

March 2017

# Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



## Presidents Report



Joan Edman  
President

A huge THANK YOU to Ray and Jackie Ouellette who were truly responsible for making our Pechanga Rally successful. Jackie suggested having members prepare food for one meal at the Pechanga rally since we did not have official trail bosses. She and I agreed to be “substitute trail bosses” only for decorations and activities. Five couples at Quartzsite rose to the occasion and kindly volunteered. These much-appreciated chefs included Mary and Carl Johnson, “Red” and J.D. Vanik, Tammy and Ralph Norris, Glenn and Marilyn Turner, and Eddie and Sandy Mitchell. We even had Irish soda bread to accompany the Mitchell’s meal baked by Bev Kennedy. This worked out great and we ate so well!

My contribution consisted of table and wall décor. Jackie coordinated the activities including Sunday night’s dinner at Richie’s Diner, plus Monday’s visit to Old Town Temecula with its museum and shops followed by lunch at Palumbo’s. She also coordinated the games including a version of Yahtzee (won by Ed Brennan) and L-C-R (won by Eddie Mitchell). Our last night featured the “wearing of the green” contest with the fetching Ed Edman, Glenn Turner, Lois Jones and Muriel Benson the winners. Sheriff Noe Roman was ruthless in his role - even charging the Mitchell’s for not wearing their nametags while showering (how DID he know?). Our coveted DDD award was captured by J.D. Vanik for his attempt at a clean getaway with his rig’s electrical still attached. This was followed by karaoke coordinated and contributed by the talented Gary and Carrie Brown.

We had the total of 10 spaces needed to secure the clubhouse. Some members faced “life’s unexpected challenges” and had to cancel. Ray took it all in stride. With charm - and a good rapport with the office staff - he pursued refunds. This was an amazing effort on his part and so appreciated! He also took an abundance of pictures to record the rally.

We were joined by honorary member Susan Salit (our much beloved newsletter editor) and charter members - Art and Barbara Valenzuela; Muriel Benson; and Gary and Sharon Einck. Current/charter

member Lois Jones also joined us. Such fun hearing stories of their escapades as they started the Discovery Club.

We had beautiful weather in Pechanga, and were lulled to sleep by construction and coyotes. So looking forward to our May rally at Flying Flags in Buellton! Leo will be providing further info shortly.

Stay happy and healthy. Great seeing everyone!

## **THEY MADE US PROUD!**

### Ray Ouellette

Our website was voted "Best Website" in the Western FMCA Byways 2016 Newsletter Awards! An amazing job Ray. Thank you so much!! Not to mention his recent award at the Temecula Road Run for his '46 Mercury convertible.

### Susan Salit

Continues to do an amazing job as our Newsletter Editor!  
She makes us look good!!

### Muriel Benson

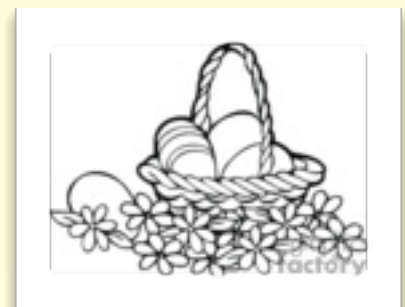
Recently recognized as the 2016 Volunteer of the Year for the Citizen on Patrol Court Unit. Muriel has been volunteering for over 35 years with the Sheriff's Dept.! She also continues to serve as our historian.

### JD & Marlene Vanick

Appeared on the cover and in a feature article - February 17, 2017 issue of "Around the Meadow."

### John Swanson

Named Co-Citizen of the Year for the City of Wildomar.



# Wagonmasters Report



Leo Aragon  
Wagonmaster

Leo wishes a Happy Easter to all you Discoverers. He'll be submitting a report in the next issue.



## A Note from Joan

Hi Discovery Clubbers of CA!

At the Quartzsite Rally some of you stated you were not receiving this newsletter which is published quarterly. Starting with the Winter 2016 issue it was sent to ALL western area FMCA members via their email address on file. To ensure you receive it, do the following:

- (1) Go to [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) and click on "my membership." Check your email address and update if needed.
- (2) Visit [wafmca.com](http://wafmca.com). This is the website for the Western Area FMCA. You can always access current and past issues on their site.

It is really a great newsletter with lots of info for "our neck of the woods."

