

February 2015

# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter



A Chapter of FMCA



### Presidents Report

Our Emerald Desert Rally was one of the best ever, thanks to Trail bosses John and Marsha Swanson with help of Jackie and Mary. We had 14 rigs in attendance, a perfect number for a successful rally. There was an abundance of food, games and a great tour that kept everyone busy and happy.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to outgoing president Alan Johnston and Vice President Carl Johnson for their dedication to our club during the past several years. Alan was honored with an outgoing gift of a photo album from our club. A special thanks to Marsha for the wonderful job of putting together this lovely album. Carl's long time service to our club as President, and Vice President is also greatly appreciated. He will continue to serve on our executive board as Assistant National Director.

I also want say "Thank You" to the new board and committee members for volunteering their time and service to our club during the forthcoming two years. Our club is alive and well with our new board and the addition of five new coaches during the past two months. We currently have a total of 41 Members and over 50% participation in our scheduled rallies.

Our website has been updated, please visit our website to view photos of our Emerald Desert Rally and other rally photos dating back to 2007. The website also includes several past newsletters, various forms, bylaws and information regarding forthcoming rallies. The website is easy to navigate and can be viewed on your computer, liPad or iPhone. Go to [www.discoveryclubonline](http://www.discoveryclubonline) for additional Club information.

Ray Ouellette, President  
Discovery Club of California



# Wagon Masters Report



The January 2015 rally at Emerald Desert RV Resort was again a smashing success. Of course, we owe it all to our outstanding hosts, John and Marsha Swanson and Mary Johnson and Jackie Ouellette, they out did themselves with the food and above all the entertainment. The turnout was excellent, we had 14 rigs, glad to see all those new members. We had two new guests in attendance, that being the Willards and the Mitchells. Sandy and Eddie Mitchell became members and we welcome them. We also had a long lost member there this time, Susan Salit had her son in law drive her motorhome to the resort so she could join us for the rally. We hope she finds a way to continue attending the club rallies in the future.

On Wednesday our host made arrangements for us to tour Cabot's Pueblo Museum. That was an enlightening adventure. We learned how much one individual can contribute to the establishment of a community. This museum of a hidden pueblo is nestled in the hills of Desert Hot Springs, CA. Cabot Abram Yerxa (1883-1965) built the pueblo using native American and Alaskan Native cultures and artifacts in the construction. We all enjoyed the tour, good work Marsha. The Christmas White Elephant sale was a lot of fun, thanks to Mary and Jackie. It was very enjoyable and helped bring in some funds to the club. All the meals were very good especially Thursday turkey feast with trimmings.

We head into our next adventure for our March Rally at the Desert Willows RV Resort in Hesperia, CA on the 17th through the 20th. This will be our first rally at this location and our hosts, Larry and Muriel Benson and Robin and Judy Goodman, are planning a great rally of fun for us. So let's get our checks into Marilyn Turner as soon as possible before the 15th of February. She will be out for one week after that. We NEED a good turnout again so see you all in Hesperia.

Your Wagon Master  
Leo Aragon



# Discovery Club

Emerald Desert Rally  
January 13-16, 2015  
Emerald Desert Resort,  
Palm Desert, CA



Visiting the Cabot  
Pueblo Museum

The best date  
shakes in Palm  
Desert at the  
Windmill Market.





# The DDD Award



The Award passes from John to Leo.



Alan and Joanne receive their memory book.



The Rodys



New officers..  
Officially installed



Susan with Sofie and  
Dennis



Marcia is a  
winner.





Our French models  
present items for the  
White Elephant Sale.



