



**Emerald Desert, 2022**

# Romers E-Newsletter

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## Emerald Desert Rally

The Emerald Desert rally started out Sunday night with our fabulous Hors d'oeuvres party with Larry in charge of the Romer's Bar. Thanks Larry!

Monday was nonstop activity including the Board Meeting, Membership Meeting, and Tech Talk. Off-site members that joined us were Marsha Taylor, Don & Norma Preston, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream. Western Area FMCA, Central Area V.P. Rick Ammerman attended with his wife Paula honoring the Club with a certificate from FMCA celebrating **our 35 year Anniversary plus a check for \$200!**

The Club also presented Marsha Taylor with an engraved glass Trophy in appreciation for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the years. Thank you Marsha!

Monday evening was an outstanding catered dinner by CV-BBQ. We enjoyed being able to catch-up with members that we hadn't seen in two years! Tuesday included a catered breakfast and a free day to explore or play a Corn Hole game. Catered Mexican dinner that evening.

After a scrumptious breakfast on Wednesday



*John Van Doren with rally host Susan Lewis.*

morning and some free time, a rousing game of Birdseed Baseball was held between the Ladies AKA the Krispy Kremes and the Gentlemen, the Hot Dogs! Jim Lewis was the sole Home Run hitter for the Hot Dogs while Dianne Wilson, Sue Soda, and Susan Lewis hit Home Runs for the KK's. Alas, the Hot Dogs were able to fight back in the ninth inning and won 7 to 5. KK's demand a rematch!

The evening BBQ dinner was followed by our lively Auction led by Layne Strellic.

**Thank you to everyone that attended!**

**Special thanks to Paul Klempner for working with the Resort in getting our RV sites and to Jim & Susan Lewis, Dick & Shirley Burr, and Gene & Sue Soda for being Rally Hosts and making sure all had a good time.**



*John and Dottie Van Doren, Lois Getzfrid and Teri Preach with Phyllis Wimberly and pup at Emerald Desert.*

**Tucson Rally  
Voyager RV Park  
March 27-31, 2022**

***Sign up by February 15th for our Tucson, AZ rally immediately following the FMCA Tucson rally.***

Contact Joe Dingman at [jdjefe.jwd@verizon.net](mailto:jdjefe.jwd@verizon.net) if you're interested in playing golf one day of the rally. Course is a challenging 9-hole Par 3 nestled around a lake at the RV Park. It's an easy course to walk. Handicap carts are allowed.

**MonacoRomers.club**



## President's Report

The weather in Palm Desert, CA was in the 70's on arrival day 1/16/22. Originally set for 20 rigs, Covid and health related issues took a toll, reducing the number of rigs to 12. Emeritus members Rob & Dianne Wilson and Marsha Taylor were also in attendance and members Debbie Smith and Janet Ream attended the Membership meeting. We all enjoyed the excellent clubhouse and comfortable sites at Emerald Desert.



Special thanks to Paul & Pat Klempner for acquiring the location and overcoming a few challenges the past couple of months. Regretfully they were unable to attend to reap the benefits of their efforts. While Jim & Susan Lewis are trying to wean themselves off January rallies, they procured wonderful caterers to keep our appetites in check. Volunteers assisting them included Dick & Shirley Burr and Gene & Susan Soda and we appreciate their help.

A huge thanks to all for making the rally so enjoyable with great food and some exciting games of Cornhole and Birdseed Baseball. Thanks to Jim Lewis's homerun in the bottom of the ninth, the men eked out a victory over the women in the competition.

Old business during the membership meeting resulted in opening the membership eligibility to "owners of any diesel powered motorhome" and a shortened name of "Romers" versus Monaco Romers. We thank everyone for their support in permitting this to occur.

Also of significance was the presentation of a 35-year Anniversary Certificate to the group by Rick Ammerman, WMHA Vice President, Western Region Central Area of FMCA. Volunteers past and present have enabled the group to be active for so long. Let's not stop here, we need volunteers for a Fall 2022 rally.

Sadly, at the last evening of the rally, we learned that Dave Taylor, former member, passed away on December 31, 2021.

Jim McPheters, President

## Vice Presidents Report



I appreciate the members' support in electing me to serve as your Vice President for 2022 and 2023.

I look forward to your continued support by serving as Rally Hosts during my term. The Wimberlys have offered to lead a team to host a rally in October in the Sonora area, and are asking for help from other Romers. Please contact Gary or Phyllis to indicate your willingness to help them.

We will also need Rally Masters and location suggestions for 2023. Volunteering may preclude the re-introduction of the draft system many of us "enjoyed" in the sixties and seventies.



