



Fall Rally: Lodi, CA  
Flag City R.V. Resort

# Romers E-Newsletter

## Lodi, CA Rally

## SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

The Romers 2023 Fall rally was attended by 38 members. including 2 new members, Katherine Thompson & Tony Sauer, in Wine country, Lodi, California.

Lodi is known for its over 100 wineries, specializing in Old Vine Zinfandel. Fitting, most of the attendees took advantage of the wine tasting from OZV Winery, hosted by the Flag City Staff.

In addition, a group of Romers took advantage of the great weather to play a around of golf, in Stockton.

One of our favorite events, Card Bingo was played Wenesday evening. Four winners went home with more money than they brought to the games.

All members enjoyed the six meals, three breakfasts and three dinners that were plentiful and delicious, provided by Hollywood Catering.

Thursday was the Membership Meeting where the topic of increasing membership was once again brought up. Please refer to the Presidents report for additional information.

Thank you Dave, Bobbi, Janet and Debbie for providing us all with a wonderful event.

### SHOWERS:

**Jim McPheters:** Post Hip Replacement Surgery, doing well & was with us.

**Janet Ream:** Had eye surgery, doing well & still helping with this Rally.

**Steve Hobbs:** Had heart issues on his way to Lodi. The ER Doctor was concerned about his electrolytes & Diabetes, leaving Visalia Oct. 11, recommending he not attend. We missed seeing him & Donnis.

**Duncan Holt:** Heart valve replacement and follow up surgery. His heart and wound Doctor nixed his coming to Lodi. He was not happy about that.

**Layne Strelic:** Got Covid while on their cruise to Canada & had to postpone her surgery until Nov 6, but plans to see us in January.

**Nancy Baumgart & her husband Don** both passed away since her difficulties in 2021. They will be missed by their many Romers friends.

### SUNSHINE:

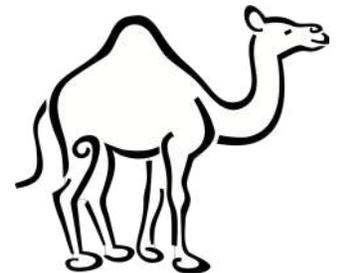
**Pat & Paul Klempner** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on July 7

**Nancy & Duncan Holt** celebrated their 42nd Anniversary on Oct.10

**Phyllis & Gary Wimberly** celebrated their 58th Anniversary on June 27

**Doris & Ralph Davis** celebrated their 25 Anniversary on June 28

# Save the Date



Dave & Bobbi Peterson  
Debbie Smith and Janet Ream



**FMCA 108th Western Rally**  
**January 7 - 13, 2024 INDIO, CA**  
**(Romers will all enter the Fair Grounds together)**



# President's Report

A number of Romers arrived early bringing nice weather with them. As the week progressed, it got slightly cooler and more windy. There is no holding back this group though, when it comes to having fun and eating. A couple of new members joined us for their first rally, Tony Sauer and Katherine Thompson. Associate members Rob and Dianne Wilson, JoAnn Curtis and Paul and Pat Klemmper were also in attendance, along with 16 rigs. It was reported some attendees found the Jelly Belly facility and others found one or more wineries, one with an excellent restaurant. Special thanks go to Dave and Bobbi Peterson as well as Debbie Smith and Janet Ream for securing a roomy clubhouse and a caterer for meals and sadly — meetings.

**BIG SURPRISE!!** During the membership meeting the group voted to add all motorhome owners to the list of eligible people to join the club. At the next meeting, over which I will not be presiding, as my term is over 12/31/23, I will be recommending to the Board a change in the By Laws and/or Standing Rules to require persons wishing to join the Romers Club attend at least two (2) rallies before being admitted as members. Attempting to help ensure the integrity of the group and to provide proposed members and Romers the opportunity to ensure a good fit for all.

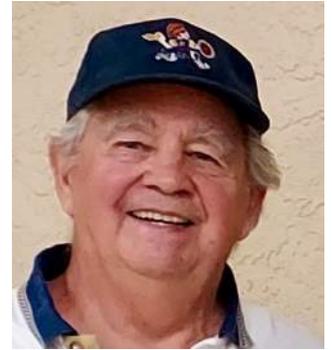
I want to thank everyone for their support during my presidency and welcome John Van Doren and Gary Cowan as the incoming president and vice president respectively. The Chapter/Club is in good hands.