Thanks to all who attended the Quartzsite Rally. It was (to say the least) an experience! That's what makes trips memorable.



# FMCA National Director's Report

## January 2017

Our excellent FMCA Assist coverage with Seven Corners will continue unchanged for 2017. Good news indeed!

FMCA is continuing to try and attract young families. The possibility of starting a sister organization that would welcome owners of towable RVs has been suggested. Towable RVs are far outselling motorhomes. Many members have requested this because they have family and friends with towable RVs. FMCA would remain as an association for motorhome owners. This new organization would be a separate entity with the same benefits. To explore this idea, FMCA's Articles of Incorporation should be amended with a general purpose clause. FMCA's Bylaws Committee will draft the amendment and it will be voted on by the Governing Board during its meeting in Indianapolis in July 2017. Even if the Board decides not to move forward with forming a sister corporation, this amendment will allow more flexibility in the future to adapt to changing needs and expectations.

Western Area FMCA news includes notification the door hanger membership drive has been discontinued. Also, Continental Tire Company is coming on-board as a second source (joining the Michelin Advantage Program) for RV and personal vehicle tires for qualified FMCA members. Further details are available online and will appear in future issues of the FMC magazine.

Future Convention Locations include the 95<sup>th</sup> Convention in Chandler, AZ on March 7-10, 2017 and the 96<sup>th</sup> Convention in Indianapolis, IN on July 12-15, 2017. Winter 2018 will be in Perry, GA; Summer 2018 in Gillette, WY; Winter 2019 in either Chandler or Tucson, AZ; Summer 2019 in St. Paul, MN; Winter 2020 in Perry, GA; and Summer 2020 in Redmond, OR.

Joan Edman

## March 2017

Ed and I attended FMCA's 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo in Chandler, AZ from March 5 through March 10, 2017. The event was held at the Rawhide Western Town & Event Center on the Gila Indian tribal land.

The total coach count was 2,627 with 2,273 family coaches and 354 commercial coaches. First-time attendees made up 37% of the attendance. This "Rally in the Valley" was the largest FMCA convention since Perry, Georgia in March of 2011.

One seminar I attended was on the future of FMCA presented by Charlie Adcock, National President. Changes are proposed that will make FMCA inclusive of all RV owners.

This recommendation for "remodeling" will be presented for approval during the Governing Board Meeting at FMCA's 96<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 12, 2017.

I am providing copies of the rationale behind this recommendation for your perusal. Mr. Adcock stressed that every chapter writes its own bylaws. You do not have to have towable rv's included if that is your choice.

Joan Edman

# Quartzsite Rally

January  
Quartzsite, CA



DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 24, 2017

Park Place RV Resort, Quartzsite, AZ

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Ouellette at 10:04 AM. Ray then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the Invocation.

Ray welcomed Norm and Evelyn Teixeira to the meeting. They were unable to attend all of the rally, but joined the Membership Meeting.

Ray then thanked all those who helped with this rally. We did not have an official Trail Boss but many volunteers hosted each individual meal.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes from the Chula Vista Rally were posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made Eddie Mitchell and seconded by Carl Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner said the current balance is \$7,137.61 - this does not reflect the monies from this rally. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Tammy Norris to approve the report. Motion passed.

National Director, Joan Edman passed out a FMCA Report and a discussion followed. A copy of the report is attached.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson announced we have 22 paid coach members and 5 Honorary Members. A motion was made from the Executive Board to include Muriel Benson as a Honorary Member. Motion passed.

Hospitality Chairman Jackie Ouellette announced January birthdays of Mary and Carl Johnson. Also was announced the member Pat Roman's daughter passed away. Sympathy card will be sent.

Ways and Means Chairman, Evelyn Teixeira had nothing to report.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent. Ray asked for articles of interest to be sent via email or snail mail to Susan for the newsletter. A copy of the new 2017-18 Board has been forwarded to Susan.

Library Chairman Marsha Swanson said a very large donation of books has been made by the Turners for everyone's enjoyment.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon was absent. President Ray Ouellette announced upcoming rallies. Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula CA March 13-17, 2017. We do not have a Trail Boss for this rally, several people have offered to host a meal. Vanik's and Turner's will host breakfasts. Johnson's, Norris's and Mitchell's will host dinners. May 15-18, 2017 Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, CA Trail Bosses the Aragon's. Sept. 11-15, 2017 Pala Indian Casino, RV Resort, Fallbrook, CA Trail Bosses the Swanson's and the Brown's.