**Contact the Wimberlys to help host the fall rally in 2022.**

*John Van Doren, VP*

## Save the date

**Tucson Rally  
Voyager RV Park  
March 27-31, 2022**

*We are excited to have 25 rigs signed up & 3 members staying at a local hotel to join us. Deadline to register is Feb 15th & park says they have a few more spots they can give us.*

**Rally Masters**  
Dick & Maureen Bouma  
Joe & Leah Dingman  
John & Dottie Van Doren





# *Fun and Games*



**The guys think they won the Cornhole competition, but it was the Romer women who had all the right moves!**





## *Honoring Marsha Taylor for her many contributions*



Club President Jim McPheters presents Marsha Taylor with a beautiful plaque for her outstanding service to the club. Marsha has served in many roles and has made many contributions, including rally host, newsletter editor, club photographer, club historian, Membership Chair and contact for club merchandise and apparel. She is much appreciated and loved by club members. Congratulations and thank you Marsha!

## *Thanks to our bartenders!*



## Tech Talk with Tom Getzfrid



*Thanks Tom!*

### **Tank Treatment**

As of January 1, 2022, Happy Camper Odor Free Tank Treatment has been banned in California. It is no longer on Facebook and cannot be shipped from Amazon. Apparently, California is not happy with the ingredients that don't meet their requirements. Thetford, Aqua-Kem and Unique are good products. Pat will include information on the website.

### **Bedroom Slide**

Pat's bedroom slide has a clumping sound to it. John and others will look at it.

### **Light Rocker Switch for Hot Water Heater**

Jim McPheters's light switch for hot water heater does not come on. Tom may have an extra switch he can share. The wires may need to be wiggled to burnish the contacts, or it may have a burned-out bulb.

### **Transmission Fluid**

Transmission fluid should be changed every 2-3 years. Allison's recommendation is to change filters every 100,000 miles.

### **CRV's Air Cleaner**

Pat mentioned that when he pulled out his air cleaner there was a mouse nest in it. He suggested using dryer sheets every six months.

### **Super Slide**

John is having difficulty with the super slide going all the way out. Jim Lewis had a problem with his going out sideways and suggested a check of the sheer bolts and pistons.

### **Retractable Steps**

Don is having problems with the coach's retractable steps. He replaced a gear and it quit again. The manufacturer's name should be labeled under the step.

### **GPS**

Gary went to a rodeo while in Las Vegas. His GPS took him around a sharp turn and the receiver bent and cracked part of the coach. FMCA Assist came out and where the chassis meets the frame, they repaired it. It should have had four bolts & nuts; his 2002 Windsor had one bolt and no nuts!

## Web & Membership report from Pat Coleman

### **Web Activity**

We have had good activity on monacoromers.club for the past several months with 37 new visitors and 81 site sessions. Top page was "Home", followed by Membership, Indio Rally, Rallies and Member Roster. Visitors included 59 from CA, 6 from AZ, 5 unknown and 2 each from WA and NJ. For the time being, the website is located at

**<https://www.monacoromers.club>.**

Questions or comments should be addressed to [pat.coleman@gmail.com](mailto:pat.coleman@gmail.com).

### **Membership Report**

We are now at 54 active members with 8 emeritus members. We are anticipating an increase in membership with the recent change in the by-laws to allow any diesel motorhome. Please make sure that you invite your motorhome friends with diesel power to join our great club.

**Romers is our new club  
name and we will open  
the club to all diesel  
motorhomes.**

**At the Board meeting in Indio, member consensus was to change the name to Romers, deleting the word Monaco.**



## Remembering Dave Taylor

Dave Taylor passed away on December 31, 2021.

Dave & Marsha met in 2003 and married shortly afterwards. Dave retired from his business in 2004, turning it over to his son. Marsha and Dave then joined the Monaco Romers in January 2004 with their new 2003 Monaco Windsor and got busy traveling the country. At Emerald Desert in 2006, they traded up to a Monaco Dynasty, after spotting the coach at a WAFMCA rally. Those two RVs traveled through all 49 states and twice to Alaska. Their travels abroad included 33 countries.

Dave was always happy to tend bar and help out with ideas when the guys were researching a problem with someone's coach. Tech Talk was a great time for him to join up with the guys.

He also enjoyed Geocaching with Larry & Ellen Johnson at each of the rallies. During this time in the South Bay area, several guys from the Romers took up having lunches together once a week while the wives attended their crafting group. Also, they were fortunate over these years to join up with several group trips across the country and to New Zealand/Australia. Dave always enjoyed being out seeing the world. Sadly in 2018, he was diagnosed with dementia and was no longer able to drive the coach. Marsha took over driving so they could still be out and about with the gang. The dementia was very degenerative with Dave and unfortunately he passed away at age 84.

