



FMCA RALLY, INDIO

January 11-15, 2023

Romers E-Newsletter

Newsletter: Sharon Cowan

FMCA Indio Rally Indio Fair Grounds

What a time we had in Indio, with old friends and meeting new ones. We joined with the California Coasters driving Express Trams. Each driver had 2 to 3 hour shifts, some of which were pretty cold and some wet.

It was a fun rally, with almost every kind of weather. We had rain, mostly at night, crazy winds, which led to our "Happy Hour" pop-ups being taken down, not once but twice. But we also had some lovely sunny, desert sun. We still had amazing Happy Hour's with wonderful hors d'oeuvres and great meals, thanks to the efforts of Janet Ream and Debbie Smith.

The attendance and number of vendors was smaller than usual, but our group had no problem finding opportunities to spend some money getting work done on their RV and/or buying new items.

Thanks so much to Debbie Holt & Juan Marquez, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, John & Dottie VanDoren for a great time. Also to John who did an amazing job directing all of the RV's into some pretty tight spots.



Sunshine and Showers

Sunshine

Please Welcome New & Newer Members:

Harry & Sandy Hentschel

Rick Nelson

Jim & Teresa Dozois

Craig & Shelly Urmanski

Tony Sauer & Katherine Thompson

Dean & Anne Bash

Bill & G'Neil DeLack arrived in their new coach and are much happier to be traveling in this one!

Jim McPheters was diagnosed with prostate cancer last spring and has completed 28 radiation treatments on December 1st. He is on the way to a full recovery.

Showers

John VanDoren hurt his hand/wrist in a fall the day before checking into the Fairground. Pain got severe enough, that several members harrassed him into getting it checked at the ER. Luckily, it was a sprain & he's on the mend.

After **Ken Stender's** unfortunate passing in September, Pat Klempner sent condolence cards to Nancy and to Ken's daughter.

Don & Judi Pagano were unable to attend the Indio Rally due to Don being hospitalizd for several days. He was discharged and awaiting a date for gall bladder surgery.

Karenann Evans, associate member, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing treatment in the next several months.

Dale Stucker, former member, was transported to a hospital from Catalina Island due to low oxygen & other symptoms. Rob Wilson indicated Dale is recuperating.

WISHING YOU ALL OUR VERY BEST WISHES

Submitted by Joanne McPheters



Presidents Report

Most of our attendees at the Western Area Rally arrived Sunday at 10:00am as requested by FMCA. The day was sunny and cool so the requisite wait to be led to our sites permitted a lot of communication among members to catch up since our last rally.

Four pop up canopies were deployed and lighted quickly by members in time for hors d'oeuvres Sunday night.

Weather was fine until Tuesday afternoon when rain was expected. There was more wind than rain causing the pop ups to all be taken down before being blown down or away. The rain was just enough to spot the coaches and tow vehicles. Wednesday morning there were snow-capped peaks and mountains to the west and northwest to enhance the beauty of the surrounding terrain. It was cold most every day.

We finished the rally in wind and light rain, on Saturday evening and fortunately the pop ups had already been taken down earlier in the day. We all departed with most attendees likely finding rain showers on their path to their next destination.

During two Social Hours, we had visits from Rett Porter, FMCA National President and Gary Milner, FMCA National Senior Vice President and their wives. Both thanked us for supporting FMCA and for the volunteer work we did at the rally, driving the Express Tram golf carts.

The biggest surprise was the announcement from Larry Johnson that he is retiring from his Bar Manager position with the Club. We cannot thank him enough for all the work he has done for so many years to maintain and coordinate our bar for Social Hour.

Jim McPheters, President

Vice Presidents Report



First, I want to thank our Rally Masters Janet Ream & Debbie Smith, Debbie Holt & Juan Marquez for a very successful and fun rally. Here's hoping we get to do it all again next year! You may take that as a call to arms, to get more Romers involved to make it even greater. It is noted that we have grown our membership by six already this year, two in late December and four from the Chapter Fair and Happy Hours in Indio. Thanks to all who helped with taking down and putting up of Pop-ups during our weather events.

In order to help reduce costs and lessen the load on volunteers we will not have the usual Romer's Bar, but will provide our typical excellent snacks for our BYOB Happy Hour.

Now we all will look forward to our next event at the Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay RV Park in Chula Vista.

