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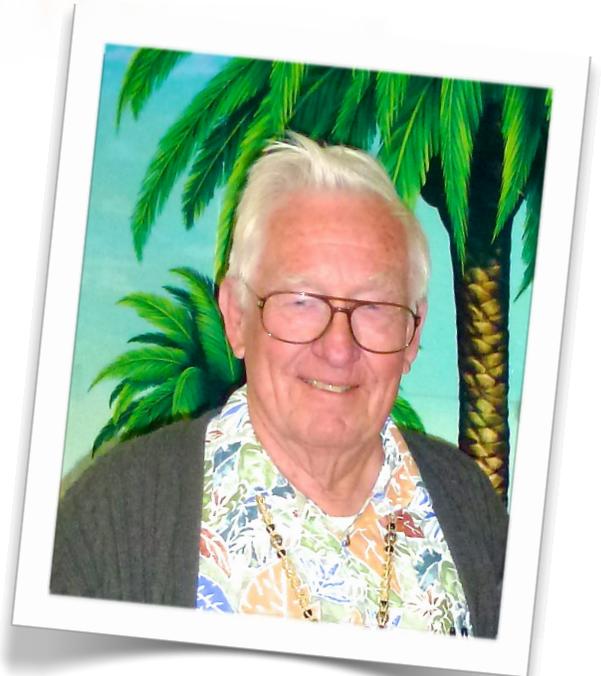
Discovery

Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Presidents Message

Thank you all for coming to the January outing at the Emerald Desert Resort. We enjoyed very much the visiting and socializing there. We also owe a big vote of thanks to our trail bosses, Ray, Jackie, Carl, and Mary for their efforts, which made the outing an outstanding event. It is well on the way to becoming a tradition to do the January visit there, and I remember clearly the tenth anniversary of the Discovery Club of CA that occurred in the same room we used this time. May there be many more.

Officers

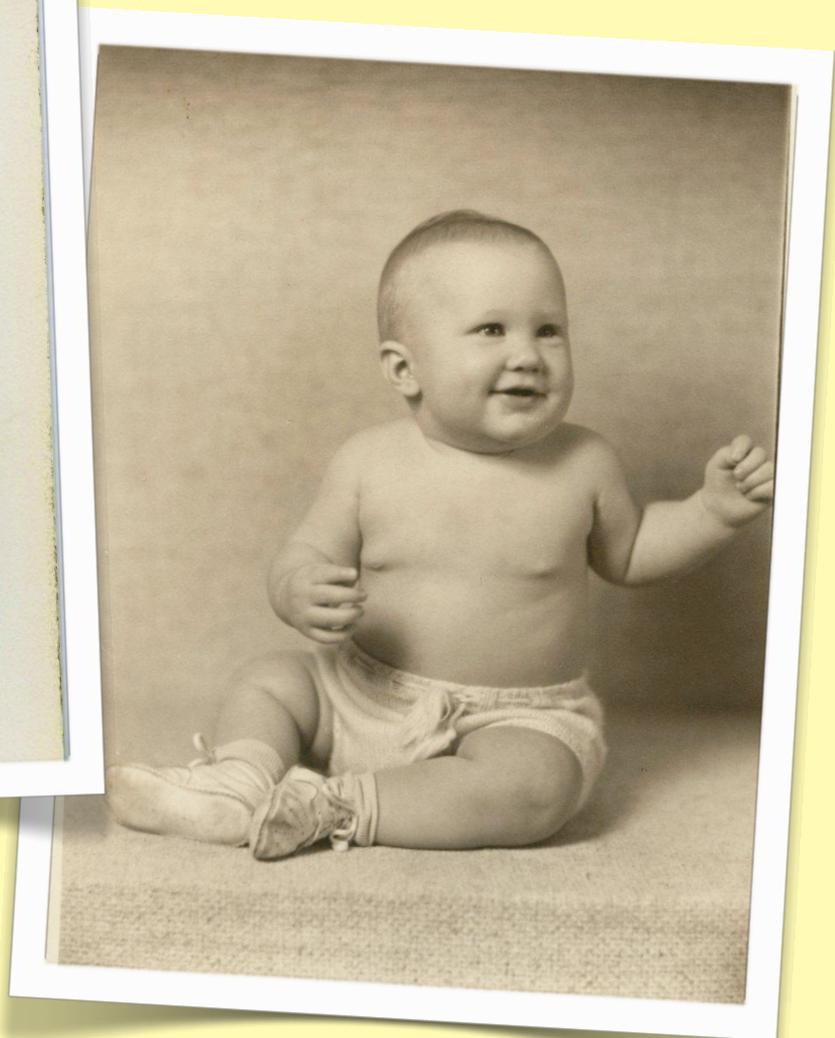
Alan Johnston - President
Carl Johnson - Vice President
Jackie Ouellette - Secretary
Marilyn Turner - Treasurer
Ray Ouellette - National Director
Gary Brown - Alternate National Director