We will miss you Dave.

## Sunshine & Showers

The club sent "Get Well" wishes to Nancy Baumgart, Rob Wilson, Juan Marquez, Darline Bjornestad and G'Nell DeLack. I'm happy to report that everyone is doing better and will be ready to come "putt and play" again in March.

We also sent a condolence card to Marsha Taylor on the passing of her husband Dave.

If you have Sunshine or Shower news, please send it to me so we can support our friends when they need us.

Pat Klempner  
Sunshine Lady

## Goodbye to Bob Thompson 12/15/1934 - 12/01/2021

We are sorry to hear of Bob Thompson's passing on December 1, 2021 due to complications with pneumonia. He and his wife Shirley joined the Monaco Romers back in April 2000. Bob was instrumental in keeping the Monaco Newsletter going and was the photographer. In those days, the newsletter was mailed out and there were fun folding parties.

Bob was always the life of the party and played a big part with the Monaco Romers until they gave up RV'ing back in 2012 due to health problems. His horse racing dice game was always a great time with the group at rallies. He was also active with the Colorado River Ramblers way back when.

His wife, Shirley, predeceased him several years ago while they were still living in Southern California. Bob then moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. His hearty laugh and wonderful piano music, which he played by ear, will be sorely missed. God Bless you Bob Thompson.



# Rally Memories



***Emerald Desert attendees in alphabetical order: Dick & Shirley Burr, Pat & Kathy Coleman, Tom & Lois Getzfrid, Larry & Ellen Johnson, Jim & Susan Lewis, Joe & Vivian Lewis, Jim & Joanne McPheters, Jeff & Teri Preach, Gene & Susan Soda, Don & Layne Strelic, John & Dottie Van Doren, Rob & Dianne Wilson and Gary & Phyllis Wimberly. Day visitors included Marsha Taylor, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, Don & Norma Preston and FMCA guests Rick Ammerman and his wife Paula.***

## When the dinner bell rings



***Thank you to Pat Coleman for snapping all these great photos from the rally.***





# FMCA Recognition for 35th anniversary



Rick Ammerman, Vice President of the Western Motorhome Association presented the Monaco Romers Club with a certificate and a \$200 check in honor of the 35th anniversary of Monaco Romers joining the FMCA Chapter. Congratulations Romers!



## FMCA Rallies

<b>March 23-26, 2022</b>	<b>August 24-27, 2022</b>
<b>Tucson, AZ</b>	<b>Lincoln, NE</b>
<b>June 22-26, 2022</b>	<b>March 12-18, 2023</b>
<b>FMCA NW Area Rally</b>	<b>Perry, GA</b>
<b>Coos Bay, OR</b>	

Rallies for 2024 and later will be held in Arizona, Nebraska, Georgia and Wyoming.



FMCA recognizes Board participants  
 Jim McPheters, President  
 John Van Doren, Vice President  
 Larry Johnson, FMCA Rep  
 Susan Lewis, FMCA Alternate  
 Pat Coleman, Membership Chair & Webmaster

## Romer Newly Elected Officers

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**ROMERS**  
**General Business Meeting**  
**Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert**  
**January 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McPheters at 10:07 a.m. Jim McPheters led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Special Guests**

Rick Ammerman , Vice President, WMHA, (Western Motor Home Association) and his wife, Paula were present. Rick is in charge of installation of officers for the Chapter. Officers installed by Rick were: Jim McPheters, President, John Van Doren, Vice President, Susan Lewis, FMCA Alternate Director and Larry Johnson, FMCA Director. G'Nell De Lack, Treasurer and Debbie Holt, Secretary were absent.

The Romers Club was awarded a certificate and check in the amount of \$200.00 for 35 years in the FMCA Chapter. Congratulations to the members!

**Treasurer's Report**

G'Nell De Lack was unable to attend. McPheters reported that the balance in checking is \$9,140.34 and savings is \$5,055.33 for a total of \$14,195.67.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes of the meeting on 10/16/21 were posted on the website. It was moved by Dick Burr, seconded by Norma Preston to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation**

Jim McPheters presented Marsha Taylor with a beautiful plaque for her outstanding service to the club. Marsha has served in many roles and has made many contributions. She is much appreciated and loved by the members. Congratulations Marsha!

**Rally Report**

Susan Lewis reported that breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the rest of this rally. She has a list of those attending the FMCA Rally. She distributed Caravan cards and mentioned that everyone should meet at 10:00 a.m. sharp so that we can park together. She will provide more information later and encouraged members to attend. Bar will be open at the Romers Rally following the FMCA Rally.

