

May 2023

Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



Presidents Report

Janet Ortiz
President

The Banning Stagecoach KOA was the setting for our rally January 17-20, 2023. The weather was cold and wet, but that didn't dampen the high spirits of the 24 people who attended the rally. Fortunately, we had a cozy clubhouse with a full kitchen for meals, games, and meetings. We welcomed our newest members, Tim and Lori Robarge. The theme of the rally was celebrating the New Year 2023!

Several people came to the rally early, having arrived on Monday January 16th; I'd be willing to bet that they were glad they did because we enjoyed a fantastic dinner at Casa Cruz in downtown Banning. The food and service were as good as the margaritas-excellent!

Tuesday was the official kickoff of the rally. After everyone was settled in their site, we carpoled to the Morongo Casino, Resort, and Spa in Cabazon. After a little confusion over where to eat, we scored a private room in their Good Times Café. We had a wonderful waitress, and no one wanted for anything. You could say that we had a good time! Rather than returning to the park to play a game, many people stayed in the casino to test their luck.

We filled ourselves with hot breakfast burritos Wednesday morning, which was perfect before we caravanned to the Palm Springs Windmill Tour. A big shout out to Ray Ouellette for setting up our custom tour. I learned a lot about those giant turbines you see along the 10 freeway and elsewhere and it was thrilling to see them up close, and yes, they are huge! We had a spaghetti dinner in the clubhouse followed by bingo that evening.

We started Thursday with mimosas and breakfast casseroles in the clubhouse. During the membership meeting, the new slate of officers, approved at our September rally, were sworn in. Our new President, Janet Ortiz, discussed her vision for the club, namely to grow the membership based on what she called her three pillars: fun, fellowship and participation. That evening, we had a ham dinner with all of the fixings. Glenn Turner passed the DDD Golden Toilet award to a deserving John Swanson. Afterward, we played LRC and laughed a lot.

Thanks to our Trail Bosses the Slusher's and Ouellette's for putting together a great rally! Our next rally will be in March at the Pismo Coast Village.

March Rally - Pismo Beach

Pismo Coast Village was the site of the Discovery Club of California rally March 13-16, 2023. Only 8 rigs made the trip largely because the “atmospheric river” continued to pound the west coast making for wet weather. Driving was a little challenging due to wet roads and road closures. It rained off and on throughout the rally, but thankfully we had a room reserved for our use. Our Trail Bosses the Zoch’s and Testa’s started off the rally with margaritas and Mexican food followed LRC our first night. Lots of fun!

On Tuesday we sloshed to the clubhouse for champagne breakfast. The rain really came down and the gutters were filled with water up to the top of the curbs making it hard to walk across the road without getting your socks wet! We had a terrific pot luck dinner that evening, and then played LRC.

Because our contract called for starting the rally on Monday (instead of Tuesday) we held a membership meeting after breakfast on Wednesday. Our guests for this rally, Gary and Connie McConnell, were introduced. Hopefully, we made a good impression and they’ll want to join the club! I reiterated my three pillars for club affairs: fun, friendship and participation. At that, our newest members, Tim and Lori Robarge volunteered to be Trail Bosses for our May rally at Campland on the Bay, assisted by John King and Jacky Nutter. Talk about jumping in with both feet-way to go! We still need Trail Bosses for September’s Newport Dunes rally.

After the membership meeting we carpooled to Laetitia Winery to sample some nectar of the vines. Laetitia is a beautiful place set high on a hill in the beautiful California central coast. Because of all of the rain, the hills were green, green, green! We had dinner at the Rock n Roll Diner in Oceano. The diner consists of two vintage train cars put together and they put out an amazing array of dishes from American, Greek, and Mexican cuisines. While at the diner, the Sheriff presented the DDD award. The competition was fierce, but Ray eventually nudged out Ed to win the award. We were all so full that we returned to the Village and retired to our coaches.

The rally ended with hugs and goodbyes Thursday morning until we meet again May 15-19 at Campland on the Bay. Thanks to all that attended the Pismo Coast Village rally in inclement weather. Special thanks to our Trail Bosses the Zoch’s and Testa’s, you did a great job! I encourage everyone to volunteer to Trail Boss.



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

- President:* Janet Ortiz
- Vice President:* Ray Ouellette
- Secretary:* Jackie Ouellette
- Treasurer:* Marsha Swanson
- Nat'l. Director:* Carl Johnson
- Alt. Nat'l Director:* Ray Ouelette

Committee Members (to be appointed)

- Wagon Masters:* Nick Zoch and Ed Testa
- Webmaster:* Janet Ortiz
- Newsletter Editor:* Susan Salit
- Membership Chair:* Ruth Slusher
- Hospitality:* Jacky Nutter
- Ways & Means:* Jackie Testa
- Historian:* Muriel Benson
- Photographer:* 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

Banning Stagecoast KOA RV Resort
1455 S. Gorgonio Ave., Banning CA 92220

January 19, 2023

President Janet Ortiz called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. Glenn Turner then led the membership in the Flag Salute. Janet Ortiz gave the invocation.