A motion was made to give the 5 couples who will be preparing meals for the Pechanga Rally one free nights RV fee. Motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Tammy Norris. Motion passed.

Vice President Glenn Turner had no new business and said he really enjoyed his time in office.

New Business: Tammy Norris asked the new Executive Board for 2017-18 to come forward to be Officially sworn into office.

President: Joan Edman

Vice President: Evelyn Teixeira

Secretary: Jackie Ouellette

Treasurer: Marsha Swanson

National Director: Joan Edman

Alt. National Director: Ray Ouellette

Committee Members are as follows:

Wagon Master: Leo Aragon

Web Master: Ray Ouellette

Newsletter Editor: Susan Salit

Membership Chair: Mary Johnson

Hospitality: Tammy Norris

Ways and Means: Marian Aragon

Photographer: Bill Miller

Historian: Muriel Benson

Librarian: Marsha Swanson.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by new President Joan Edman at 10:48AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California

New officers being sworn in.

Joan Edman-President/National  
Director, Evelyn Teixeira-Vice  
President, Jackie Ouelette-  
Secretary, Marsha Swanson-  
Treasurer,



# Pechanga Rally

March 13-15, 2017  
Pechanga Casino, Temecula, CA



Kiss the cooks!

Thanks Eddie and Sandy Mitchell for  
the corned beef and cabbage dinner.





Lots of green goin' on.



Move along. Nothing to see here, folks.





This happens when you drive off without unplugging.

Thanks Gary and Carrie for the crazy  
karaoke.

I'm  
too sexy for my  
shirt.



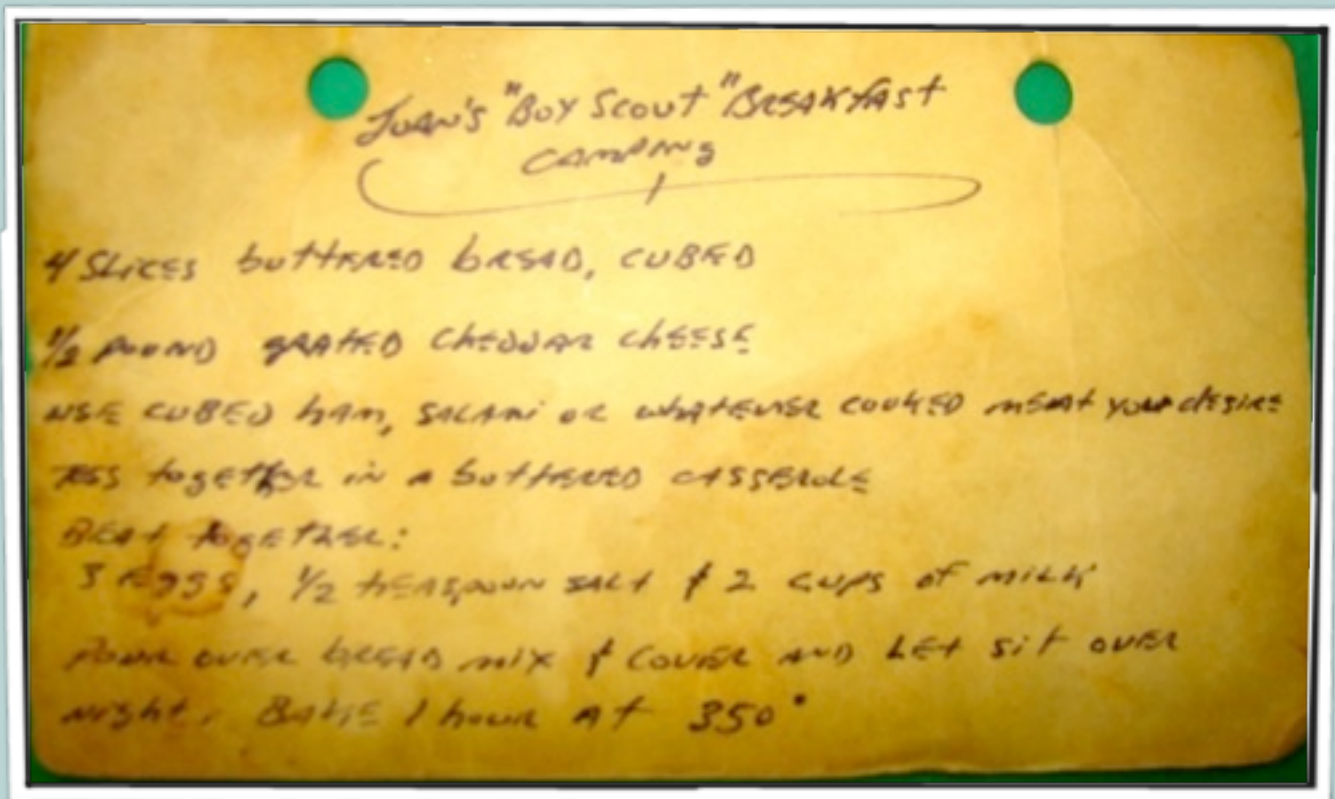
Marcia's recipe from the Quartzsite Rally

