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A Chapter of FMCA



Ray Ouelette
President

Presidents Report



Our Desert Willow Rally was a huge success thanks to Trail Boss Muriel and her team including Larry, Judy and Robin. We had another record eighteen rigs in attendance. The Trail Bosses were kept very busy cooking three separate unique dinners and providing a load of entertaining activities including a fashion show consisting of four lovely volunteer dress up male models. Model Roddy was awarded first place trophy for being the most beautiful. (I came in a distant second) Our trip to the California Route 66 Museum was very also enjoyable and informative.

I think we had a very productive membership meeting with the approval of the bylaw change which now includes "Honorary Membership". This new category is designed for long time members who have rendered significant service to our club who would like to continue to attend our rallies but no longer have a motorhome. A copy of our revised bylaws have been forwarded to the National FMCA and the Western Area Vice President for their review. Check out our website at <http://discoveryclubonline.com/> for more information on this bylaw change and other current club activities and information.

Our Wagon Master has proposed four separate Rally locations for 2016. Trail boss volunteers will be greatly appreciated. It sounds overwhelming to cook for thirty to forty members but, please remember that catering is encouraged and potluck is always a possibility. We have a wonderful group of members who enjoy the camaraderie for a fun-filled three day outing. Looking forward to seeing you at our Pechanga Rally.

Stay safe and healthy.

Ray Ouelette
President

WAGONMASTERS REPORT

RALLY AT DESERT WILLOW RV RESORT

MARCH 17 - 20, 2015

Hesperia, CA



Leo Aragon
Wagonmaster

We just had our March 2015 rally, and we had a wonderful time thanks to our great trail bosses Larry and Muriel Benson and our long lost friends Robin and Judy Goodman. They put on some outstanding exciting meals with surprises to make the events interesting. I tip my hat to all of the trail bosses. Several of us decided to check-in a day early. We actually had 13 members come in on Monday. Overall we had a total of 17 rigs at this rally. That is an outstanding turnout. Hope we can keep it that way.

We started out on Tuesday with a celebration of St. Patrick's day with everyone dressed in green and the traditional Irish dinner of corned beef & cabbage with potatoes. Wednesday we started out with quesadillas with cheese and tortillas and Rody's coffee. In the evening we had our first surprise with men making potato cookers out of tin cans and baking the dinner potatoes in the cans. That was fun because more than half of us didn't know what we were doing. We ate the potatoes with all the fixing and some dessert. We played RCL and for the second time Larry Benson won the pot. How lucky can he get.

Thursday morning we were again treated to some exciting action cooking egg omelets with all the add-ons you can put in a plastic bag and boiling them in a pot of water. We all enjoyed our omelets with Rody's coffee. We had our usual board meeting, our first with the new officers, followed by the general membership meeting. We voted to amend our bylaws allowing former members who no longer own a motor home to continue their membership as associates without dues. It was reported that our membership has grown and we now have 24 paid members. That is very good. After the meeting we all took a drive to tour the Route 66 Museum. That was very enjoyable as it brought back a lot of memories for most of us who were teens at the time when Route 66 was heavily used. Some of us took the added drive to see the "Bottle Tree House" down the old Route 66 way. That also was very interesting to see how the trees are made. We stopped to eat burgers at a Historical Site restaurant where they have been making outstanding hamburgers since 1947 when the place was built, and it's still very popular with the locals. Thursday evening we were again treated by our hosts the Bensons and the Goodmans to Slop-on-the-table spaghetti dinner with slop-on-the-table salad and bread. That was followed with good ole ice cream. Our evening entertainment was super exciting with our famous male models exhibiting some of the latest womens fashions for the group to judge. Mr. Rody took it all as the best dressed.

