

Oct 2018

# Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



## Presidents Report



**Joan Edman**  
President

A big “thank you” to Jackie Ouellette, Trail Boss for the Bakersfield rally. Jackie is organized, creative, hardworking, and a good cook to boot! She served as my “GPS” for the Assistant Trail Boss role. We had a dream kitchen. The staff at the River Run RV Resort couldn’t have been more accommodating, and the facilities were well-maintained. Thank you Leo! A big treat (with 100% participation) was the Crystal Palace dinner and show featuring the Stampede Band from Bakersfield.

Our website ([www.discoveryclub.com](http://www.discoveryclub.com)) is completely updated thanks to the diligence of Ray Ouellette. Check out the photos from this latest rally, and reminisce while looking at some earlier ones.

We had a total of 11 rigs for the rally, and everyone arrived a day early. One rig contained the Horton’s guests, Chris & Kim Holmes of Templeton, who joined our chapter. Kim immediately stepped up to help with cleanup, and even prepared a delicious appetizer for our happy hour. Kudos also to Katie Horton and Kathy Litten who were wonderful kitchen helpers!

Thanks to all for agreeing to serve as officers for the next two years! The following slate for 2019 thru 2020 was approved. These individuals will be sworn in at our January rally:

President:	Leo Aragon
Vice-President:	Evelyn Teixeira
Secretary:	Katie Horton
Treasurer:	Marsha Swanson
Nat’l. Director:	Janet Ortiz
Alt. Nat’l Director:	Carl Johnson

Our Committee Members have agreed to continue their positions with exception of the Wagon Master who will be appointed/announced by the incoming President, Leo Aragon.

Wagon Master	TBA
Webmaster	Ray Ouellette
Newsletter Editor	Susan Salit
Membership Chair	Mary Johnson
Hospitality	Tammy Norris
Ways & Means	Marian Aragon

Photographer Eddie Mitchell  
Historian Muriel Benson

We will be celebrating our chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Desert Hot Springs. \*Dave Franke, V-P of the Southern Region/ Western Motor Home Association, is planning on attending our rally to give us a certificate and a check honoring this milestone.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and we'll see you in 2019. Thanks to all who gave me so much support as President.

Stay happy & healthy!

\*(UPDATE: I have been notified that Mr. Franke will be unable to attend our rally at Desert Hot Springs, but hopes to visit one of our other 2019 rallies.)

## FMCA National Director's Report



I attended the Governing Board Meeting at FMCA's 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Gillette, Wyoming. We took a road trip by car not our RV. Some interesting info was shared. FMCA has had 17 straight positive membership months through June 2018, however, a significant decrease in the total number of chapter members. Chapter membership in 2017 was 24,668 and so far (as of July 2018) is 22,504. FMCA is attracting new members, but they are not joining chapters.

The chapters in the Western United States expressed frustration with the international conventions not being held in their area – with the exception of Oregon - and seem to be concentrated in the Midwest and East Coast. Jon Walker, National President, explained the frustration FMCA has encountered trying to schedule in the Western area. Pomona resulted in a tremendous loss of revenue and they are not having any "luck" trying to have an international rally in Las Vegas. This month's issue of *familyRVing* has an interesting update on the difficult job of scheduling a convention. Difficulties include finding parking for up to 5,000 RVs, adequate exhibitor needs and adequate out-buildings for indoor exhibits and seminars, an arena or grandstand, on-site sewage dumping area or pump-out trucks, exclusive use of the grounds, and offices for many different functions of the event. Also, the community itself needs to have sufficient hotel rooms and rental cars, a major airport within an hour away, an adequate number of campsites in the surrounding area, and buses or other modes of transportation. Many state and local laws are not favorable for exhibitors. The final consideration is cost of the facility.

The next winter convention will once again be in Perry, Georgia from March 13 through 16, 2019. The summer 2019 event will be in Minot, North Dakota from August 14 through 17

Joan Edman





**Leo Aragon**  
Wagonmaster

## Wagonmasters Report

Unfortunately, I am a wee bit late with this report and I apologize for being tardy. After the rally Marian and I took off to Albuquerque to attend an "Aragon" family reunion. We took our time getting there and getting back home. We spent some extra days in Albuquerque (my old stomping grounds). We got home and became so involved in house things that I forgot about the report.

