

May 2023

# Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



## Presidents Report

**Janet Ortiz**  
President

### CAMPLAND ON THE BAY RALLY San Diego, CA May 15-19, 2023

The Discovery Club of California held a rally at Campland on the Bay, San Diego, May 15-19, 2023. We experienced San Diego's "May gray" in the mornings, but the afternoons were mostly sunny and beautiful. We had eleven rigs in attendance. This was a four day rally, and with all of the fun planned by our Trail Bosses, the days flew by! Thanks to our Trail Bosses Tim and Lori Robarge, John King, and Jacky Nutter. You put a lot of thought and work into this rally and it showed.

Campland reserved a big white tent for us for games, activities and meals. Monday was pizza night followed by Name-That-Tune. Apparently, our newest member, Lois Bergman, has a fantastic storage of songs in her head because she was able to name the tune almost immediately. Way to go Lois!

Tuesday, the Discovers took off after breakfast for Balboa Park, to check out the gardens, museums and restaurants. Later that evening we had chili with all the fix'ns. Everyone

contributed a couple cans of chili which got thrown in a big pot. The end result was delicious chili. We played LRC after dinner, and yours truly won the 57 dollar pot!

We enjoyed a big pancake breakfast Thursday morning and then headed down to San Diego Bay to visit the Maritime Museum. After viewing the Star of India, Berkeley ferry, as well as several other old boats, we climbed aboard The Pilot, for a tour around the Bay. We passed by North Island and saw five aircraft carriers. Two carriers are stationed at North Island and three were there temporarily for repairs. It was quite a site. We sailed under the San Diego Bay Bridge (aka Coronado Bay Bridge) before passing the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Base, and Seaport Village on the way back to the museum. It was a beautiful day to be on the water! That evening Christine Zoch was the winner of the Cornhole Civil war challenge. You go Chris!

Thursday morning we had the General Membership meeting. During the meeting, our fantastic Wagon Masters shared some of what they were working on for rally sites in 2024, and solicited feedback. They've got a lot of good ideas and have a lot of irons in the fire. Since we have so many new members, we thought we should attend the FMCA Western Conference Rally in Indio in January. It's fun, and you have the opportunity to learn from seminars, vendors, and other FMCA members. Thursday night was special as we celebrated the Club's 25 Anniversary. As a founding member, Lois Jones was quick with her answer when I asked her what kept her in the club all of these years, "It's the people!" she said. Well said Lois and I couldn't agree more. I put together a short PowerPoint presentation for the celebration with a little club history and lots of pictures of members and rallies. The pictures put on full display all of the fun that we have together.

Of course, no rally is complete without hearing from the Sheriff and the awarding of the golden toilet seat DDD award. Three people were fined for not wearing their badges, Lori Robarge, Ray Bass, and Janet Ortiz. I was asked to be the Sheriff and I thought I had close competition for the DDD award, but Tim Robarge was the hands down winner, having blamed his wife for a few burnt pancakes! No es bueno! New member, Tim Mitchell tried to flood the campground with a water leak, but he was no competition for Mr. Robarge!





**Treasurer**  
Marsha Swanson



**FMCA National Director**  
Carl Johnson

Please refer to the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting for reports from Marsha and Carl.

Discovery Club of California Officers. 2023 & 2024

<i>President:</i>	Janet Ortiz
<i>Vice President:</i>	Ray Ouellette
<i>Secretary:</i>	Jackie Ouellette
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Marsha Swanson
<i>Nat'l. Director:</i>	Carl Johnson
<i>Alt. Nat'l Director:</i>	Ray Ouelette

Committee Members (to be appointed)

<i>Wagon Masters:</i>	<i>Nick Zoch and Ed Testa</i>
<i>Webmaster:</i>	Janet Ortiz
<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Susan Salit
<i>Membership Chair:</i>	<i>Ruth Slusher</i>
<i>Hospitality:</i>	Jacky Nutter
<i>Ways &amp; Means:</i>	Jackie Testa
<i>Historian:</i>	<i>Muriel Benson</i>
<i>Photographer:</i>	Ray Ouelette



# Wagonmasters Report

Nick Zoch  
Ed Testa  
Wagonmasters



## UPCOMING 2023 DISCOVERY CLUB RALLIES

### September 18th - 21st, 2023 (three nights)

Newport Dunes RV Resort  
1131 Back Bay Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
Phone: (949) 999-3100  
Trail Bosses needed

Future rally dates and locations will be announced at a later date.



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

Campland on the Bay  
2211 Pacific Beach Drive, San Diego, CA 92109

May 18, 2023



**Jackie Ouellette**  
Secretary

President Janet Ortiz called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Ray Ouellette led the membership in the Flag Salute. Janet Ortiz gave the Invocation.

Janet then introduced guests Lois Bergman and Tim Mitchell. Janet then wished all those having birthdays and anniversaries since our last rally congratulations. She then had the membership sing Happy 89th Birthday to Ray Ouellette who's birthday is in a week. Janet then thanked Trail Bosses Lori and Tim Robarge, Jacky Nutter and John King for the outstanding rally and for all the hard work and cooking they did. She also noted that this is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> rally for the Robarges and they already are volunteering.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the Pismo Coast Rally in March are posted on the bulletin board for all to review. A motion was made by Ed Testa and seconded by Jackie Nutter to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasure Marsha Swanson said a copy of the treasures report is also posted on the bulletin board. The ending balance is \$9,677.60. This balance does not reflect expenses for the current rally. A motion was made by Ed Testa and seconded by Jackie Testa to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

National Director, no report.

Membership Chairman Ruth Slusher was absent. Janet announced we have 46 paid members.

Hospitality Chairman Jacky Nutter said she has mailed out cards to: Annette Hall, Marilyn Turner, Connie Nelson, Joan Edman, & Ray Bass. Marsha Swanson read an email to the group from Joan Edman regarding her successful surgery and well wishes to everyone.

Way & Means Chairman Christine Zoch reminded everyone of the fun filled basket to be raffled after dinner tonight – tickets are 3 for \$5.00

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit sent a message asking for more articles to be included in the Newsletter.

Web Master Janet Ortiz said she is researching ways to update our storage, and the costs of more storage space on the web site. She asked Ray Ouellette to help her resolve the storage space problem.

Wagon Master Ed Testa said the next rally is Sept. 18-21, 2023 at Newport Dunes, Newport Beach, Ca. As of yet he does not have Trail Bosses, and asked for volunteers to please call

him. He also said co Wagon Master Nick Zoch and he are busy lining up rally locations for 2024.

Vice President – no report.

New Business: Janet spoke of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Discovery Club. There will be a celebration tonight complete with Power Point Video and delicious cake and ice cream for all to enjoy.

With no further business Janet asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Ouellette  
Secretary Discovery Club of California

## Newsletter Report



Hi Discoverers,

Another wonderful rally gone by. I can't wait to see what you have planned next. Don't forget, you all are newsletter reporters. Send me some good news to print.

Happy travels!

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