Alan Johnston
President

Member News

Ray O's great granddaughter Brooke's first piggy tail.

New Members:
Douglas & Jocelyn Kersh
theonlytimelord@gmail.com



DCOC Babies

Can you guess which Discoverers these two cuties grew up to be?

WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

Emerald Desert Rally Jan 15 - 18, 2013

Our Emerald Desert Rally was a huge success with a total of fourteen (14) rigs in attendance in addition to Dave and Betty Wickersham who stayed at their time share resort in the Palm Desert area. We also had nineteen (19) members participate in the "Palm Springs Grand Celebrity Tour". Trail bosses Jackie and Mary decorated the clubhouse beautifully with emphasis on the three separate dinners known as "Deep South", "Mexican Fiesta" and "Italian Feast". All three meals including catered chicken was superb but Carl's spaghetti feast with his home-made Italian sauce was the very best.

We have a new couple joining our club. Douglas & Jocelyn Kersh were referred to us through the FMCA. Tom & Dee Thomas were guests of Mary and Carl Johnson at the rally.

We had loads of fun with a new game (name unknown) constructing the tallest building with marshmallows and tooth picks. Rich Skinner was the winner and master contractor. New member Jocelyn Kerch won the first bingo game but the grand prize winner was Dave Wickersham. Everyone also had fun with our silent auction and Christmas white elephant sale netted our club over \$160. Everything was sold and nobody was required to take their unwanted stuff back home. Several items had multiple bidders, some from the same couple.

The official election of our new board was conducted by Dave Wickersham who volunteered in the swearing in ceremony. Dave also took this opportunity to express his farewell to the membership after being a long time member of our club. Dave and Betty recently sold their motor home but hope to join us in future rallies whenever possible.

Our new Wagon Master is Leo Aragon who is more than well qualified for this position and I want to be first to wish him the very best of luck. Please assist him as much as possible by being a trail boss for future rallies. Our new membership chairman is Mary Johnson and Susan Salit continues to be our Newsletter Editor. President Alan Johnson will also continue as "Web Master".

We have three (3) exciting rallies to look forward to this year including Bakersfield where all dinners will be catered. This rally is scheduled for March 19 - 22, 2013, Trail Bosses are Norm & Evelyn Teixeira and Leo & Marion Aragon. The next rally will be at Lakeside R.V. Resort and Casino, Pahrump. We always get a good turn-out at our Pahrump Rally and we have reserved two extra days at this rally because of the distance some have to travel for the three day rally. This rally is scheduled for May 14- 17, 2013 Trail bosses will be Alan & Joanne Johnston and Glenn & Marilyn Turner. Our final rally for 2013 has been scheduled for Sept 17-19 at Boulder Creek R.V. Resort, Lone Pine, with trail bosses Noe & Pat Roman and Ralph & Tammy Norris.

This will be my last report as Wagon Master. It has been a pleasure serving you in that capacity during the past two years. I will continue as FMCA National Director.

Sincerely,
Ray Ouellette



Emerald Desert Rally



The wheels on the bus went round and round as we toured Palm Springs.

We saw Marilyn and had a date shake at the Windmill Market.





Many thanks to trailbosses Jackie and Mary, Ray and Carl. The food was delicious and the activities were lots of fun. We built marshmallow towers and bid on white elephant items.



Tom and Dee Thomas and Sue and Rich Skinner building tall towers



Carl gets some really good advice from Evelyn.



Dave was the big winner at bingo.

He and Betty have sold their RV, but we hope to see them at future rallies.

Dave installed the new officers and pronounced them crazy.