## SLOW COOKER BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

1 package (30 oz.) frozen shredded hash brown potatoes  
1 pound pork sausage roll, cooked and drained  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 can (4oz) chopped green chilies  
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
12 large eggs  
1 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt & 1/2 teaspoon pepper

### DIRECTIONS

In a greased 5 or 6 qt. Slow cooker, layer half of the potatoes, sausage, onion, chilies and cheese. Repeat layers. In large bowl whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper; pour over top. Cover and cook on low for 7-9 hours until eggs are set. Yield: 12 servings.



# Member Birthdays/Anniversaries

## January

7 Mary Johnson  
17 Muriel Benson  
28 Carrie Brown  
31 Carl Johnson

### Anniversaries:

## February

8 Bob Kennedy  
Anniversaries:  
10 Ed and Joan Edman  
18 Bob and Beverly Kennedy

## March

4 Beverly Kennedy  
25 John Swanson  
26 Gary Brown  
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:

## May

23 Patsy Miller  
29 Ray Ouellette  
Anniversaries:

## June

6 Bill Millerl  
20 Marian Aragon  
Anniversaries:  
13 Leo and Marian Aragon  
21 Eddie and Sandy Mitchell  
27 Art and Barbara Valenzuela

## July

1 Sandy Mitchell  
3 Art Valenzuela  
6 Jackie Ouellette  
Anniversaries:  
23 Norm and Evelyn Teixeira

## August

1 Eddie Mitchell  
4 Marilyn Turner  
28 Glenn Turner  
Anniversaries:  
9 Larry and Muriel Benson  
11 Bill and Patsy Miller  
28 Gary and Carrie Brown

## September

2 Barbara Valenzuela  
13 Marv Zepeda  
Anniversaries:  
1 Carl and Mary Johnson  
24 Ray and Jackie Ouellette  
Ralph and Tammy Norris

## October

22 Marsha Swanson  
28 Noe Roman  
Anniversaries:  
28 Noe and Pat Roman

## November

8 Leo Aragon  
11 Joan Edman  
22 Susan Salit  
27 Ruth Zepede  
Anniversaries:  
8 Marv and Ruth Zepede

## December

Anniversaries:

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

Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA  
March 15, 2017



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Edman at 10:05 AM. Joan then lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell then gave the Invocation.

Joan welcomed all to the Rally and gave special thanks to all the hosts of each meal which made the rally so special. Thanks went out to the Turner's and Vanek's for their wonderful breakfasts and to the Johnson's, Norris's and the Mitchell's for their delicious dinners and hard work done by all.

Joan then gave special recognition to outgoing president Ray Ouellette for all the work he has done for the club during his presidency. Joan also announced that Ray Ouellette received an outstanding award from the Western Area FMCA for the Discovery Club of CA web site.

Joan also thanked Honorary Member Susan Salit for the outstanding job she does in our Newsletter. She also thanked Honorary Member Muriel Benson for being our Historian for so many years. She also acknowledged that Muriel received an award for 35 years of volunteering with the Sheriffs Department.

Joan also acknowledged and interesting article regarding Red and J.D. Vanek in their Meadowview Homeowner's Newsletter. And finally, acknowledged John Swanson for receiving co-Person of the Year for the City of Wildomar.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the Quartzsite, AZ Rally were posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Eddie Mitchell to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson said the final Treasury Report of outgoing Treasurer Marilyn Turner was posted on the bulletin Board. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Eddie Mitchell to approve the report. Motion Passed.