Jim McPheters

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
YEARS  
OF SERVICE**



# Vice President's Report



Fellow Romers,

Well, you can say we took a different spelling, having ROAMED all across the country since July 8th!

We travelled up to OR, then through ID to MT, MN, WI, MI, Il IN (where Dottie grew up) OH (where I grew up), PA (I love Intercourse!) on to CT (saw my granddaughter Layla Van Doren, MD), then to VT (saw granddaughter Karen), to NYC (no, we parked RV's in NJ), learned the Grid System of busses & trains. Then to TN, AR, TX, NM. Then to AZ to see granddaughter (Haley). We have a rally in Indio, then home in time for Thanksgiving.

Sorry-not sorry-we missed the Lodi Rally, heard Dave & Bobbi Peterson and Debbie Smith & Janet Ream did a great job!

Am sorry I wasn't there to nominate Gary for president and Sharon for VP, (very funny John) or to weight in on the newest changes, re: membership.

The newly appointed Membership Commitee can continue to explore other options.

John

(PS: Was there anywhere in the USA you weren't?)



I guess they were having fun...even if it was without us!!!



Romers RV Club - Flag City RV Park - Lodi, CA - Oct 2023



Oh yeh, we even had some golfers

Turns out we were not the only ones on the golf course





# National Director's Report

October 2023



The 107th FMCA convention was held in August in Gillette, WY. New National officers were elected, President, Gary Milner, Sr. Vice President, Paul Mitchell, Secretary, Pamela Richard & Treasurer, Barbara Smith. FMCA currently has 282 chapters & 211 were represented at the Board meeting. The 2024 budget was presented showing a profit of \$1933.00 and the dues structure will not change for 2024. Dues being used as follows: 27% to Administration, 16% to Salaries, 15% to the Magazine, 13% to FMCA Assist, 10% to National Events & 19% to Misc.

Some time ago, FMCA had 129,000 members & currently has 72,000 members. In an effort to increase membership, FMCA hired Membership Corp. of America (MCA) to conduct a survey to determine what non-members want in a RV organization. The average age of FMCA members is 71. Some of the conclusions of the survey are as follows:

1. Most RVers own towables; FMCA must emphasize towables over motorhomes
2. Most RVers do not travel far from home & do not use their RVs more than 30 days a year
3. The FMCA emblem does not relate to typical RV owners
4. The FMCA name & reference to "motor coach" is a hindrance to growth. Put an emphasis on "family"
5. Discounts & roadside assistance are key benefits desired
6. RV chapters & medical evacuation program is not an incentive to stimulate membership growth
7. Hanging out with friends & meeting new people is what RVing is all about

The Governmental & Legislative Affairs Committee reported that California Air Resources Board (CARB) is planning to phase in new emissions standards on diesel motor homes. All members should have received a letter from FMCA. Details were reported in the July FMCA magazine, starting on page 73. The FMCA President sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting that he direct CARB to reconsider the inclusion of motor homes in this program. After I made my report at the rally, it appears that if you go through a special procedure, you may be able to get an exemption on the motor homes used for private use.

A reminder that travel & medical assistance is covered by your \$50 annual FMCA dues. Contact numbers are:  
Chubb Travel Assistance Program 1-877-352-0785 (inside USA),  
1-877-350-3532 (Canada) 1-202-659-7803 (outside the USA, call collect)

Larry Johnson  
National Director

## Future FMCA Rallies:

January 10 - 14, 2024; Western Rally, Indio, CA  
(Romers will go in January 7, at one time)

March 20 - 23, 2024; FMCA 108th Nat'l Conv.  
Tucson, AZ - Pima Co. Fair Grounds

June 24 - 30, 2024; Northwest Rally, Albany, OR

August 14 - 17, 2024; FMCA 109th Nat'l Conv.  
Redmond, OR



Looks serious...are they discussing the wine tasting event or maybe they are planning a whiskey tasting :0) for Indio?

## NEW MEMBERS



*Katherine Thompson & Tony Sauer*



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