



Tucson 2022

# Romers E-Newsletter

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## Tucson, Arizona Rally

For some, our Tucson Rally followed two weeks of rally fun with Monaco International and then FMCA. Our Romer Club was well represented at both events.

At Voyager RV Resort, Maureen Bouma welcomed us with our rally packets in preparation for 4 days of fun in the sun. On Sunday evening, our heavy hors d'oeuvre buffet was a hit with everyone and the bartenders kept busy with their famous Romer Bar.

We launched right into our membership meeting on Monday morning with a presentation by Tom Getzfrid regarding our standing rules. Much discussion followed and votes were cast regarding rally guests and club membership. See the minutes on the Romer.club website for full details.

The ladies gathered in the afternoon for a hands-on craft workshop producing 3 stunning bracelets with the help of our creative coach Layne Strelic. It was such fun! Layne shared a treasure chest of sparkling beads and all the supplies to make bracelets that bedazzled everyone. Thanks Layne!

On Tuesday, the group traveled to see the inactive Titan Missile, the only remaining missile launching control room from the 1960's. Fascinating!



Thanks to our Rally Masters: John & Dottie Van Doren, Joe Dingman, and Maureen & Richard Bouma.



*Jim Lewis and Duncan Holt enjoy hearing about Debbie and Janet's recent trip to Baja to see the whales.*

Touring the Franklin Car Museum brought us back to the glamour days of cars from the 1930's. These plush and elegant motor vehicles were luxurious in every detail and are maintained in tip-top shape.

In the afternoon, Joe Dingman organized a lively game of golf for those who wanted to enjoy a day outdoors. Thanks for making the arrangements to play this 9-hole Par 3 course Joe.

Our catering was provided by the on-site restaurant Fat Willy's. We dined on hearty and generous fare with many Romers taking home meals for their dinners on the trip home.

Thanks to our rally masters Dick and Maureen Bouma, Joe Dingman and John & Dottie Van Doren. Your hard work was much appreciated!

**Romer's Fall Rally  
Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne, CA  
September 20-24, 2022**

**Be sure to sign-up soon for the fall rally in the gold country. The rally form can be found on page 9. The rallymasters have planned some music, theater and a docent-led museum tour.**

**Don't miss it!**

[MonacoRomers.club](http://MonacoRomers.club)



## President's Report

It was a sunny Sunday when about half the attendees from the FMCA rally took a short drive to the Voyager RV Resort for the Romer's rally. Check-in was facilitated by the Rallymasters who had registration folders waiting for us on arrival. Emeritus members Rob and Dianne Wilson and Marsha Taylor were welcome attendees.

Special thanks to Dick and Maureen Bouma, Joe Dingman and John and Dottie Van Doren for putting this rally together in record time. Also, special thanks to Larry Johnson, Bar Manager, and Paul Klempner, Assistant Bar Manager, as well as the volunteer bartenders for masterfully overcoming the logistical challenges of setting up the bar and taking it down nightly, as well as having to move its initial location from outdoors to inside halfway through the rally.

A great selection of wonderful activities—Titan Missile Tour, Mini-Time Machine Museum, the Franklin Car Museum, making bead bracelets and golf--supplanted game activity and filled members' days very well. The little bit of hail, rain and wind during the rally didn't slow us down at all.

Special thanks to the Ad Hoc Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee members for completing the task of updating the Chapter's governing documents. Committee Chair Tom Getzfrid did an excellent job of presenting the recommendations to the group at the General Membership Meeting. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time for a Tech Talk session.

Our final night's auction was wildly successful due to Layne Strelic's impressive ability to extract money from members' wallets and purses throughout the room. Afterwards, a special auction was held for a unique black & yellow CA license plate donated by David Enfeld and Karen Colbert that read "AMONACO". Competitive bidding resulted in Steve Hobbs taking home the trophy plate. Congratulations Steve, the plate will look great on your new motorhome!  
Jim McPheters, President



## Vice Presidents Report

I'm happy to report the good fortune of having Gary & Phyllis Wimberly, Jim & Susan Lewis, and Gary & Sharon Cowan hosting the Fall rally in Tuolumne September 20-24, 2022 at the Black Oak Casino RV Park. Rally form on page 9.