National Director, Joan Edman, gave a comprehensive report of the FMCA 95th International Convention in Chandler, Az. See complete report attached.

Membership Chairman, Mary Johnson, said we have 22 paid coach members, and 5 Honorary Members.

Hospitality Chairman, Tammy Norris said Ryan Teixeira, nephew of Norm and Evelyn has passed away. She will send a card. She asked if anyone has info regarding a member or their family please call or email her.

Newsletter Chairman, Susan Salit said get any articles or pictures to her via email or snail mail and she will be putting out the Newsletter by the end of this month.

Web Master, Ray Ouellette said the web site is kept up to date and pictures from this current rally will be on the web site within a few days.

Wagon Master, Leo Aragon, was absent. Ray Ouellette gave the following information:  
May 15th Rally, Flying Flags RV Resort Buellton, CA, Trail Bosses are Leo and Marian Aragon. A flyer will be sent to all in the next two weeks for sign up. Sept. 11th Rally, Pala RV Resort, Fallbrook, CA, Trail Bosses are the Swanson's and the Brown's.

President Joan Edman asked each member to read the FMCA information packet she passed out and to call, or email her regarding what your thoughts are and vote would be - for or against - FMCA accepting towable vehicles. As explained each Chapter would still maintain their own by-laws as to accept or not towable vehicles into each Chapter. This does not go to FMCA voting until the July, 2017 meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Librarian, Marsha Swanson said there are many new books at the "Library Table" for your enjoyment.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Joan Edman at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California



#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have new members to introduce:

Burt & Glenda French  
2603 Skyline Dr., Minden NV 89423  
(559) 212-8875 [tootsie49@yahoo.com](mailto:tootsie49@yahoo.com)

They travel in a 2008 Newmar Kountry Star  
Welcome aboard!

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



#### NEWSLETTER REPORT

I really enjoyed being with you all at the Pechanga Rally. It's always fun to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Discovery Club. You get to dress up in crazy outfits and eat corned beef and cabbage, sing and dance and chase leprechauns. I can't wait for the next rally.

As always, send me some news for the newsletter. We would love to hear about your latest activities. Send pictures, too.

Susan Salit, Editor [gsue@salit.us](mailto:gsue@salit.us)

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## **Planned 2017 Rallies**

**May 15 - 19, 2017 Flying Flags RV Resort, 180 Avenue of The Flags,  
Buelllton, CA 93427**

**Phone 877-783-5247 Trail Bosses Leo & Marian Aragon**

**Sep 11 - 15, 2017 Pala Casino RV Resort, 11042 Hwy 75, Pala, CA  
92059 Phone 844-472-5278**

**Trail Bosses John & Marsha Swanson, Gary & Carrie Brown**

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



Discovery Club of California Charter Members



DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

MAY RALLY AT FLYING FLAGS RV RESORT MAY 15 - 19 2017

180 AVENUE OF THE FLAGS, BUELLTON, CA 93427, (805)688-3716

TRAIL BOSSES: Leo & Marian Aragon

**MONDAY 5/15** 6:00 PM. Dinner at Firestone Brewery **(CHECK-IN AFTER 2:PM)**

**TUESDAY 5/16**  
8:30 AM Breakfast at Ellen's  
5:00 PM Happy Hour BYORrefreshment  
6:00 pm Dinner; Burgers, Potato Salad & Fixings, Dessert  
+ Entertainment

**WEDNESDAY 5/17**  
8:30 AM Breakfast; Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Rolls  
5:00 PM Happy Hour BYO Refreshment  
6:00 PM Dinner; Tacos & Fixings; Beans & Rice; Dessert +  
Entertainment

**THURSDAY 5/18**  
8:30 AM Breakfast; Pancakes and Sausage  
10:00 AM Board Meeting and Gen Membership Meeting  
5:00 PM Happy Hour BYORrefreshment  
6:00 PM. Dinner; Catered Gala Italiana Dinner & Dessert.  
+ DDD Award ETC

**FRIDAY 5/19** GOOD-BYES and Departures b4 11:00 AM

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2017**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally Fees for Two People: .....\$ 120.00**

**Camp Site Fees @ \$49.00 X 4 Nights..... 196.00**

**TOTAL:.....\$ 316.00**

**Make checks payable to Discovery Club of California and mail to:**

**MARSHA SWANSON, P.O. Box 565, Wildomar, CA 92595**