John Van Doren, Vice President

SAVE THE DATE

March 20 - 24, 2023
Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay
Chula Vista



NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2023

Upcoming FMCA Rallies are as follows:

March 15-18, 2023

FMCA's 106th International Convention, Perry, GA

June 7-11, 2023

NW Area Rally, Albany, OR

August 23-26, 2023

FMCA's 107th International Convention, Gillette, WY

October 24-28, 2023

Rocky Mountain Area Rally, Tucson, AZ

FMCA BENEFITS: There was a handout provided, however information is on the FMCA website.

FMCA Assist: Included in your membership FMCA packet and provides medical evacuation and much more.

FMCA Magazine: Keep January's issue in your Motor Home. There is helpful information.

FMCA University: All FMCA Magazine articles since 2007 are available. Articles are separated as to technical and lifestyle. You can search a specific topic.

FMCA DISCOUNTS:

COSTCO, joining

UPS, shipping

Office Depot, printing

Roadside Rescue: \$159 per year and covers all vehicles

Tire discounts on all your vehicles

Health Insurance and International travel insurance

KOA and Passport America

Fantasy Tours for FMCA members only

Mail forwarding

Harvest Host

Go to the FMCA website to find out more about benefits and discounts.

Larry Johnson, National Director



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Chula Vista Rally March 20 - 24 Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay

Get Ready, our next Rally is at one of California's premier RV Resorts, in Chula Vista, just a few miles south of Downtown San Diego. We have reserved 20 sites with full hookups for the Romer's exclusive use. This resort is only a few years old and in excellent condition for four days of fun. Early and late arrivals, up to a week, are permitted with the Rally rate being honored by the Resort.

There are many optional activities to access, a few of which are the USS Midway Tour, San Diego Harbor Cruise & the Historic True Crime Tour in the Gas Lamp District. Additionally, we are planning a craft workshop hosted by our own Layne Strelic.

We have reserved a separate site for our first night of heavy hors d'oeuvres & the evening Romer's Bar, which will be BYOB this trip. Chips and snacks will be provided.

As is always expected, this will be a fun Rally. Don't miss it!

Future Rally Events

March 20-24, 2023 **Chula Vista**
Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort
Rally Master Team: Gary & Sharon Cowan, Dick & Shirley Burr, Debbie Holt & Juan Marquez

October 9-12, 2023 **Lodi**
Flag City RV Resort
Rally Masters: Dave & Bobbi Peterson
Janet Ream & Debbie Smith

January 2024 **Indio**
Western Area FMCA Rally, Riverside Co. Fairgrounds
(Need volunteers to arrange parking, catering, Chapter Fair and Happy Hour)

March 2024 **Any Ideas**
Rally Masters: ????

May, 2024 **Options/Ideas**

Fall, 2024 **Gold Country, Sierra Nevada**
Rally Masters: Ralph & Doris Davis

John Van Doren, Vice President

NEW MEMBERS



Sandy & Harry Hentschel



Jim & Teresa Dozois



Rick
Nelson



Dean & Anne Bash



Craig & Shelley Urmanski



Katherine Thompson & Tony Sauer







ROMERS RV CLUB
Goodbye Winter-Hello Spring
@ Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort
825 E Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 489-4790

Check-in March 20 after 2pm ~ Check-out by 11am March 24
Arrive or Depart up to 7 days early/late and receive special rally rate.
Please make arrangements with Sun Outdoors directly.

WOW! We just got home from another fun trip to Indio and it's time to pack the rig and head to sunny San Diego. Gary and Sharon Cowan and crew have put together a fun time in San Diego. They are working on several optional activities including: USS Midway Tour, San Diego Harbor tour, Historic True Crime Tour in the Gas Lamp District, and a possible craft workshop by our own Layne Strelic. As usual, 1st night of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Evening "Social" hours with snacks and BYOB (something a little new). 3 nights of catered dinners. In the morning, bring your coffee or tea and get together for donuts.

First come first served as we are limited to 20 sites.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____
(if inviting any)

Coach Info: Make & Model: _____ Length: _____ No. Slides: _____

First Romer Rally: Yes ___ No ___

Arrival date: _____ Departure Date: _____

F.M.C.A. # _____ and if guest, Romer Sponsor Name: _____

Rally Fees:

Coach – 2 people:	\$600.00	_____
Coach – 1 Person	\$525.00	_____
Extra Person:	75.00	_____
Non-Romer – Add:	25.00	_____

Total Amount Submitted _____

Make checks payable to:

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Application Deadline February 17th

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