Valentine Couples

# new members

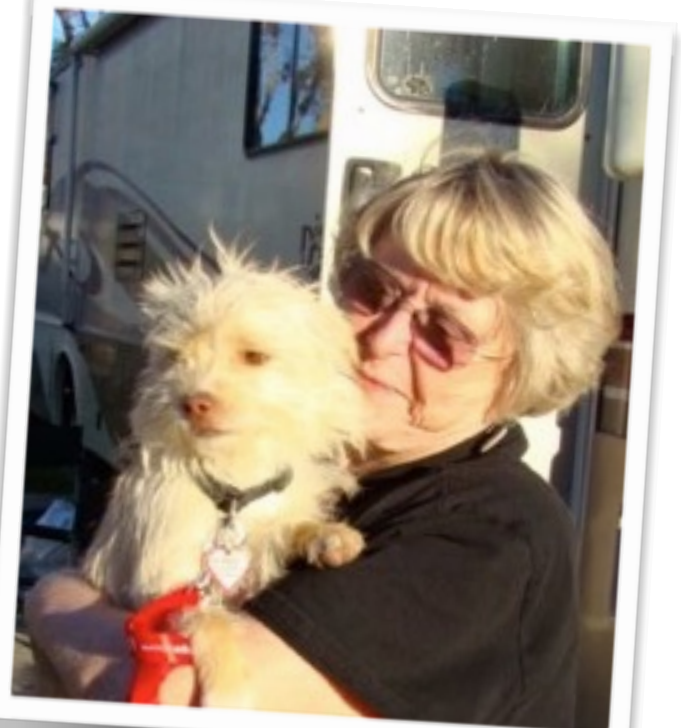


Eddie & Sandy Mitchell  
1412 E. Lemon Ave.  
Lompoc, CA 93436  
[ensmitch@gmail.com](mailto:ensmitch@gmail.com)



Zip & Ruth Zepede  
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New canine member Levi.  
Susan adopted him at the  
Emerald Desert Market  
from the Living Free  
Shelter in Idyllwild. He's a  
good boy.





# RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO OUR BYLAWS

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

- A. ELEGIBILITY-----no change
- B. DEFINITIONS-----no change
- C. DUES AND FEES-----no change

### RECOMMEND THE FOLOWING ADDITION TO OUR BYLAWS

#### **D. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Honorary Membership may be bestowed on any member who has rendered significant service to our club.**
- 2. Recommendation for HONORAY MEMBERSHIP may be submitted by any Club Member to the Executive Board for evaluation.**
- 3. If the member is deemed worthy of such a distinction, the nomination will be submitted to the membership for approval.**
- 4. Ownership of a coach is not necessary and no ordinary Club dues are required.**
- 5. FMCA Membership is encouraged but not required.**
- 5. Honorary Members are not be eligible to hold office or vote, but are entitled other club benefits such as newsletters, rallies and other social activities.**
- 6. A Discovery Club Membership Form should be completed and maintained by the membership committee chairman.**





## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

The FMCA's 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome showcase will be held on Thursday March 26 to Sunday March 29, 2015 at the Fairplex, Pomona, CA. The basic registration fee is \$205. Please review your "Family Motor Coaching Magazine" or the FMCA website for additional information.

The FMCA benefits include the "Road Assist program" for only \$99.00 per year include towing, jump start, fuel delivery, lockout assistance, technical assistance hotline, etc.. See page 11 in the December issue of Family Motor Coaching magazine for details, or visit the FMCA.com Web site. The service is available for U.S. and Canadian members.

The January 2015 digital addition of the family motor coaching magazine is available on line at [www.fmcmagazine.com](http://www.fmcmagazine.com). Sign in with your last name and password.

The FMCA now offers an Associate Membership program which allows continued membership without the ownership of a motorhome. The "Associate member" is entitled to the same benefits as the regular member.

I hope to see you at the Fairplex in Pomona on March 26, 2015.

Ray Ouellette  
National Director



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

January 15, 2015

Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA



**Jackie Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Johnston at 10:38 AM. President Johnston then lead the Pledge of Allegiance,

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes of the September 17th, 2014 meeting were posted on the bulletin board for all to review. Marsha Swanson made a motion, seconded by Carl Johnson to accept the posted minutes. Motion passed.