Janet introduced new members Tim and Lori Robarge and Gary and Vickie Thomas. She then congratulated the November, December & January birthdays and anniversaries. Janet also thanked Ruthie Slusher, Jackie Ouellette and "herself" for the great job as Trail Bosses for this rally. Janet also thanked Ray Ouellette, acting Wagon Master for this rally, for getting this location and for our tour of the Windmills. After this rally our official Wagon Masters will be Nick Zoch and Ed Testa.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said a copy of the Nov. 21, 2022 minutes was posted on the bulletin board for all to review. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Lori Robarge to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson said we have a balance of \$8,049.41. This balance does not reflect expenses for the current rally. A motion was made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Ed Testa to accept the Treasurers report. Motion passed.

National Director Carl Johnson did not have anything to report.

Membership Chairman Ruthie Slusher said membership renewals are due and a surprise gift if you pay today!

Janet told the membership of past President Joan Edmans upcoming health issues and her upcoming surgery. Hospitality chairman Jacky Nutter will send a get well card from the membership.

Ways and Means chairman Jackie Testa said upcoming activities are in the planning stages, more information to come at the March rally.

Web Master Janet Ortiz said the website is up to date and all the information from this rally will be added after the conclusion of this rally. Please check out pictures, future rallies and the Newsletter.

Wagon Master Ed Testa thanked the Trail Bosses for this rally and listed the following future 2023 rallies: March 13-16, 2023 Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach. May 15-19, 2023 Campland By The Bay, San Diego Mission Bay and Sept. 18-21, 2023 Newport Dunes RV Resort, Newport Beach. There was a lengthy discussion regarding January 2024 locations for our rally. More information will be forthcoming.



Jackie Ouellette
Secretary

Vice President Ray Ouellette – no report.

New Business: Ed Testa swore in the New 2023-24 Executive Board:

President: Janet Ortiz

Vice President: Ray Ouellette

Treasurer: Marsha Swanson

Secretary: Jackie Ouellette

National Director: Carl Johnson

Assistant National Director: Ray Ouellette

Janet gave a brief talk on her vision for the club: Fun, Fellowship, and Participation. She would like to know of any insight or directives the membership might have to make a better, stronger club. She also took an informal survey regarding club rallies, and any suggestions for changes, improvements, locations and any suggestions that may help the Wagon Masters in their planning.

With no further business Janet asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Ray Ouellette to adjourn the meeting.. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Ouellette, Secretary

Newsletter Report

Hi Discoverers,

The good times continue. Please let me know any good news to be shared. Please share your news and reports in Word files so I can manipulate them to fit in the document.

Happy travels!

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

Pismo Coast Village
165 So. Dolliver, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

March 15, 2023



Jackie Ouellette
Secretary

President Janet Ortiz called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She then led the membership in the Flag Salute. Janet also conducted the invocation.

Janet then introduced guests Gary and Connie McConnell who have indicated they would like to become members. All welcomed them. Janet also thanked trail bosses Nick and Christine Zoch and Ed and Jackie Testa for the outstanding job at putting this rally together. Janet also emphasized her motto “fun, fellowship & participation”. She stressed participation as we have a need for upcoming trail bosses.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the January Rally were posted on the bulletin for all to review. A motion was made by John King and seconded by Ed Testa to approved minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson was absent. Secretary Jackie Ouellette is also a signer on the Club’s checking account, and will be issuing checks to Pismo Coast Village for balance due for campsites and also a check to trail bosses for reimbursement monies for food.

Membership chairman Ruth Slusher was not present. Janet gave list of members who have not paid dues as said Ruth will call those members.

Hospitality chairman Jackie Nutter said she mailed get well cards to Joan Edman, Bob Hall, Jackie Ouellette.

Ways n’ Means chairnan Jackie Testa said there will be a raffle for prizes at the next several scheduled rallies.

Web Master Janet Ortiz said all information on the website is up to date. Please check for upcoming rallies.

Wagon Master Nick Zoch gave dates and information for May and Sept. 2023 rallies and asked for Trail bosses. May rally will be at Campland by the Bay, San Diego. Tim and Lori Robarge and Jacky Nutter and John King have volunteered as Trail bosses. Dates are May 15-19, 2023. *Note this is a 4 night rally.

President Janet Ortiz once again spoke of “Fun, Fellowship & Participation”. She also thanked all attendees for driving this long distance in the rain. For the most part the weather did not hamper the wonderful time we all enjoyed. The Pismo Coast Village RV Resort is a lovely place and the workers were very helpful and considerate. Janet reminded everyone of our wine tasting outing at

Laetitia Winery after this meeting. Dinner tonight will be at “The Rock and Roll Diner” in Oceana. We will have our “Sheriff’s report and DDD award at the restaurant after dinner.

With no further business Janet asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ray Ouellette and seconded by Ed Testa to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of CA.

**** Janet reminded everyone that the Club will be celebrating it’s 25th Anniversary at the May Rally in San Diego.

Rally at Banning Stagecoach KOA RV Resort January 2023











Rally at Pismo Beach March 2023











