

February 2016

# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Leo Aragon  
Wagonmaster

The Discovery Club began its 2016 rally season on January 12, 2016 at the Emerald Desert RV Resort, in Palm Desert, California. Our gracious tail bosses, Noe & Pat Roman and Rich & Lilian Rody, welcomed everyone as we arrived a day early. Maybe our rallies should start on Monday instead of Tuesday since most of us are checking in a day early. It's a thought. Eleven rigs came in on Monday which shows we are all anxious to socialize. For dinner on Monday we all hustled to Applebee's.

It all got going Tuesday with check-ins. We had a "cook-your-own" pot-luck. All the dishes the members brought were delicious. Our host's provided dessert. Not much was going on so everyone departed for their rigs.

Wednesday we were treated to a breakfast of "Eggs-in-A-Bag" with all the trimming you can imagine. If you didn't like your breakfast you had no one to blame but yourself because you made it. Later that morning a large group drove out to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and boarded for ride to the top of the mountain. The rise is scenic and steep rising to 8,500 feet above the desert. The cars are the rotating type made in Switzerland. The tram is the largest in the world. At the top we took pictures with the snow, touched the snow then retreated inside and had a light lunch and warm coffee or tea at the restaurant. We toured around the grounds then boarded the tram down the mountain. After a little relaxation and rest we had our usual happy hour followed by dinner provided by our hosts, the Romans and the Rodys. They cooked up some yummy chicken and beef fajitas with beans and salsa. Desert consisted of cake, pie and ice cream. After dinner we played a game of L-R-C won by none other than Ed Mitchell.

Thursday our breakfast included eggs, pancakes and sausage. At 9:30 we had our board meeting followed by our general membership meeting. Ray announced that we needed a nomination committee to identify candidates for board positions. Our general election will be late this year. Most folks had the rest of the day to do whatever. Dinner at 6 pm was provided by a caterer who fixed tacos, salsa and beans & rice. The tacos were made with pork, chicken or carnitas. Dessert was cake, pie and ice cream. We waited for Noe to get ready and start the presentation of the DDD Award. Three candidates were identified, Leo, Noe, and Ray. Our illustrious president, Ray, did the dumbest thing and won the DDD Award until next time.

Friday a large number of rigs lined up for the caravan drive to Quartzsite, Arizona. Others went home or to other destinations. Our next rally is in March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at the Morro Bay Dunes RV Park. You need to sign up early because the deadline is Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wagon Master

Leo Aragon

## Presidents Report



Ray Ouelette  
President

We had a great time at Emerald Desert thanks to the hard work of our Trail Bosses Noe, & Pat Roman and Dick & Lillian Rody. The weather was nice, and we certainly enjoyed our trip to the snow via Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. The highlight of our general membership meeting was the approval of Susan Salit as "Honorary Member". Susan is most deserving of such a distinction as she continues to serve our club as "Newsletter Editor". I would also like to thank Sandy Mitchell for her wonderful invocation at the start of our membership meeting.

At the conclusion of the rally, some eight (8) rigs caravanned to Quartzsite while two headed for Lake Havasu City and to Laughlin, Nevada for several days. Our three to four days in Quartzsite were spent at Park Place R.V. Resort where we enjoyed a very friendly staff and full hook-ups. The 33rd Annual Sports, vacation and R.V. show was in full swing and included an eight day event with some 20 acres of exhibits including 69,000 sq. ft. of indoor exhibit area. Some thought may be given to future January rallies at this location. The clubhouse is semi private and will accommodate our group. Our Wagon Master will also give some consideration to rallies in Lake Havasu City.

We continue to have a great turn-out to our rallies thanks to our wagon master and trail boss volunteers. Our next rally will be the first at "Morro Bay Dunes R.V. Park. This resort is considered to be one of the most beautiful and enjoyable locations on the California Coast. It is steps away from nine miles of pristine beach coastline. The schedule of events is attached to this newsletter. Please register early because our deadline is February 14, 2016.

In closing, I would like to again thank our board and committee members for their dedication to our club. A special thanks to our trail boss volunteers and most especially our wagon master for putting together these wonderful and most enjoyable rallies.

Ray-O

## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



**Joan Edman**  
Nat'l. Director

Ed and I had hoped to attend the Western Area Rally "The Call of the Wild" at Indio from January 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. However, Ed's jury summons precluded this.

