

April 2015

# Discovery

## Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Ray Ouelette  
President

### Presidents Report

I think that our Wagon Masters report best describes our Pechanga Rally. I can't add much more except that we had an amazing time thanks to the hard work of Jackie, Mary, Pat, Noe and their helpers. Welcome to our new member Karen Redman, our renewed member Ray Archambeault and our new Honorary Members Robin and Judy Goodman.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Sandy for leading us in an invocation prior to our general membership meeting. I should also mention that Sandy's husband won 1st Place as All-State Elks Chaplain. Congratulations Eddie.

I think that our club is doing very well. We have been having excellent turn-out at our rallies. Our membership has increased during the past several months. Our treasury is in good shape thanks to Marilyn. Also, thanks to our board members and committee members for their contributions to our club. Our National Director Joan Edman will be representing our club at the FMCA Family Reunion Rally in Madison, Wisc. July 29 to August 1st 2015. We have a special group of people in our club with a common interest and it's like a family reunion every quarter.

Please check out a revised copy of our flyer for our forthcoming Paso Robles rally at "Vines R.V. Resort". This will be another outstanding rally hosted by Leo & Marian, Bill & Patsy and Ed & Joan. See you there....

Ray O

# WAGONMASTERS REPORT

## RALLY AT PECHANGA CASINO

May 5-8, 2015  
TEMECULA, CA



**Leo Aragon**  
Wagonmaster

Our May 2015 rally at the Pechanga RV Resort was one of the most fun and enjoyable events we have had. The important fact is that more and more of our members are attending Discovery Club rallies. That is really wonderful.

We started out the day before, on the fourth. Ten rigs arrived early, so our hosts made reservations for all of us to eat dinner at Applebees. Then the BIG day came. We celebrated Cinco-de-Mayo (May 5th), a special event showcased by none other than our hosts Mary and Jackie and Marsha. (Ray, John and Carl helped a little.) It all started with everyone wearing his or her decorated Mexican hats and outfits. The main feature was the Mexican hat-decorating contest, and some very creative hats were presented. But first we were all introduced to margaritas (made to your choice) that we all enjoyed. Then at 1800 hours Noe and his best helper, Pat, fed us some good tacos with all the fixings and a variety of salsas. Eating tacos while sipping margaritas really makes for an excellent meal. Then the fun began with the introduction of competitors for the best decorated Mexican hat. The competition was tough, but in the men's category the first prize went to Ed Edman. In the women's competition first prize went to Karen Redman, Art's niece. What a fun evening we had. Mary, Jackie, and Marsha, you did it again. Wednesday after our French Toast and fruit breakfast, Zip and Ruth took us all on a drive to the Lake Elsinore area for an outstanding tour at a friend's home. We enjoyed seeing his collection of drag racing cars and memorabilia which included a visit to separate garage where we toured old gas station systems and buildings and saw some beautifully restored vintage cars. The gentleman has an elaborate collection. On the way back to Pechanga we stopped at a pre-arranged restaurant for lunch. For our Wednesday dinner our hosts gave us chicken and fixings and apple pie a la mode. We played (free) bingo for some excellent prizes that yours truly did not win. Thursday breakfast was good ole sausage and eggs, casserole mode. We had our standard Board Meeting followed by the General Membership Meeting where Ray introduced our guests. Art's niece became a member of our club and Ray Archambeault who has renewed his membership. We're happy to have him back. Gary and Carrie Brown also came to participate in our rally. Rich and Sue Skinner were present, and Robin and Judy Goodman were introduced as our first honorary members. It's good to have you back in our club. For dinner we were treated to meatloaf, potatoes and vegetables along with more apple pie and cheesecake. We concluded the evening with Gary and Carrie providing us with karaoke music and anyone that felt like singing was given a chance. Some of the ladies sang and did some line dancing. We all had a great time. The rally ended Friday morning with the Bus Nuts providing breakfast for the Discovery Club because they were anxious to move into the club house for their rally.

Our next rally will be in Paso Robles, CA in September at the Vines RV Resort. The final flyer can be found in the Club's news letter. See you all there.