Most of the happenings at the rally are covered in the President's report prepared by Joan Edman including the governing board roster for 2019-20. I repeat Joan's kudos to Jackie and her ability to put together a great menu for all of us to feast on. Her GPS compadres (the Edmans) did their share of the work including figuring out how to operate the oven in the "Class A" kitchen, so they could bake those good cookies, YUM. The River Run Resort was a very nice facility and they had the most accommodating staff. Even the pool was inviting, and some of our new members took a dip.

We were happy to welcome the Horton's and their guests Chris and Kim Holmes who became new members. It's GOOD to welcome them to the club. It was gratifying to see our guests and new members pitch in and help our hosts, the Ouellette's and Edman's.

As I presented to the membership at the rally, the schedule for rallies for year 2019 are firm with the exception of September. I have not been able to get a commitment from the Wine Country RV Resort, so I am going to try and book the other new RV Resort in Paso Robles. The remainder of the rallies are on contract.

There is an update regarding the Office of Wagonmaster. Ed Brennan has graciously agreed to assume that responsibility. So as we head into the 2019 rally year we do have a Wagon Master. When the club celebrates the 20th anniversary at the January rally in Desert Hot Springs Catalina Resort we will have a Wagon Master to introduce. Many thanks Ed!

You all have a happy feasty Thanksgiving holiday and a very Merry Christmas from Leo and Marian.

Leo Aragon, Wagon Master

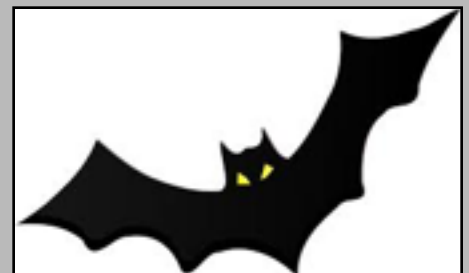




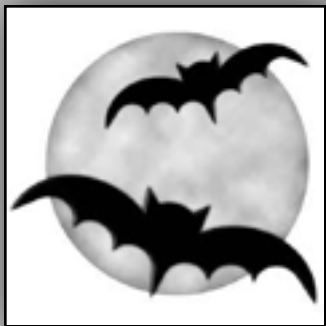
# River Run RV Resort

Bakersfield, CA

Sept. 11-14, 2018



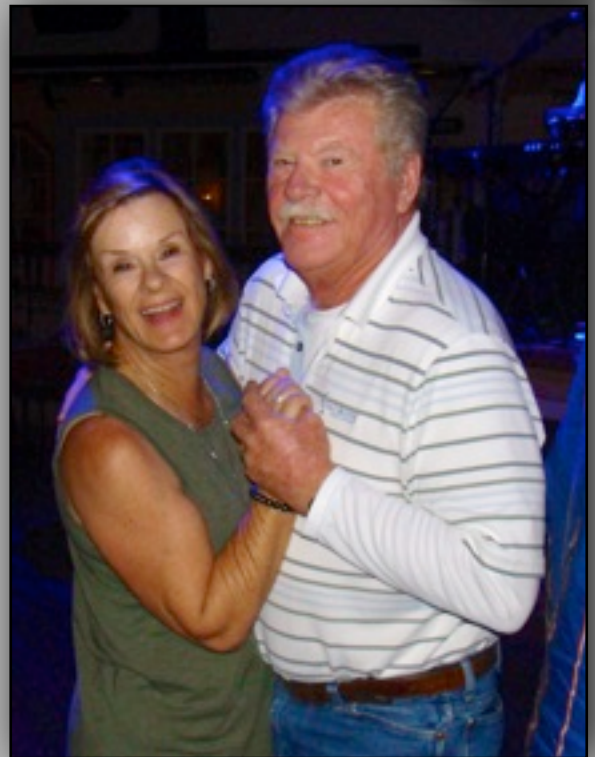




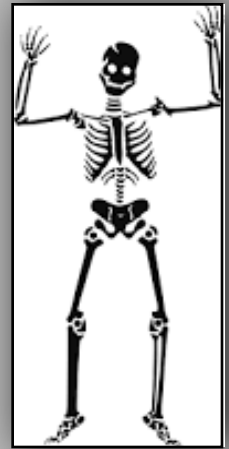














# Member Birthdays/Anniversaries

## 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

## July

1 Sandy Mitchell  
3 Art Valenzuela  
6 Jackie Ouellette

### Anniversaries:

4 JD and Red Vanik  
23 Norm and Evelyn Teixeira

## August

1 Lois Jones  
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

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)

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

Sept. 13, 2018

River Run RV Resort, Bakersfield CA



**Jackie  
Ouellette  
Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Edman at 10:06 AM. Joan then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marlene Vanik gave the invocation.

