 2016
Bakersfield RV Park, Bakersfield, CA





At Murray Farm







Member Birthdays

July

1 Sandy Mitchell
 3 Art Valenzuela
 6 Jackie Ouellette

August

1 Eddie Mitchell
 4 Marilyn Turner
 28 Glenn Turner

September

2 Barbara Valenzuela
 13 Marv Zepeda

Anniversaries

July

23 Norm and Evelyn Teixeira

August

9 Larry and Muriel Benson
 11 Bill and Patsy Miller
 28 Gary and Carrie Brown

September

1 Carl and Mary Johnson
 24 Ray and Jackie Ouellette
 28 Gary and Carrie Brown



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

Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA

May 19, 2016



**Jackie
Ouellette**
Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:15am by Vice President Glenn Turner.

Glenn thanked Marsha and John Swanson for hosting our rally that everyone is enjoying.

Minutes: Minutes for our last meeting in March have been available for the members to read. Marsha moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Marilyn. No discussion. Members voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn posted and presented her report. Eddie moved to approve the report, 2nd by Marsha. Members voted to accept. A copy is attached.

National Director: Joan posted and presented her report. A copy is attached.

Membership: Mary reported we have 21 members and 4 honorary members. In September at the rally dues will start to be collected for 2017.

Hospitality: No report.

Ways and Means: No report.

Library: Our librarian Marsha reported more new books are available. She asked everyone to keep submitting books that they have enjoyed reading.

Newsletter: Susan reminded everyone to keep sending her and info to be shared with the club.

Web Master: No report.

Wagon Master: Leo provided info for our September rally in Chula Vista hosted by Jackie & Ray and Marilyn & Glenn.

Our rallies for 2017: January 2-6 - Lake Havasu City, AZ
March 3-7 - Pechanga in Temecula, CA
May - no final info yet
September - no final info yet

Vice President: No report.

Nominating Committee: Evelyn reported the nominees for 2017. The election will be at our September rally.

President: Joan

Vice President: Evelyn

Secretary: Jackie

Treasurer: Marsha

National Director: Joan

Old Business: The Discovery Club stand is by Leo's coach.

New Business: No new business

Motion by John to adjourn, 2nd by Bill. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Acting Secretary, Mary Johnson



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 21 members and four honorary members for 2016. Keep inviting your RV friends to come to our rallies and join the fun. At the September Rally in Chula Vista I will start collecting 2017 dues. Remember Jackie has to send in a roster to FMCA at the end of December and the everyone that pays at the rally helps her have an accurate 2017 roster. See you all in September.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair (mary30500@gmail.com).

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Happy 4th of July! It's always fun to celebrate and enjoy the fireworks. When you are enjoying special events and posting pictures to Facebook, think of your newsletter editor and send me a special photo too. Think of the newsletter as your Discovery Club Facebook. Reminder... I prefer receiving your information in a Word or Pages (not a PDF) document. It is easier to edit and fit into available space. Enjoy the holiday Discoverers.



Susan Salit, Editor (gsue@salit.us)

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**Happy
Independence Day
Discoverers**



2016 - 2017 Planned Rallies

- Sept. 20-23, 2016 Chula Vista RV Resort, 460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista, CA
Trail Bosses: Ray & Jackie Ouellette, Glenn & Marilyn Turner
Election of club officers will be held.
- Jan. 9-13, 2017 Havasu Falls RV Resort, 3493 State Rte. 95 North, Lake Havasu
City, AZ 86404 928-764-0050
Trail Bosses needed
- Mar. 3- 7, 2017 Pechanga RV Resort, 4500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA
92591 877-997-8386
Trail Bosses needed

Wagon Master Leo Aragon expresses a sincere thanks to the Trail Boss Volunteers

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 'DISCOVERY CLUB OF CA' FMCA CHAPTER:

You must be a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association. FMCA membership and a Class A, B or C motorhome mandatory. Please remit before January 1st or at our January rally. Please fill in bellow information so we can update our records.

Website: *DISCOVERYCLUBONLINE.COM*

Date _____ FMCA# _____

Last Name _____ Pilot _____

Last Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Pilot cell# _____

Co-Pilot cell # _____

Year & Make of Motorhome _____

email address _____

Please enclose renewal amount of \$20.00

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of CA and mail to:

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman
30500 Caliente Place
Canyon Lake, CA 92587
(951) 768-7021



If you have any questions, feel free to call

**WELCOME!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU SOON!!!!**

Election Rally -- Chula Vista R.V. Resort

Monday, September 19, 2016 - Thursday, September 22, 2016
460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Phone 800-770-2878
Trail Bosses Ray & Jackie Ouellette, Glenn & Marilyn Turner

Please bring table service and your coffee cup for every meal

- Monday, Sep 19** 3:00 PM.... (No Clubhouse) Bring Chairs to Trail Boss Site
5:00 PM....Happy Hour, BYOB
6:00 PM....Baked Potato Buffet, salad & dessert
7:00 PM....Fireside fun and Games
- Tuesday, Sep 20** 8:00 AM... Breakfast Tostada's, & fresh fruit
 ** Note early breakfast time due to early tour
9:30 AM....Ducks Seal Tour ... Departure
11:30 AM...1 1/2 hour Land & Sea Seal Tour
 Lunch on your own at Seaport Village
5:00 PM....Happy Hour, BYOB
6:00 PM....Chicken Casserole, salad, & dessert
7:00 PM Bingo - Bring Money\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Wednesday, Sep 21** 8:30 AM.... Breakfast French Toast Casserole
9:30 AM....Board Meeting (Wear red white & Blue)
10:00 AM...General Membership Meeting/Election
 Lunch on your own
5:00 PM....Happy Hour, BYOB
6:00 PM....Roast Pork dinner & dessert
7:00 PM....DDD Award, Sheriff's fines, & LRC
- Thursday, Sep 22** 8:30 AM.....Juice, muffins and goodbyes BYO coffee

APPLICATIONS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 19, 2016

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Rally Fees for 2 People.....	\$100.00
Campsite Fees 3 Nights.....	<u>\$157.50</u>
Duck's Seal Boat Tour \$31.00 per person.....	\$ _____
TOTAL.....	\$ _____

**Call Group Coordinator Shana 800-770-2878, Chula Vista R.V. Resort
for extra day(s) at Club Price \$52.50 per night**

**MAKE CHECKS payable to: Discovery Club of California mail to:
Marilyn Turner:620 Gary Place, Newport Beach, Ca 92663**