**Your Wagon Master**  
**Leo Aragon**



## FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



**Joan Edman**  
Nat'l. Director

The revisions to our chapter bylaws have been accepted and given final approval by FMCA. These include:

1. The addition of Honorary Member status
2. At least one chapter business meeting shall be held in each fiscal year at which a quorum is present. Previously we had two meetings.
3. Voting shall be one vote for each adult member.
4. Duties of officers shall be as defined in the "Member and Volunteer Handbook" which is only available online, since it is a rather large document. A huge "thank you" to Ray Ouelette for getting our bylaws up to date and obtaining the final approval.

If anyone has a desire to serve on the FMCA Executive Board, a new slate of officers will be elected in early 2018. Further information can be found on the Western Area website [wafmca.com](http://wafmca.com).

FMCA's 2015 Northwest Area Rally will be in Coos Bay, Oregon, June 25 through June 28.

Looking forward to Paso Robles!  
Joan Edman, FMCA National Director



# member news



Best sombrero finalists Joan Edman, new member Karen Redman, Marian Aragon, and Sandy Mitchell. Karen was the winner.



Eddie Mitchell left the Pechanga rally a few days early to participate in the Elks competition. Sandy lets us know that he won First Place All-State Elks Chaplain. The Lompoc Elks Exalted Ruler and Inner Guard also won first for their positions and Lompoc Lodge took 4th overall in the Elks Ritual Competition for State. Congratulations Eddie!



# Pechanga Resort & Casino

May 5-8, 2015  
Temecula, CA



Ray sees all with his drone camera.



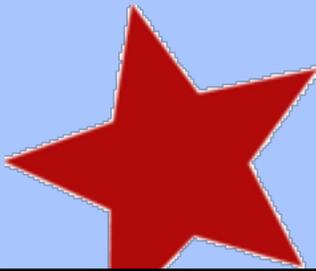
The Sombrero Contest  
Ed won for the señores. Karen Redman  
won for the señoras.



Touring an amazing collection of drag racing memorabilia, restored vintage cars.



Evelyn tries on her new car.



An amazing collection of drag racing memorabilia!





Some of us won prizes and some didn't but we all really ate well.



# The Coveted DDD Award



graphics  
factory



Best Trail Bosses ever!



graphics  
factory

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

May 7, 2015

Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA



**Jackie Ouellette**  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President, Ray Ouellette, at 10:05 AM. Ray then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell then gave the Invocation.

Ray then introduced Ray Archambeault as a returning member, and Ruth and Zip Zepede as our newest members. The Zepede's hosted our car museum yesterday. Ray then thanked Mary Johnson and Jackie Ouellette for hosting this rally and for doing such a great job.

Secretary, Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes for the March 19, 2015 Rally are posted on the bulleting board for membership review. Lois Jones made a motion to accept the minutes and Marsha Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Marilyn Turner announced our current balance prior to any monies from this current rally is: \$6,633.84. Marilyn stated a copy of the Treasurer's report is posted on the bulleting board. Mary Johnson made a motion to accept the report, Norm Teixeira seconded the motion. Motion passed.

National Director, Joan Edman gave a FMCA report stating Discovery Club Chapter Bylaws have been accepted and gave final approval to the following: 1) The addition of Honorary Membership status, 2) At least one chapter business meeting shall be held in each fiscal year at which a quorum is present-previously we had two. 3) Voting shall be one vote for each adult member, 4) Duties of officers shall be as defined in the "Member and Volunteer Handbook" which is available online. Joan also announced anyone interested in serving on the FMCA Executive Board can find info by going to the Western Area website - wafmaca.com.

Membership Chairman, Mary Johnson announced our current membership is 23 coaches and 2 new memberships pending.

Hospitality Chairman, Jackie Ouellette gave up to date report on member Muriel Benson's current possible heart condition. Muriel is in the hospital having tests. Glenn Turner recently had a pacemaker put into his chest, and now is good as new. Marilyn Turner will be undergoing eye surgery later this month. There was no "new" information on member Tom Thomas, he had stomach cancer surgery and is currently undergoing Chemo Therapy. Well wishes went out to all these members.

Ways and Means Chairman, Evelyn Teixeira said she'd like everyone to participate in a fun fund auction at the next Rally, September 2015, in Paso Robles. She would like each "coach" to bring a wrapped bottle for an auction. Item can be serious, funny, useful or not, large or small. Wrap beautifully for the fun. This is one bottle per coach, not one per person.