President Johnston then introduced our guests Sandy and Eddie Mitchell. The Mitchell's have joined our club as of this date. He then thanked Trail Bosses Marsha and John Swanson, and helpers Mary Johnson and Jackie Ouellette for the outstanding rally and the great food and tour to the Cabot Pueblo Museum.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner stated the Treasurer's Report was posted on the bulletin board for all to review. Balance showing \$6,392.94 prior to any monies from this current rally. A motion was made by Joanne Johnston and seconded by Carl Johnson to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed.

National Director Ray Ouellette gave a detailed report of FMCA announcements. First he announced the FMCA 91st Family Reunion and Motor Home showcase will be March 26-29 at the Pomona Fairplex, CA. Secondly he announced the new FMCA "Associate Member" program which allows continued membership without ownership of a motor home. A discussion was held regarding Discovery Club having it's own program without being part of FMCA. Ray will look into weather that is possible and also will make a proposed By-Law change for Club approval. He will report his findings at the next Discovery Club Meeting. Ray also outlined the FMCA "Road Assist Program".

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson announced we have 19 paid coach memberships with 3 more expected. (\*It can be noted that as of 1-20-2015 the Club has 23 paid membership coaches)

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit thanked all for their timely reports and encouraged all to send her pictures to be included in the newsletter. She also thanked all for the encouragement in helping her adopt "Levi" her new dog from the Rescue event held on the Emerald Desert grounds on Wed. Jan. 14, 2015.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon announced the \$2.00 per dog, per day camping fee is due to Emerald Desert today. Please pay at the Office. He then announced the next Rally will be at The Desert Willows RV Resort in Hesperia. Trail Bosses are Muriel and Larry Benson with helpers the Goodmans. Dates are March 17-20, 2015. A flier will be passed out after the meeting. The May Rally will be held at Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula. Mary and Carl Johnson volunteered to be Trail Bosses with the help of Joanne Johnston and Jackie Ouellette. The September Rally will be at



The Vines RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA. Trail Bosses are the Teixeira's and Edman's. Dates: Sept. 22 - 25, 2015. Leo is currently working on 2016 Rally locations.

Hospitality chairman Lois Jones was absent. Jackie Ouellette reported Curtis Jones underwent successful aneurism surgery on Jan. 5th, 2015. Also, member Tom Thomas is battling stomach cancer. Member Glenn Turner is having some heart issues, which are being successfully treated with medications. Also, granddaughter of Leo and Marian Aragon has had her 4th brain surgery and has returned to school yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers were sent to all.

Ways and Means Chairman, Jackie Ouellette outlined the "Not so silent, Christmas White Elephant auction" to be held after dinner tonight. (\*it can be noted the auction brought in \$128.25 for the club's treasury).

With no further Old Business the meeting was turned over to Past President Dave Wickersham who conducted the Installation Of New Officers and Chairmanships for the 2015-2016 term.

President:	Ray Ouellette
Vice President:	Glenn Turner
Secretary:	Jackie Ouellette
Treasurer:	Marilyn Turner
National Director:	Joan Edman
Ass't Nat'l Dir:	Carl Johnston
Wagon Master:	Leo Aragon
Ways & Means:	Evelyn Teixeira
Hospitality:	Jackie Ouellette
Newsletter:	Susan Salit
Web Master:	Ray Ouellette
Historian:	Muriel Benson

Outgoing President Alan Johnston and his wife Joanne were presented a Thank You Memory Book outlining his many years of dedication to the Discovery Club.

With no further business, New President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette,  
Secretary, Discovery Club of California



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report: 2015 dues have been paid by 21 members. Two members are still planning to renew their membership and send in their dues. Remember to invite your friends with class A, B, or C motorhomes to come to a rally and to enjoy our club. See you in March.