For January, 2023, the WMHA FMCA rally in Indio (Riverside Co Fairgrounds) is iffy at best. Seems the County has negotiated a deal with a State-level operator, with a contract to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at some unknown date in the near(?) future. Other venues may include Bakersfield or Orange County. So the possibility of our having a pre-rally are also up in the air.

Future rallies under consideration are:

Spring 2023 in Oregon

Fall 2023 in Bonelli Bluffs or the Burbank area.

January 2024 FMCA WMHA?

Spring 2024 in Pismo Beach

Fall 2024 in Northern California

*John Van Doren, VP*

## Save the date

**Gold Country Rally  
Black Oak Casino  
September 20-24, 2022**

*Join us for some fun in the foothills at our Indian Summer Romer rally. Deadline for reservations is August first and we have 25 sites available.*

### Rally Masters

Gary & Phyllis Wimberly

Jim & Susan Lewis

Gary & Sharon Cowan



The fabulous Black Irish Band will perform on Thursday.



## Special Rally Outings & Activities



Rally activities included a bead bracelet workshop by Layne Strelic, a tour of the Franklin Car Collection arranged by Dick Bouma, golf thanks to Joe Dingman and an underground Titan Missile Site Tour for attendees.





# *Bartenders and their loyal Happy Hour fans!*



Thanks to Larry Johnson and Paul Klempner and their bartender teams who kept us all well hydrated!



## *Romer Recruitment at FMCA Rally*

Ten Romer Coaches traveled by caravan into the Tucson FMCA Rally. We all enjoyed the many seminars, vendors and suppliers and took advantage of looking through all the new Coaches. None could compare to our own, of course!

The Club set up at the Membership Fair and also hosted a Block Party serving pizza, wine, and birthday cake. Six Romer couples that were parked elsewhere joined us for the festivities, as did prospective members from the California Coasters Club and elsewhere. In all, we hosted approximately 60 people which resulted in SIX NEW MEMBERS!

Susan Lewis, FMCA Alternate Director



Marsha Taylor's photo display at the FMCA booth in Tucson.



Susan Lewis and Dottie Van Doren set-up our booth at the FMCA gathering.



Jim McPheters displays the new Romer banner created by Pat Coleman. Great job Pat!

## *Web & Membership report from Pat Coleman*

Thanks to Susan Lewis for a big effort to recruit members at the FMCA Tucson Rally. She and her team were able to secure 6 new memberships for Romers. Great Job!

We are awaiting some decisions from FMCA regarding Emeritus memberships. Hope to have those answers soon. Awaiting confirmation of correctness of roster data before releasing names of new members. Hope to have by April 30.

Also a thanks to John Van Doren for making a banner stand for the FMCA Chapter Fair.

**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.**



## *Sad Goodbyes to our Special Romer Friends*



Geri Dee  
Romer since 2013



Leah Dingman  
Romer since 2006

Our condolences to Dennis Dee and Joe Dingman and the families of these two special ladies who have been active participants in so many Romer rallies.

Geri Dee enjoyed volunteering at the FMCA welcome desk in Indio and also co-hosted a rally in Sonora in 2018.

Leah Dingman was always busy working behind the scenes helping husband Joe while they coordinated rallies in Paso Robles and prepared for the most recent rally in Tucson.

We will miss their enthusiasm and their smiles and we will cherish the memories of rallies past. Goodbye dear friends.

## *Sunshine & Showers*

### **Showers**

Since the last rally in October, the club has sent "Get Well" wishes to Nancy Baumgart, G'Nell DeLack, Tom & Lois Getzfrid, Juan Marquez, Don Pagano, and Rob Wilson. I'm happy to report that they are all doing well.

We also sent our condolences to Dennis Dee, on the passing of his wife Geri; to Joe Dingman, on the passing of his wife Leah; and to Marsha Taylor, on the passing of her husband Dave.

### **Sunshine**



Dan Chrismer with Jim Stoner and birthday girl Karen Stoner. Happy Birthday Karen!

Steve and Donnis Hobbs came to the Tucson Rally in their new motor home. And Don and Layne Strelic arrived in their new motor home. Very exciting!

Also at the Tucson FMCA Rally, the Romers gained SIX new members!! We look forward to getting to know them at the next rally in Sonora, (actually Tuolumne, CA) September 20-24, 2022.