Librarian, Marsha Swanson announced the table is set up for book trade, or just take whatever you would like. She also announced she will be replacing the books often and if you have any to donate please bring to the next rally. She also said books on tape would be accepted also.

Newsletter Chairman, Susan Salit thanked all for their articles. She would like to "Begin" a social gossip column if anyone is interested in giving her "fun" articles. She would like any other ideas for the newsletter, so put on your thinking caps!

Wagon Master, Leo Aragon began with his usual "joke", which all appreciate. He announced the following upcoming rallies:

Sept. 22-25, 2015, Vines RV Resort, Paso Robles: Trail Bosses: Edmans, Millers, and Aragons.

January 19-22, 2016 changed from Golden Shores RV to Emeral Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, no Trail Bosses yet!

March 15-18, 2016 Moro Dunes RV, Moro Bay - need Trail Bosses

May 17-20, 2016 Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, need Trail Bosses

Sept. 13-16, 2016 changed from Camp Land by the Bay, San Diego to possibly Borrego Springs, this is to be determined.

Web Master, Ray Ouellette encouraged all to view the Discovery Web Site for all current and past club information. Ray said the new by law changes are also on the web site. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Sandy Mitchell to accept the by law changes. Motion passed.

Vice President Glenn Turner had noting to report.

New Business: President Ray Ouellette made a motion to honor Robin and Judy Goodman as our club's first Honorary Membership Recipient. A motion was made by Tammy Norris and seconded by Pat Roman to accept their membership. Motion Passed. Robin then gave a heartfelt thank you to everyone.

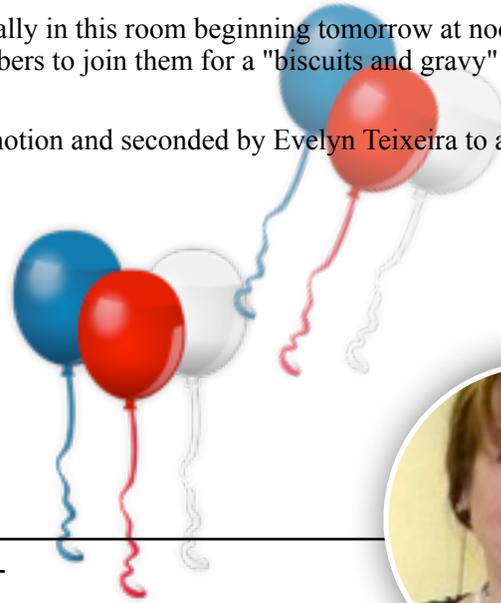
Member Mary Johnson said she recently went to the FMCA rally in Pomona, CA and took a very informative class on how to escape thru the emergency window in case of fire in the motor home. Information will be on the FMCA web site.

Noe Roman asked for candidates for tonight's DDD award - and as always he will keep all information top secret!

Jackie Ouellette announced the Bus Nuts will be hosting their rally in this room beginning tomorrow at noon. In exchange for giving them the room "early" they have invited all our members to join them for a "biscuits and gravy" breakfast. About 20 members said they will be joining in on the breakfast.

With no further business Vice President Glenn Turner made a motion and seconded by Evelyn Teixeira to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We now have 24 paid members and our first honorary members. Welcome Judy and Robin. Robin was president of our club for 4 years. Judy and Robin hosted many rallies when they were in our club and had their motorhome. While they are without a motorhome at this time, Robin and Judy assisted Muriel and Larry at our Hesperia rally. Remember to invite your RV friends to join us at a rally.

FMCA Pomona Rally: I attended a class on safely exiting your RV in an emergency. It was presented by Mac McCoy ([Macthefireguy.com](http://Macthefireguy.com)) and was quite informative. He informed the class that you have about 20 seconds to get out of the RV in event of fire. He stressed the importance of knowing how to open your emergency exit, of regularly opening them to insure that they are not stuck, and of practicing using that exit in a safe manner. His website has some informative articles and a video to watch on exiting the rv. If you are at a rally where he is speaking, I recommend you attend is presentation.



## NEWSLETTER REPORT

Levi and I had great fun at Pechanga. It was so nice to be with all you Discoverers. Please keep in touch and send me all your good news. I know you have some to share. Let's make the newsletter just like Facebook and we're all friends. Check in and let us know where you are and what you are doing. Send pictures too. Remember, if you don't send it in, I'll have to make it up.