The next national rally for 2016 – the 93<sup>rd</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase - will be held in Perry, Georgia on March 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. The 94<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion will be held in W. Springfield, Massachusetts August 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

I am anxious to see the attendance figures for the Indio Rally. Hopefully, the weather did not affect the numbers. Pomona is no longer being considered for the Winter 2017 Family Reunion due to a considerable deficit from their March 2015 rally. Last I heard, the alternate site of Chandler, Arizona was still under negotiation, with the prospective location being Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino.

The Madison, Wisconsin Convention Ed and I attended had a profit of only \$591. It must be quite a challenge to plan these conventions and make them profitable enough to cover expenses!

We need to be sure prospective FMCA members are told of the many benefits available to them when they join which are at no additional cost. These include a \$1,000,000 Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage afforded to our club during our rallies. In addition, the FMC Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance program; the Michelin Advantage Program for competitive prices on Michelin brand tires at all dealers who handle the program; campground and travel discounts; and full access to Family Motor Coaching magazine in print, web and digital editions. The entire list of benefits can be found on the website [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com).

Joan Edman



February 22, 2016  
Happy Birthday  
George Washington!  
Wish you were here  
to help us out  
today.

# Emerald Desert

January 12 - 15, 2015  
Palm Desert, CA



Eggs in a bag. We filled the bags and Dick boiled them up. He was very careful with the timing. Delicious breakfast!





Thanks to our gracious trail bosses, Lillian and Dick, Noe and Pat.



After breakfast we took a trip up Mt. San Jacinto. What a view.



Chillin' on top. Brrr!

Some people have all the luck. Eddie was the LRC winner. He should buy a round.



We look happy at happy hour Susan, Marion and Leo.

The DDD Award went to Ray. He was almost home free until he blurted out something about Hillary.





Caravanning and camping at Quartzsite.





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

January 14, 2016

Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

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

Ray then thanked Trail Bosses Pat and Noe Roman and Dick and Lillian Rody for the wonderful rally and the delicious food. Ray also announced January birthdays for Bob Johnson and Mary and Carl Johnson.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes for the September 2015 Rally were posted on the bulletin board and also posted in the newsletter. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Marsha Swanson to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer, Marilyn Turner gave the treasurer's report ending Sept. 30, 2015 with the balance of \$6,402.61. The complete report was posted on the bulleting board for all to review. The current report does not include any monies for the current rally. A motion was made by Pam Johnson and seconded by John Swanson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

National Director, Joan Edman gave a comprehensive FMCA report - see attached copy of report. She also reported low attendance at the Indio rally and a possible cancellation of that rally in 2017.

Membership Chairman, Mary Johnson reported 19 paid coaches as of today, Four people paid prior to the membership meeting. She also indicated she will be ordering badges for club officers and for new members.

Hospitality Chairman, Jackie Ouellette said she and Ray attended funeral for member Bill Richardson at the Palm Springs Elks Lodge. Also in attendance was retired members Sharon and Gary Einck. Sympathy card was sent to members Lois and Curtis Jones on the passing of Lois's brother Schooch, who many of our members knew. Get well card was also sent to Bus Nuts member Everett Fuller who had a minor stroke. It was also decided to send get well cards to both Bill and Patsy Miller. Discussion was made and a check for \$50.00 was issued to Jackie for expenses of cards and stamps for the club.

Ways and Means Chairman, Evelyn Teixeira announced a white elephant auction to be held at the next rally. All were asked to bring a very nicely wrapped gift for the fun auction.

Librarian, Marsha Swanson thanked all for participating in our club library. This rally most books were adopted. She will have a fresh supply for the next rally. Remember to donate previously read books for others enjoyment.

Newsletter Chairman, Susan Salit once again asked for pictures and articles to help keep the club newsletter interesting and fun. Everyone thanked Susan for the great job she does with the newsletter.

Web Master, Ray Ouellette encouraged all to view the web site often as he keeps all news and pictures up to date. All rally forms are also available at the web site.

Wagon Master, Leo Aragon gave the following list of 2016 rallies:

March 15-18	Morro Dunes RV, Morro Bay, CA trailbosses: Aragon & ?
May 17-20	Bakersfield RV, Bakersfield, CA trailbosses: Swanson & Brown
Sept 20-23	Chula Vista RV, San Diego, CA trailbosses: Ouellette & Turner

Leo is looking into Jan 2017 possibly in Lake Havasu , NV

Vice President, Glenn Turner asked all to sign up in a timely manner for upcoming rallies. Last minute sign ups puts much stress on trailbosses when trying to plan meals, and sightseeing tours. All try their best to accommodate if possible.