Pat Klempner, Sunshine Lady



This one-of-a-kind license plate was donated by David Enfeld and Karen Colbert and auctioned off by Jim McPheters. High bidder was Steve Hobbs who just happens to be driving a brand new diesel RV.



# Rally Memories



***Tucson rally attendees in alphabetical order: Dick & Maureen Bouma, Dan Chrismer & Elon McLaughlin, Gary & Sharon Cowan, Ralph & Doris Davis, Joe Dingman, David Enfeld & Karen Colbert, Tom & Lois Getzfrid, Duncan & Nancy Holt, Steve & Donnis Hobbs, Larry & Ellen Johnson, Paul & Pat Klempner, Jim & Susan Lewis, Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt, Jim & Joanne McPheters, Don & Judi Pagano, Dave & Bobbi Peterson, Jeff & Teri Preach, Don & Norma Preston, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, Jim & Karen Stoner, Don & Layne Strelie, Marsha Taylor, John & Dottie Van Doren, Rob & Dianne Wilson and Gary & Phyllis Wimberly.***



***Thank you to Elon McLaughlin for snapping all these great photos from the rally.***





# Larry Johnson's FMCA Report

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

FMCA has over 75,000 members with 514 new members since the last convention.

There are over 300 chapters within FMCA.

Over 600,000 RV's were produced in 2020.

Cummins produced 1,300,000 engines in 2020.

At the Tucson Convention there were 1507 RV's.

## FMCA ASSIST WITH CHUBB

This is a great benefit included with your FMCA dues. If you have a medical emergency over 75 miles from home, you can get medical assistance. First call 911 and get to a hospital, then call Chubb at 1 877/352-0785 in the USA or 1 202/659-7803 (collect 0outside of the USA. Have your FMCA number available. A handout was distributed with more information. Information is also available on the FMCA website. Chubb coverage includes: 1. Medical evacuation 2. Return home if required 3. Return of coach and car and 4. Return of pets. Plan number 01AH585, policy number 9908-76-26. The policy covers you even without your RV, as well as international travel.

## FMCA UNIVERSITY

All FMCA magazine articles since 2007 have been electronically stored on the FMCA website. They are separated into technical and lifestyle topics. Search by a key word and you can save an article if desired.

## FMCA DISCOUNTS

A few of the discounts are: TSC fuel card, Roadside rescue for towing (\$159 per year) and Tire discounts.

### FMCA Rallies

June 22-26, 2022  
FMCA NW Area Rally  
Coos Bay, OR

FMCA 105th  
Convention  
August 24-27, 2022  
Lincoln, NE

Jan 11-15, 2023  
Western Area Rally  
Negotiations Pending

FMCA 106th  
Convention  
March 12-18, 2023  
Perry, GA

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



### Board members

Debbie Holt, Secretary  
Jim McPheters, President  
John Van Doren, Vice President  
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# ROMERS FALL RALLY

## INDIAN SUMMER

Rally Dates: Sept.20 to Sept. 24, 2022

**Black Oak Casino 19400 Tuolumne Rd. N  
Tuolumne, CA 95379**

**Join us in the Sierra Nevada Gold Country – Home of the Me-Wuk Indians. Our Premier Sites have been reserved at the Black Oak Casino RV Park with full use of the Clubhouse and catered meals. A Docent led tour has been arranged at the Tuolumne County Museum and tickets have been set aside for us at the Fallon Theater. Plus “The Black Irish Band” will perform for us Thursday. Golf is also available. Don’t miss out!**

We are limited to 25 sites for this rally, Deadline Aug. 1, 2022. Contact RV Park directly for early arrival or late departures. 877.747.8777 - Club Rate \$50.00 a night

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Coach length \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- Join us at the Historic Fallon Theater in Columbia for a rollicking comedic Play about three young Marines on the eve of their deployment set in November 1963. Tickets are \$25. per person.
- Golf is at Teleli Golf Club, a Championship Course. \$67 includes Cart and a Box Lunch.

### Rally Fees

Coach – 2 Persons - \$554.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes RV site, 3 catered Breakfast & Dinners, etc.)

Coach – 1 Person - \$402.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No RV – 2 Persons - \$334.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fallon House Play - \$25.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf (Cart & Lunch) - \$67.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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