Then came the illustrious DDD Award presentation. Out of four good candidates the DDD toilet seat went to our new president Ray for not knowing where to connect a water hose in a motor home. He connected it to the inlet for the black tank then turned on the water sending water and all else up into and through the toilet. THAT WAS A MESSY mess. We ended the day with another RCL game but this time Larry didn't win. Mr. John of the Swanson clan won over \$80. A good take. Our next rally is only 6 weeks away so we need to get busy and start cranking out those checks and send them to Marilyn Turner in time to attend our May Rally in Pechanga RV Resort starting May 5th through the 8th. See you all there.

Leo Aragon, Wagon Master



FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



Joan Edman
Nat'l. Director

The FMCA Governing Board will be voting on a Bylaws amendment addressing Membership voting rights at their meeting in Madison, Wisconsin on July 29, 2015.

Basically, for many years chapters have had the ability to decide whether voting authority at the chapter level was one vote per FMCA number or one vote per adult member. In 2014 it was discovered this conflicted with the FMCA Bylaws. The amendment will simply reflect the procedure currently in use.

The FMCA's 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase "California Gold" will be held at the Pomona Fairplex from Thursday, March 26 to Sunday, March 29, 2015. One of the recommended sightseeing opportunities for attendees is the Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA. With closure of the Petersen Automotive Museum for refurbishment until December 2015, several of their vehicles unseen by the regular museum-goers will be on display at the Library until May 1, 2015.

Looking forward to the Pechanga Rally May 5th to 8th. Hope to see you then!

Joan Edman



and the DDD Award goes to...
The Prez



new members



Tom Brown and Judy Kass





Desert Willow RV Resort

March 17-20, 2015
Hesperia CA

Leprechauns come out for St. Patty's Day



Larry and the Pot o' Gold



What a bubble!



Potatoes in a can, eggs in a bag and spaghetti right on the table.





The Fashion Show



The most beautiful
It must be the hair.



The second most
beautiful
It must be the glasses.



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

March 19, 2015

Desert Willow RV Resort, Hesperia, CA



Jackie Ouellette
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ray Ouellette. Ray then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell then gave beautiful Invocation.

Ray introduced our guests (which became members) Tom Brown and Judy Kass. He also introduced first time new members Wendell and Gloria Whittington. Ray also thanked Trail Bosses Larry and Muriel Benson and Robin and Judy Goodman for all their work to make this such a fun filled rally. Ray also thanked Dick Rody for getting up early each morning to make coffee for us.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting were posted on the bulletin board for all to review. Minutes are also posted in the newsletter.

A motion was made by Mary Johnson to approved the minutes, motion was seconded by Lois Jones. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner stated the Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board for all to review. The current balance as of January 31, 2015 (prior to this rally expenses) is \$5,964.41. Marilyn also stated she filed the IRS Tax Return for the club. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Eddie Mitchell to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

National Director Joan Edman stated the FMCA Western Area Rally is March 26-29, 2015 in Pomona, CA. It was recommended while at the rally visiting the Peterson Car Museum in Los Angeles, or going to the Regan Library in Simi Valley. Joan also discussed the Proposed National By-law amendment to changed voting procedures and letting chapters decide on voting rights. This will be discussed and voted upon at the next National FMCA Rally in Madison, Wisconsin.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson stated we have 22 paid rig memberships. There is 2 more pending memberships. Mary passed out new membership forms and a up to date roster of members.

Hospitality Chairman Jackie Ouellette announced member Tom Thomas is on the mend after his stomach surgery. Hopefully he will be well enough to join us at the May rally. Jackie also announced the Norris's are expecting their second grandchild in September, the Swanson's granddaughter got married, the Ouellette's are expecting their 4th great grandchild in May, the Aragon's granddaughter is back to school and doing very well after he long time bout with brain cancer and finally all welcomed back Curtis Jones after his fall and surgery.

Ways & Means Chairman Evelyn Teixeira asked if anyone had any fund raising ideas to please come see her. She has no projects at this time.