Joan introduced guests Chris and Kim Holmes. Kim announced they will be joining our club. Joan thanked Kim for all her volunteering during this rally. Joan also thanked Jackie and Ray Ouellette and her husband Ed for all their help (and Joan's too) during this rally. She announced to the members that being a trail boss is fun, as much work as you'd like, that you always have help, and you also get free camp site paid for by the club. See Web Site for guidelines for Trail Bosses. Joan also announced that birthdays and anniversary's are also listed on the Web Site.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting were posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Katie Horton and seconded by Ray Ouellette to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson was absent. Jackie Ouellette announced the Treasurer's Report was posted on the bulletin board for viewing. Balance as of 5-16-18 is: \$9,706.96. With estimated expenses of this current rally the approximate new balance is: \$7,929.91 - pending further expenses.

National Director, Joan Edman gave a detailed report of the FMCA rally she and her husband Ed, attended in Gillette, Wyoming on July 18th, 2018. See attached report for complete details.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson was absent.

Hospitality Chairman Tammy Norris was also absent. Discussion was held regarding health of members: Mary Johnson has knee problem, Tammy Norris received a new knee, Pat Roman has eye problems and John Swanson is scheduled to receive a new knee in November. Also members Barbara Valenzuela and Chuck Walker recently passed away. Many members were at the funeral for Barbara and Chuck's service is this coming weekend.

Ways and Means Chairman Marian Aragon had nothing to report at this meeting.

Web Master Ray Ouellette said the Web Site is up to date and in a few days all pictures from this current rally will also be posted. Also, new/changed by laws are also posted as are all the duties of each office, past and future rally information plus so much more.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave updates for the 2019 rallies. Also, he gave much information regarding our 20th anniversary to be held at the Jan. 2019 rally and a request for \$700. for entertainment. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette to approve the \$700. and seconded by Katie Horton. The motion was approved. A representative from FMCA will be present to give our club a plaque or certificate to commemorate this wonderful event. Upcoming rallies are as follows:

Jan 7-11, 2019 - Catalina Spa & RV Resort, Desert Hot Springs, CA  
Trail Bosses: Janet Ortiz and Ann Marie Nelson

March 19-21, 2019 - Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA  
Trail Bosses: Swanson's and Johnson's

May 21-24, 2019 - Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV  
Trail Bosses: NEEDED

Sept, 17-20, 2019 - Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA  
Trail Bosses: Horton's and Litten's

Vice President Evelyn Teixeira did not have anything to report.

New Business: Nominating Committee Chairperson gave the following slate of officers for 2019-2020.

President: Leo Aragon

Vice President: Evelyn Teixeira

Secretary: Katie Horton

Treasure: Marsha Swanson

National Director: Janet Ortiz

Assistant National Director: Carl Johnson



A motion was made by Norm Teixeira and seconded by Ray Ouellette to approve the slate of new officers. The new officers will be sworn in at the Jan. 2019 meeting.

A discussion was held regarding having Historian Muriel Benson bring past photo albums to the Jan. 2019 20 year anniversary celebration.

With no further business President Joan Edman adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is that time of the year when I need to remind everyone to renew their membership. Dues are \$20.00 - payable to Discovery Club of California. Please email me ([mary30500@gmail.com](mailto:mary30500@gmail.com)) if you are sending me your dues or are planning to pay them in person at our January rally. Your FMCA dues are separate and are payable directly to FMCA I like to pay FMCA online and for more than one year so I receive the discount for multiple year renewal. Hope to see you all in January.

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

### NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,

We're all looking forward to the new rally season. I hope I'll be able to be with you for at least one rally next year.

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

Have a happy holiday season.

*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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