



Spring Rally: Chula Vista  
Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay  
Chula Vista

# Romers E-Newsletter

Newsletter: Sharon Cowan

## Spring Rally Chula Vista, CA

Well again, the weather gods were not on our side. We had a lot of rain, wind and cold weather. We didn't even put up the "tilt ups" as we were pretty sure we would just have to take them down too quickly. On arrival we hooked up the fire pit which helped some and had our first night "Heavy hors d'oeuvres" at the Rally Site and our first attempt at BYOB, which seemed to be reasonably well accepted.

After the first night, all of the "Continental Breakfasts", Happy Hours and meals were at the Event Center. Diana, our event scheduler from Sun Outdoors was amazing, helping us re-arrange all of our events due to the weather.

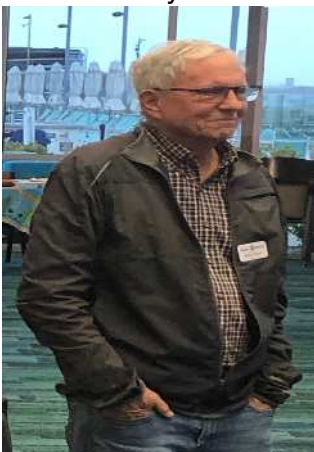
On Thursday most of us had a wonderful lunch in Old Town, and it was even sunny during lunch. Then we set out for either a tour of San Diego on the "Trolley Tour" or touring the USS Midway.

Thanks so much to Layne Stellic for her jewelry craft event. It is always such fun and we come away with a new piece of lovely jewelry due to Layne's help and vision.

Also, thanks to Duncan Holt for managing all of the finances. What a help that was and to Nancy Holt for being our right hand woman for all the the Happy Hours and Breakfasts and to Debbie Smith & Janet Ream for a ton of moral support.

We want to thank everyone attending for their cheerfulness and flexibility in light of the weather and changes that resulted.

Sharon and Gary Cowan



And we said it was cold??!! Our hearty souls!



OH YEAH!! IT WAS COLD!





# Presidents Report

While Joanne and I probably live closer to the Chula Vista rally location than any of the Romers attending, we were among the last to arrive. Upon arrival the extra site the club rented was filled with Romers, chairs, tables for food as well as a fire in the resort provided fire pit. The first nights gathering was a great start to the rally. The evening was cool and breezy. The extra site didn't get a lot of use as rain seemed to fall right before most planned gatherings, but the group's spirits were never dampened.

Fortunately, the Resort let us use the Event Center the rest of the rally for all of our meals, meetings, informal gatherings, playing cards and doing crafts. A couple of the afternoons cleared up so the sightseers and tour takers had mostly dry experiences and slightly warmer weather.

At the General Membership Meeting, the attendees voted to make no change to the Standing Rules to open the membership requirements to other than diesel powered motorhomes for a year, based upon our success in adding 11 new member rigs in the past 15 months.

Everyone is looking forward to the Fall Rally in California's Central Valley.

Jim McPheters, President



# Vice Presidents Report



I want to thank Sharon and Gary Cowan for hosting our Spring Rally in the beautiful new Sun Outdoor San Diego resort. It came together in short order and was very successful, albeit with very little sunshine. Sunshine was provided by the cheerfulness of our membership.

Our future rallies are already being scheduled. They are:

October 9 to 12, 2023, at Flag City, Lodi, CA.

Hosted by Bobbi and Dave Peterson, assisted by Janet Ream and Debbie Smith (thank you ladies for always being there to help out). Paul Klempner will also assist.

October 3 to 7, 2024, OctoberFest at Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA.

Hosted by Doris and Ralph Davis. Additional volunteers are needed.

Do you want a Summer Rally in May or June?? (OR, NV, AZ, CO) If so, Volunteer Rally Masters are needed.

John Van Doren, Vice President

## SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2023

LODI, CA



# NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2023

Upcoming FMCA Rallies are as follows:

The FMCA 106th International Convention was held March 15 to 18, but there is no news yet. Hopefully, I will have more information at a later date.

Upcoming Rallies:

1. NVV Area Rally: June 7 - 11, 2023 in Albany, OR
2. FMCA 107th International Convention, August 23 -26, 2023 in Gillette, WY
3. Rocky Mountain Area Rally, October 24 - 28, 2023 in Tucson, AZ
4. Monaco International Balloon Festival October 24 - 28, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM
5. FMCA 108th International Convention March 20 -23 2024 in Tucson, AZ

Just a reminder regarding FMCA benefits

FMCA DISCOUNTS:

COSTCO, joining

UPS, shipping

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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

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Larry Johnson, National Director



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## **SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS**

Evidently “sunshine” must have been shining on many of our members recently as Sunshine Lady, Pat Klempner, had very little to report. At the meeting, Layne Strellic indicated Don Pagano was recuperating from his recent gall bladder surgery. New members, Anne and Dean Bash were unable to attend this rally as Anne fell and broke her wrist and injured her back, just prior to the rally. She is recuperating at home. Jim McPheters will have total knee replacement surgery on April 6th. The Klempners hope to have their tow vehicle problems finally resolved by the next rally so they can attend with smiles on their faces. Also, we were so glad to see Donnis & Steve Hobbs able to attend our rally.

Joanne McPheters,  
Temporary Sunshine Lady

## ***(Almost) New Members***



SHARON AND MIKE CRESS



MARY AND DAVID POOR

## LAYNE'S CRAFTS



## SAN DIEGO DAY OUT



## BEACH BINGO WINNER



## TECH TALK



The Tech Talk was well attended and thanks go out to all who attempted to solve the problems that came up at the meeting. Also, thanks to all for your information and ideas. Gary Margoles brought an odd looking item to see if anyone could identify it. A vote was taken and collectively the group determined it to be an ice tray. Gary Cowan is still having trouble with his screen door hinge...he is taking it in to Inland RV to see if they have someone creative enough to fix it. John VanDoren is still having trouble with slides, but there did not seem to be a solution...still up for review.