New Librarian Marsha Swanson said she plans to clear out many of the old books we have collected, and at the next rally have a new fresh supply of books. Please take a book and try to replace it with a new different book for the club members enjoyment.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent but sent a message asking for articles and thanking those who have sent articles to her. Susan will be at the Pechanga Rally in May.

Web Master Ray Ouellette announced that the club has pre-paid "Domain" fees, therefore we will have no Domain fees for the next 4 years. The current Web Site is free. Ray encouraged all view the web site often for all current and past club information.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave the following report on upcoming Rally locations:

September 22-25, 2015 Vines RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA - Trail Bosses: the Teixeira's and the Edmans

Trail Bosses are needed for all 2016 Rallies

Jan. 19-22, 2016 Golden Shores RV, Long Beach, CA\

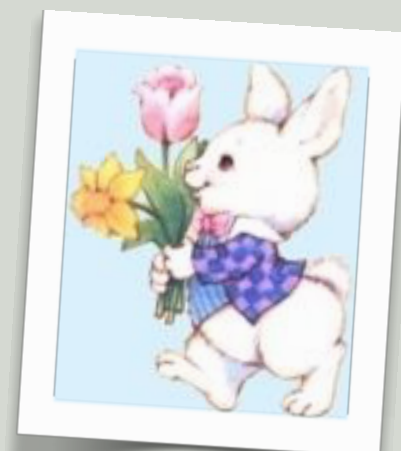
March 15-18, 2016 Moro Dunes RV, Moro Bay, CA

May 15-18, 2016 Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA

Sept. 13-16, 2016 Camp Land by the Bay, San Diego, CA

Vice President Glenn Turner stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Historian Muriel Benson asked for any pictures old or new to be included in the Club's



Albums. Muriel will bring the books to the Pechanga Rally.

Old Business: A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Jackie Ouellette to approve "Honorary Membership". Ray Ouellette explained the Associate Membership from FMCA and the proposed Honorary Membership thru our Discovery Club. Ray discussed the by-law change which would have to be made, and would be sent to FMCA for their review. A motion was made by Tammy Norris and seconded by Mary Johnson to approve the new by-law change. Motion Passed.

New Business: President Ray Ouellette outlined the Auto Club Road Side Service which can be added to your present AAA membership. Muriel Benson related their recent motor home breakdown and they were able to use their son's AAA membership (they were traveling together). Most RV Roadside Service towing packages are very limited in where and how far you can be towed. AAA membership allows for 100 miles to the location of your choice (premium plus members 200 miles) and the fee is only \$39. per year.

Muriel Benson announced following the meeting there will be a caravan going to tour the Victorville Route 66 Museum. Please line up by the clubhouse at 11:45 AM. Muriel also passed out maps in case someone may need them.

With no further business President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of California



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to Tom and Judy. They became members of our club at the March rally. They are a neat and fun couple. Tom is a past president of the Bus Nuts. We have 22 coaches in the club, and we continue to have a great turn-out at our regularly scheduled rallies. Keep inviting your RV friends to come to our rallies. Please remember that we no longer require only Class A diesel pusher motorhome to join our club. Class A, B and C motorhomes owners are also welcome providing they also join the FMCA which offers several other benefits. Hand out some of the Discovery Club business cards and encourage the potential new member to visit our website at www.discoveryclubonline.com for more information and membership application forms. Drop me a line or give me a call if additional information is desired. See everyone in May at the Pechanga Rally.

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



NEWSLETTER REPORT

Sorry I missed you all in Hesperia. Thanks to everyone who sent in reports and newsworthy items. Don't forget! If you have special pictures (grandkids, pets, trips and activities) or information (no politics unless you're running for POTUS) you would like to share with our fellow Discoverers, just send it all along. I'm still having fun with my dog Levi. I adopted him at our Emerald Desert Rally in January. He's a good boy most of the time, but this morning he chewed up the earbuds that go with my Roku. I'm grateful that he couldn't reach my hearing aids. See you all at Pechanga in May. Happy Easter!

Susan Salit, Editor gsue@salit.us

