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# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter



A Chapter of FMCA



### President's Message

I want to thank trail bosses, Harry and Sue Salit and Ray and Mary Archambeault, for putting on an outstanding event in Buellton. Leo was able to wrangle a bus tour into Vandenberg AFB which included visits to some launching pads and the base museum.

At the rally in Buellton, our members discussed the current surplus of funds in the club bank account. The balance was over \$8,000. It was decided that we need a surplus, but no more than \$5,000. In order to reduce the balance, the following plan was discussed and adopted at the business meeting:

1. Eliminate the \$300 miscellaneous charge to rally events.
2. Pay the cost for the trail boss (space fees and event costs) out of club funds and not charge the members attending the event.

3. Pay for the park fees for the days of the event (3 days) for the assistant trail boss out of club funds and not charge to the members attending the event.

It was calculated that under this plan the excess on hand would be depleted in two to three years, while we also reduce the cost of attending the rallies.

Please note that Sue Salit will be doing the newsletter so please send any information you want published to her in a timely manner.

The next rally is in Hemet on May 12-15, 2011. Hope to see you there!

**Carl  
Johnson**  
President

## WAGONMASTER'S REPORT



### Upcoming Events

May 12-15, 2011  
Rally @ Golden Village Palms RV  
Resort  
3600 W. Florida Ave  
Hemet, CA 92545  
800-323-9610  
Hosts:  
Gary & Carrie Brown  
Rich & Sue Skinner

Sept 13-16, 2011  
Rally @ Chula Vista RV Resort  
460 Sandpiper Way  
Chula Vista, CA  
800-770-2878  
Hosts: Ray & Jackie Ouellette  
Glenn & Marilyn Turner

Aug 10-13, 2011  
FMCA 86th Convention  
Madison WI

Jan 11-15, 2012  
FMCA Western Area Rally  
Indio, CA

Jan 20-23, 2012  
Rally @ Quail Run RV Park  
918 N Central Blvd  
Quartzsite, AZ  
Glenda 928-927-8810

Mar & May 2012  
Ideas & Trailboss volunteers needed

Sept 2012  
Rally @ Lone Pine  
Hosts: Bob & Pam Johnson

Our recent Buellton rally at Flying Flags R.V. Resort was filled with fun, great company, good food and several informative side trips. There was a minimal amount of daytime light rain which did not interfere with shopping and several other daytime activities. The LRC big winners were Ray Archambeault and Art Valenzuela. We also had three lucky bingo winners including Harry Salit and Mary Johnson. The biggest bingo winner was Chuck Walker. Trail Boss Susan Salit also handed out several prizes by picking names out of the hat. As I recall, Chuck Walker won another prize along with Barbara Valenzuela and Curtis Jones. We did not award our DDD because no one was worthy.

Co-Hosts Ray & Mary Archambeault provided us with the very best BBQ baby back ribs with all the trimmings including salad, beans and desert. Trail bosses Harry and Susan treated us to delicious salad, home-made Chili and mini cream puffs. The breakfasts included biscuits & gravy, sausage, bacon, etc... Breakfast times were changed to accommodate an added tour to Vandenberg AFB.

Our several side trips included lots of shopping, a guided tour of the Santa Ines Mission and a visit to the Flag is Up ranch of horse whisperer, Monty Roberts with informative comments by our own cowboy Pres Carl Johnson. The highlight of our trips was the "Private Tour of Vandenberg

Air Force Base". A special thanks to Vandenberg AFB Retiree Leo Aragon for making this private tour possible. Transportation for the tour was on an Air Force bus and led by Mr. John Coutley who was very knowledgeable about every aspect of Vandenberg and missile operations, he also provided insight and history of VAFB missions. The tour was approximately three hours in duration and the various stops included "Missile V" dedicated to the Air Force Missile Officers; The Vandenberg Heritage Museum and Space launch Complex and several war memorial sites.