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

**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA RALLY  
TUESDAY MARCH 17-FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2015  
DESERT WILLOW RV RESORT  
12624 MAIN ST., HESPERIA, CA 92345 (Phone:1-760-949-0377)  
TRAILBOSSSES: LARRY & MURIEL BENSON & ROBIN & JUDY GOODMAN**

**Tentative Schedule of Events**

**TUESDAY:** WEAR GREEN: for St.Patty's Day  
3:00 PM--WELCOME & Check In  
5:00 PM--Happy Hour BUOB  
6:00 PM--DINNER: Corned Beef & Cabbage  
7:00 PM--GAMES

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:30 AM--BREAKFAST Quesadillas  
10:00PM until 12:00 Noon--Make Potato Cookers(materials Supplied)  
12 Noon--Lunch on Your Own  
5:00 PM--Happy Hour BYOB  
6:00 PM--Baked Potatoes with all the Fixins  
7:00 PM--GAMES

**THURSDAY:** 8:30 AM--Omelets in a Bag  
10:00 AM--BOARD Meeting  
10:30 AM--GENERAL Membership Meeting  
12 Noon--Lunch on your Own & Shopping  
5:00 PM--Happy Hour BYOB  
6:00 PM--Spaghetti Dinner  
7:00 PM --Games

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 AM--Coffee, juice-fruit, treats & Good byes!  
LOVE YA ALL!

**APPLICATIONS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

**NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:**\_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees for 2 People.....	\$90.00
Campsite Fees 3 Nights.....	\$90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

**ADD \$30.00 per day for extra days**

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





## French Toast Bake

FRENCH TOAST BAKE -- The ideal breakfast for Christmas morning! Easy too! Prepare the night before and pop in the oven Christmas morning. SO DELISH! Your family will sing Hallelujah!

1/2 cup melted butter (1 stick)  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 loaf of thickly sliced bread  
4 eggs  
1 1/2 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Powdered sugar for sprinkling  
Cinnamon for sprinkling

1. Melt butter in microwave & add brown sugar....stir till mixed.
2. Pour butter/sugar mix into bottom of 9 x 13 pan....spread around.
3. Beat eggs, milk, & vanilla
4. Lay single slices of bread in pan
5. Spoon 1/2 of egg mixture on bread layer
6. Sprinkle some cinnamon over bread/eggs
7. Add 2nd layer of sliced bread
8. Spoon on remaining egg mixture
9. Cover & chill in fridge overnight
10. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes (covered for the first 30 minutes)
11. Sprinkle with powdered sugar & cinnamon
12. Serve with warm maple syrup — with **Beverley Malisani** and **Tim Dozier**.



## Breakfast Casserole

Breakfast casserole in the crock pot! Cooks while you sleep!

\*To SAVE this recipe, be sure to click SHARE so it will store on your personal page.\*

Ingredients:

1 bag 26 oz. frozen hash browns  
12 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon ground mustard  
1 16 oz. roll sausage  
maple, sage or regular sausage.  
Salt and pepper  
16 oz. bag shredded cheddar cheese



Directions:

1. Spray crock pot and evenly spread hash browns at the bottom.
2. Crack 12 eggs in a large bowl.
3. Mix well (and slowly) using a whisk.
4. Add the milk.
5. Go ahead and sprinkle in the ground mustard. This might sound like a weird ingredient, but I've come to love (and use) this in most of my recipes.
6. Add plenty of salt....  
...and lots of fresh pepper. Mix well and set aside.
7. Cook the sausage on high heat, drain and set aside.
8. Add sausage on top of hash browns.
9. Is this enough cheese? Maybe? Probably. Throw the whole big bag in there.
10. Mix it up well. Or good, depending on where you're from.
11. Pour the egg mixture over everything in the crock pot. Using a wood spoon, even everything out so it's spread evenly.
12. Turn the crock pot on low for 6-8 hours.

### Happy Valentines Day Discoverers

The Emerald Desert Rally was lots of fun and the food was terrific. The recipes were submitted by Marsha and are for dishes that we enjoyed at the rally.

Please remember to send me some news. If you don't I may have to make it up like Brian Williams, and we don't want that. FYI my little dog Levi is doing just great and adds a lot of joy to my life.  
Susan, Newsletter Editor