John Van Doren provided an update on the rallies in March: Monaco International, March 7-21, 2022, FMCA's 104 International Convention March 23-26, 2022, and Monaco Romers Experience the Old West, March 26-31, 2022. Jim McPheters announced that we are looking for Rally Masters for Fall, possibly in the Northern California area. Please step up members and volunteer!

Both Jim McPheters and John Van Doren gave a brief update on their background of accomplishments as well as the number of years they have been with the Romers.

**FMCA Director Report**

Larry Johnson reported that FMCA Rallies will be in North Bend/Coos Bay, OR June 22-26, 2022 and in Lincoln, NE, August 24-27, 2022.

Rick Ammerman mentioned that FMCA is looking at different locations for upcoming rallies. If anyone has any suggestions please let him know.

**Webmaster Membership Report**

Pat Coleman was pleased that we had several people looking at our website about our club. At the end

of this meeting he will publish a new Roster with 55 active members and 7 Emeritus/7 inactive. He talked about doing text messages. Google will adopt the Apple messaging system. This will make it easier. Please read your emails. John Van Doren mentioned that with COVID many people were not able to travel by air or cruise so they went out and purchased motor homes. We should be able to capture those Rvers.

### **Sunshine and Showers**

Susan Lewis provided an update on members who are undergoing medical procedures. Get well cards will be sent. John Van Doren thanked the members for their kind words of sympathy for the recent loss of their grandson.

### **Old Business**

Jim McPheters said that at the last meeting discussion was held relative to membership requirements to join the Romers Club to all diesel motor homes. Duncan Holt sent an email to the group to obtain input. Feedback was received on the name change to the group. The general consensus was all diesel motor homes. The Board at today's meeting discussed it and the recommendation is that members approve a change to the Standing Rules to permit anyone owning a diesel motor home.

It was moved by Susan Lewis, seconded by Debbie Smith to approve the change to the Standing Rules that all motor homes with a Diesel engine will be permitted to join the Club. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Name Change**

At the Board meeting this morning consensus was to change the name to Romers, deleting the word Monaco. It was moved by Larry Johnson, seconded by Susan Lewis to change the name of the Club to Romers. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about changes that will need to be made since no Monacos are being built – placement on the website, article in the Chapter memberships, trying it on our own before going to mergers with other Monaco clubs. A name change will also necessitate changes to the Romer's flag and banner. The Board recommended a payment not to exceed \$750.00 to Pat Coleman for this purpose.

It was moved by Susan Lewis, seconded by Janet Ream to authorize a payment not to exceed \$750.00 to Pat Coleman to purchase a new flag and banner for the Club. Motion carried unanimously. The Romers will keep their current shirts and hats. Future members' shirts and hats will have the new logo.

### **New Business**

Approval will be required for software updates and maintenance of the website in the amount of \$200.00. It was moved by Susan Lewis, seconded by John Van Doren to approve software updates and maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

President McPheters appointed Gary Wimberly as Chair of an Audit Committee to review the Club's financial records. Gary will appoint other members to serve with him.

President McPheters appointed Tom Getzfrid to be chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Chapter's Bylaws and Standing Rules for conformity with FMCA. Jim McPheters and John Van Doren will also serve on this Committee,

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Van Doren, Acting Secretary





## MONACO ROMERS SPRING RALLY

**"Experience the New/Old West"**

**Rally Dates: March 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Voyager RV Resort & Hotel**

**8701 S. Kolb Road, Tucson, AZ 85756**

We are limited to 24 sites for this rally, **Deadline Feb. 15, 2022**. If you would like to attend the rally & stay at the on-site hotel, contact hotel at (520) 574-5000.

PLEASE BRING HEAVY HORS D'ORUVRES FOR OUR SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER TOGETHER.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Contact# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Tour of Titan Missile Museum available \$14.50 per person. No elevators are available for tour, there are 55 stairs to descend and ascend in this tour.
- There is a 3 par executive 9-hole golf course available nearby for those who want to play golf. Carts are available for those with handicap. Call (520) 574 5700 for other golf questions.

### Rally Fees

### **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Coach – 2 persons \$446.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(incl. rv site, 3 dinners & 1 full breakfast, etc)

Maureen Bouma

\*Extra Days \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

855 W. La Deney Dr.

No RV -2 persons \$213.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(meals, bar, etc.)

Ontario, CA 91762

Missile Site Tour \_\_\_\$14.50 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Early arrival or extended stay

Golf -per person \_\_\_\$12.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

questions call Maureen

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(951) 532 4659

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