New Business: President Ray Ouellette read bylaw section regarding Honorary Memberships and then asked for Honorary Membership be granted to Susan Salit. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Eddie Mitchell to accept Susan for Honorary Membership. The motion passed with great cheers and appreciation for all she does for the club.

Evelyn Teixeira has accepted the chairmanship of the Nominating Committee for the Club officers to begin serving in January 2017. She has asked for members to join her committee.

With no further business, President Ray Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California



#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For 2016 we have 19 paid members and 2 honorary members. Keep inviting your rv friends to look at our website ([discoveryclubonline.com](http://discoveryclubonline.com)) and to join us for our great rallies. We are lucky to have a wonderful group and want to extend an invitation to anyone interested in participating in our club.

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



#### NEWSLETTER REPORT

Levi was really upset with me for leaving him at home during the rally. It took him a few days to forgive me. I really enjoyed the rally and being with you all. We shared great food and fun as always. Please send along some pictures and stories about all the wonderful traveling you are doing.

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

## 2016 RALLIES

**NUMBER TWO: LOCATION: MORRO DUNES RV PARK**  
1700 Embarcadero,  
Morro Bay, CA  
(confirmed) **DATES: MARCH 15 - 18**

**TRAIL BOSSES: Aragon & ?**

**NUMBER THREE: LOCATION: BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT**  
5025 WIBLE RD  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(confirmed) **DATES: MAY 17 - 20**

**TRAIL BOSSES: JOHN & MARSHA SWANSON / GARY & CARRIE BROWN**

**NUMBER FOUR: LOCATION: CHULA VISTA RV RESORT**  
460 SANDPIPER WAY  
CHULA VISTA, CA 91910  
**DATES: SEPT. 20 - 23**

**TRAIL BOSSES: RAY & JACKIE OUELETTE / GLENN & MARILYN TURNER**



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## Club of California

FMCA Chartered November -1998

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 'DISCOVERY CLUB OF CA' FMCA CHAPTER:**

You must be a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association. FMCA membership and a Class A, B or C motorhome mandatory. Please remit before January 1st or at our January rally. Please fill in bellow information so we can update our records.

**Website: DISCOVERYCLUBONLINE.COM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot cell # \_\_\_\_\_

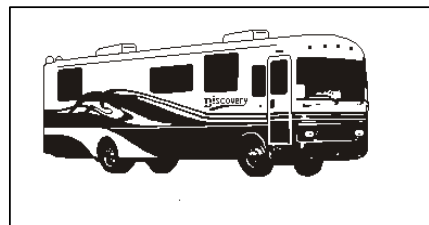
Year & Make of Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose renewal amount of \$20.00**

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of CA and mail to:

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman  
30500 Caliente Place  
Canyon Lake, CA 92587  
(951) 768-7021



**If you have any questions, feel free to call**

**WELCOME!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU SOON!!!!**



**DISCOVERY CLUB RALLY; MARCH 15 – 18 2016**

**MORRO DUNES RV PARK, 1700 EMBARCADERO**

**MORRO BAY, CA 93442, PH: 805-772-2722**

**TRAIL BOSSES: LEO & MARIAN ARAGON**

**TUESDAY:**

**3:00 PM...Rally Begins with Check-in**

**5:00 PM...Happy Hour, BYOB**

**6:00 PM...Dinner: Burgers & Things etc**

**7:00 PM...Some Fun TBD**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**8:30 AM...Breakfast: Eggs & Sausage**

**5:00 PM...Dinner: Pulled Pork Sans & Potato Salad**

**7:00 PM...Some Fun TBD**

**THURSDAY:**

**8:30 AM...Breakfast: Pancakes/Sausage**

**9:30 AM... Board Meeting followed by**

**General meeting at 10:00 AM**

**1:00 pm...Abalone farm tour; TIME TBD**

**5:00 PM...Happy Hour, Usual BYOB**

**6:00 PM...Dinner: BBQ Pork Chops, beans ETC**

**7:00 PM...DDD Award, ETC**

**FRIDAY:**

**8:00 AM...Departures and Good-bys**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 14TH 2016; Always bring Your own servings**

**Rally fees (Per Coach).....\$100.00; RV Park fees (\$42/night x 3 = \$126.0**

**TOTAL: \$226.00...Early arrivals add \$42.00**

**Make checks to: Discovery Club of California & mail to Marilyn Turner, 620 Gary Pl, Newport Beach, CA 92663+**