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

## LIBRARIANS REPORT

I never thought I would be called "Librarian" but here goes. I changed out some of the old books and added many new ones. It was a big success, I came home with half the books I started with. If you have a special Author, or type of book you would like to read let me know. Mary donated some audio books, but my son in-law borrowed them. He makes a drive once or twice a month between Lake Elsinore and Scottsdale AZ. He will return them soon, LOL. If you have a favorite book, DVD or magazines you would like to share, please bring them to the next rally. I will arrange them using the Dewey Decimal System or at least stack them neatly.

Marsha Swanson, Librarian



## In Memoriam

We are sad to report the loss of our loved Discovery Club Brother Tom Thomas. Discovery Club members extend their sympathetic regards and condolences to his wife Dee, his son Matt, and his entire family and friends. We enjoyed traveling and rallying with Tom and will miss him.



**DISCOVERY CLUB RALLIES  
FOR 2015**



**ONE RALLY REMAINING:**

**LOCATION: VINES RV RESORT  
88 WELLSONA RD  
PASO ROBLES, CA 92446  
PHONE: 805-467-2100**

**TRAIL BOSSES: Edmans; Millers; Aragons**

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**2016 RALLIES**

**FOUR RALLIES SCHEDULED;**

**NUMBER ONE: LOCATION: EMERALD DESERT RESORT  
7000 FRANK SINATRA DR  
(contract signed) PALM DESERT, CA 92211  
PHONE: 877-624-4140**

**DATES: JANUARY 12 - 15 2016**

**TRAIL BOSS: NOE ROMAN & SOME OTHER VOLUNTEER**

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**NUMBER TWO: LOCATION: MORRO DUNES RV PARK  
1700 Embarcadero,  
(confirmed) Morro Bay, CA**

**DATES: MARCH 15TH - 18TH**

**(NO TRAIL BOSSES VOLUNTEERS)**

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**NUMBER THREE: LOCATION: BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT  
5025 WIBLE RD  
(confirmed) BAKERSFIELD, CA**

**DATES: MAY 17TH - 20TH**

**(NO TRAL BOSSES VOLUNTEERS)**

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**NUMBER FOUR: LOCATION:  
NO LOCATION IDENTIFIED SO FAR: WORKING ON CHULA  
VISTA RV RESORT OR GOLDEN VILLAGE IN HEMET. WILL  
HAVE MORE INFO AT SEPT RALLY**

**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA**

TUESDAY `22D - FRIDAY `25TH SEPTEMBER 2015

**VINES RV RESORT**

88 WELLSONA ROAD, PASO ROBLES, CA 93446 PHN: 805-467-210

TRAIL BOSSES: Ed & Joan Edman; Bill & Patsy Miller; Leo & Marian Aragon

**ALWAYS BRING TABLE SERVINGS TO ALL MEALS**

**TUESDAY:**

3:00 PM ---Welcome & Check-In  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB  
6:00PM---Dinner - Lots of Pizza & Salad  
7:00 PM---Games/Entertainment

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:30 AM---Breakfast scramble eggs & Fixings; jucies  
10:00 - Noon---Wine tasting- on-your-own.  
12:00---Lunch-on-Your-Own  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour - BYOB  
6:00 PM---Dinner: Catered  
7:-- PM---Entertainment TBA

**THURSDAY:**

8:30 AM---Breakfast: Pancakes & sausage  
10:00 AM---Board Meeting  
10:30 AM---General Membership Meeting  
12 Noon---Lunch-on-Your-Own & Shopping  
5:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB  
6:00 PM---Dinner: BBQ Tri -Tip or-Choice top beef,  
beans, salad, oh! and bread  
7:00 PM---Games (maybe some live music)

**FRIDAY:**

8:30 AM---Coffee, Juices, Muffins & Good-Bys

**APPLICATIONS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 14 AUGUST 2015**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees for 2 People.....\$ 90.00  
Campsite Fees 3 Nights @ \$50.00/day.....\$150.00

TOTAL:..... **\$ 240.00**

**Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of California and mail to:  
Marilyn Turner, 620 Gary Place, Newport Beach, Ca 92663**