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

Emerald Desert R.V. Resort, Palm Desert, CA
January 17, 2013



**Jackie
Ouellette**
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Johnson at 10:33 am. President Johnson then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette stated the minutes of the Sept. 26, 2012 meeting were posted on the bulleting board. Betty Wickersham made a motion, seconded by Joanne Johnston to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

President Johnson introduced guests Doug and Jocelyn Kersh and Tom and Dee Thomas.

President Johnson thanked Trail Bosses Jackie and Ray Ouellette and his wife Mary Johnson for a great job during this rally.

Treasurer Ralph Norris was absent. Wagon Master Ray Ouellette said the treasurer's report was posted on the bulletin board. The balance without current expenses is \$8162.70. A motion was made by Susan Salit and seconded by Mary Johnson to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Membership chairman Tammy Norris was absent. President Carl Johnson announced annual membership dues (\$30.00) are due this month and to give checks to Marilyn Turner (new Treasurer). After much discussion regarding the treasury balance a motion was made by Harry Salit that membership dues should be for two (2) years instead of just one (1) year. Motion was seconded by Marilyn Turner. Motion passed.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced there are still 4 free one year memberships to FMCA for any new members joining our club. Jackie also announced that the club has received it's FMCA verification for 2013.

National Director Ray Ouellette announced FMCA assist program is no longer free to members. To join that program now the cost is: \$85.00 per person or \$105.00 per couple. Ray also mentioned that a representative from "Sky Med" program will be speaking at our next Rally in Bakersfield. Ray also announced Good Sam has and assist program.

President Carl Johnson announced that Mary Johnson has volunteered to become the new Membership Chairman.

Newsletter Editor Susan Salit thanked all for the ongoing articles and pictures to be included in the Newsletter. Susan asked for "baby" pictures of any member wanting to be part of a "Match The Baby Picture" Contest. She asked for pictures to be emailed to her via email.

Wagon Master Ray Ouellette gave an update regarding spaces here at Emerald Desert RV Resort. Four (4) coaches came one day early to the rally and were parked far from the clubhouse. On the first day of the rally four (4) spaces became available in the area of all the other coaches, however the owners of the four (4) coaches decided not to move and stayed in their spots. Emerald Desert RV Resort was very accommodating and helpful. Ray also announced there is a \$2.00 per day, pet fee required by the Resort. He will collect those fees and give the money to the office. Ray also announced member Ray Archambeault had paid all fees for this rally however he had emergency trouble with his motor home and it is being repaired. The club was unable to recover the RV Resort fee for him, however the club was able to return the \$70. Palm Springs Historical Tour

fee and also the \$50. food fee. Ray also spoke of the need for volunteers to be Trail Bosses for the upcoming Pahrump, NV Rally in May. (The originally planned Trail Bosses the Skinners are unable to host). Alan and Joanne Johnston along with Glenn and Marilyn Turner have volunteered to host. Rally is May 14-17. The last Rally for 2013 will be at Boulder Creek RV Resort, Lone Pine, CA Sept 17-19 Trail Bosses the Norris's and the Roman's.

Hospitality Chairman Lois Jones was absent. President Carl Johnson announced Curtis Jones took a serious fall and is now doing well, that the Valenzuela's son-in-law passed away, and the Dave Wickersham has recovered nicely from a recent stroke.

Ways & Means Chairman Jackie Ouellette gave a brief outline of the Christmas White Elephant fundraiser to be held tonight after dinner.

With no further business to discuss Dave Wickersham conducted the installation of new officers for the 2013/2014 term.

The sworn in officers are as follows:

President: Alan Johnston
Vice President: Carl Johnson
Secretary: Jackie Ouellette
Treasurer: Marilyn Turner
National Director: Ray Ouellette
Alt. Natl. Director: Gary Brown

Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

Wagon Master: Leo Aragon
Ways & Means: Jackie Ouellette
Membership: Mary Johnson
Newsletter: Susan Salit

With no further business out going President Carl Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned seconded by Jackie Ouellette. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of California

2013 Rallies

(These are now official rallies. Contracts are signed.)

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 and The Aragon

Thursday Sept. 19 - Sunday Sept. 22, 2013

[Boulder Creek RV Resort](#)

2550 South Highway 395

Lone Pine, CA 93545 (760) 876-4243

The Romans and The Norrises

Tuesday May 14 - Friday May 17, 2013

[Terrible's Resort](#)

Pahrump, NV

The Johnstons and The Turners