I hope that the attendees enjoyed the brief DVD I put together. It may not be perfect because I'm having some pewter. I will forward the pictures to our new "Newsletter Editor Susan Salit" (Thanks Susan for letting me volunteer you). I will also forward the pictures to our new Webmaster Alan Johnston who is back in the Country and hard at work designing our new website.

Our next Rallies will be in Hemet on May 12-15, 2011, Chula Vista Sep 13-16, 2011 and Quartzsite (Quail Run RV Park) Jan 20-23, 2012.

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there,  
Ray Ouellette  
Wagonmaster

I'm having some fun editing your newsletter. Send me some stories, tech tips, pictures and clean jokes and I'll be sure to include them. In the meantime,

**Have an eggy Easter!**

Susan Salit, Newsletter Editor  
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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 26, 2011**

**Flying Flags RV Resort  
Buellton, California**

The meeting was opened at 10:10 am by President Carl Johnson. Ray Ouellette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette posted minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2011. Motion made by Leo Aragon and seconded by Harry Salit to accept minutes. Motion passed.

President Carl Johnson thanked the Salits and the Archambeaults for a great rally. Everyone is really enjoying themselves. He also thanked Leo Aragon for all his help in arranging yesterday's wonderful tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

In the absence of Treasurer Ralph Norris, the treasury report was posted for all to review and a copy was e-mailed to all the membership. Dave Wickersham made a motion, seconded by Betty Wickersham to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

National Director Ray Ouellette gave a FMCA insurance update report. He discussed the Certificate of Liability which covers property damage at RV site. He also gave a report of the FMCA insurance program which took the place of the old Med-x program. He will e-mail more information to the members as it becomes available.

A discussion was held regarding Alan Johnston now being the Web-Master for our news information site. It was also discussed the need for a new Newsletter Chairman. Susan Salit was nominated and a motion was made and seconded to accept Susan as the new Newsletter Chairman. Motion passed.

In the absence of Membership chairman Tammy Norris, Jackie Ouellette gave a brief report stating we have 25 members.

Wagon Master Ray Ouellette passed out checks from Treasurer for members that overpaid on this current rally – due to an addition error on sign up sheets.

He then announced the next rally will be in Hemet, at Golden Village Palms RV Resort, May 12 thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Browns and Skinners will be Trail bosses. Ray then passed out flyers and sign up sheets for that rally. He then announced Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a rally in Chula Vista, CA. This will be a Tuesday thru Friday rally. Trail bosses will be the Ouellette's and the Turner's. Future 2012 rallies will be January in Quartzite, AZ, March and May (no Trail bosses yet) and Sept. 13 thru 15, 2012 at Lone Pine, CA, Trail bosses will be Bob and Pam Johnson.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding ways to reduce the amount of money in the treasury. There was a motion by Mary Johnson and seconded by Carl Johnson to eliminate the current \$300.00 non-rally expense from our rallies. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Susan Salit to pay the Trail bosses fees out of the treasury until the balance is reduced to \$5,000 including



**Jackie  
Ouellette  
Secretary**

pending deposits. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Lois Jones and seconded by Carl Johnson to also pay from the treasury, campground site fees for the Assistant Trail bosses. Motion passed.

There was no DDD award to be given at this rally.

Hospitality chairman, Lois Jones gave report on health of member Bill Richardson, and also of member Pam Johnson.

Ways and Means chairman, Jackie Ouellette said there will be money making events in future rallies, but there will be none at this rally.

Discussion was made regard our "missing" coffee pot. Art Valenzuela offered to check on a rebuilt replacement. A motion was made by Dave Wickersham and seconded by Harry Salit to spend up to \$200.00 toward the purchase of a new or rebuilt coffee pot. Motion passed.

With no further business, President Carl Johnson made a motion to close the meeting, motion seconded by Barbara Valenzuela, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jackie Ouellette*  
Secretary

