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Editor's Notes

It's that time of year when some of us go to work and return home in the dark. Not my favorite time but it means that the holidays are upon us and many of us will be heading to warmer weather soon.

Several co-pilots have mentioned that they are not on the mailing list for the Discovery Express newsletter as it is normally only forwarded to the primary pilot. If you are a co-pilot who would like your own issue, please ask our Membership Coordinator, Elaine Holley, doaimembership@discoveryowners.com to add you to the list. Our Web Master is also looking into having a "Master List" available for all DOAI email addresses. Please note that all Newsletters are online in the Newspaper section at Discovery Owners Association (DOAI) <https://www.discoveryowners.com>.

This issue includes information furnished by some of our 2019 officers as well as 2020 Board or chapter members. You will find the 2020 DOAI Directory as the last page in this edition.

Get ready for the time of your life

The 2020 National Rally is heading to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Sevierville, Tennessee, at the [Ridge Outdoor Resort](#). The Blue Ridge Discoverys will host this event with Bob Angus acting as Rally Master. Events begin on 28 September 2020 and early arrival is 26 and 27 September. Departure is 4 October but rates will apply the 4th and 5th of October should you desire to stay over several days. A reminder – you will not be able to arrive before 12 noon and any early or late days must be noted and paid for on the registration form. Amenities at The Ridge include a Zero Entry Pool, "Bark Park," fitness Center and Pickle Ball. Cabins and outdoor pavilions are available. Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg offer numerous attractions, dining and entertainment. Other information will be provided as it becomes available. ❖



Side view from the balcony of the Rally Hall

Final Quarterly Question Contest Winner

We congratulate Robert Orr for finding, noting, and submitting the correct middle name for Buffalo Bill -- Frederick -- and then having his name pulled from the Contest Hat. If you were unable to find it, that's probably because we were a bit more sneaky than usual in the placement of the answer: the very last name in DOAI Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley's new member listing on page 14. That could mean that Buffalo Bill has now been recognized our first non-living new DOAI member! I'll have to drive up Lookout Mountain, just outside of Denver, and deliver the good news. That's where Buffalo Bill is buried. – *Courtesy of Nina Soltwedel.* ❖



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Dick Tracy

President's report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of our association. I look forward to working with the great team of nominees whom you have elected and placed your trust in to run and grow DOAI. I am confident that I speak for all the officers that we take our duties seriously and we will strive to meet your expectations as we learn and work together to keep DOAI the premier RVing organization it has become. You, our members, are the backbone and strength of DOAI and it is my strong hope that each member will participate in and enjoy DOAI activities on National, Regional and Chapter levels. The folks you have met and will meet through DOAI often become long term and even lifetime friends who share the love for the RV lifestyle and the enjoyment of friendship as we travel and camp together. Whenever my wife Pat and I attend a national or Regional Rally we feel like we are coming back to be with friends who seem like cousins or aunts and uncles in an extended family. I want to thank Ron and all the outgoing officers for their service and hard work.

We are all fortunate to have great volunteers who maintain our communication channels; the Discovery Express, our DOAI Website and our fabulous internet-based forums. Glenda Angus has just become editor of this newsletter with this her first issue. She needs the support of all the officers and chapters to keep your newsletter the outstanding publication it has become. Our recently appointed Webmaster, Robert Orr, has already made great changes and improvements to our website and has done the work necessary to establish our new Forum – DOAI Lifestyle, to complement our established and well used DOAI Technical forum. If you have not already signed up to join the Lifestyle forum, I suggest you do so and share and learn those many ideas and actions that we do to make living in our Discoverys more enjoyable. I have also asked Nina Soltwedel, and she has agreed, to remain as coordinator for Member Care. Jody Bruce remains our Merchandise Coordinator, however we are seeking someone to take on that important task that Jody has done for many years. We all remain very thankful for Elaine Holley who serves as our Membership Coordinator, devoting serious time and effort to maintaining our membership records and dues payments.

Our strong and vibrant chapters remain the foundation for our DOAI organization. I strongly encourage all members who do not belong to one of our chapters to join a chapter (or more than one) and discover the warm friendship and comradery and fun that comes from participating in a chapter. Remember, it takes just five coaches to form the start of a new chapter so if our existing chapters are not convenient enough there are probably others near you who would enjoy being part of the nucleus of a new chapter. Your national staff will assist in guiding the development and funding of new chapters. DOAI is on very sound financial footing and with your timely payment of annual dues we shall remain strong as long as we remember to have fun.

As this goes to press it is not too late to register for, and participate in our 2020 Southeast Regional Rally to be held at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, Florida. That rally starts with arrival on Monday, 27 January and finishes on Sunday morning 2 February. Registration information is elsewhere in this newsletter and on the DOAI website www.discoveryowners.com. We have over 80 coaches signed up and expect to have about 100 in attendance. Pat and I look forward to seeing you in Seffner. Safe travels. ❖

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Dick Tracy

2020 Southeast Region Rally – It's this month, Hurry and sign up!

Our 2020 DOAI Southeast Region Rally is at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL, with an arrival date on Monday, Jan 27th, 2020. Departure is Sunday, Feb 2nd, so if you are not already registered hurry and sign up! We have over 80 coaches already registered. This major rally is open to all DOAI members and includes technical and non-technical activities. The technical track is based on the highly regarded Camp Discovery series of seminars, and the non-technical includes general RV lifestyle seminars, crafts and activities. This six-night rally will have four catered meals plus one potluck dinner. We will have RV related vendors during Vendor Day, a Golf outing and entertainment. The nearby General RV dealer will host rally attendees for lunch and the opportunity to tour new Discovery motorhomes. New for this rally: we are using online registration with DOAI, as well as, the ability to pay the DOAI Rally fee portion through PayPal or by check. The DOAI portion is only \$11 for each person in your coach plus \$15 for each Camp Discovery notebook ordered. This notebook contains a copy of all presentation material for note taking and reference and is highly recommended for first time Camp Discovery attendees or those who have not recently attended. The link to the Rally Registration Form is [2020 DOAI South East Region Rally Registration Form](#). Use this link to register with DOAI for the Rally or you may go to the DOAI website www.discoveryowners.com/home.html and under the heading for Rally Info click on the link for News and Registration Form, and scroll down to the SE Rally section. There you will find the link for the registration form and other links for rally information and the rally schedule.

In addition to registering with DOAI you must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground. Let them know you are attending the Discovery Owners Rally. You will pay Lazydays for camping and the rally meal package cost. Lazydays will collect the fee for your camp site and catered meals. Lazydays costs, including tax, are: a two person coach: \$429.77; one person coach: \$364.67; Guests staying in your coach: \$65.10 per person. There is a maximum of two additional days at the rally rate of \$49.93 per day. They will hold your credit card on file. Lazydays cancellation policy is on the above linked reservation form. Again, call Lazydays today at (800) 905-6627 as spaces are quickly becoming limited. Lazydays has set aside sites for the rally until December 31, 2019. To register after that date, call Lazydays first to see if a site is available. If you also plan to attend the Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) rally that starts Jan 21st, let Lazydays know. They can register you for the rally and, hopefully, keep you on the same site for both rallies. There is a one-day break between FMA and DOAI rallies. Lazydays will charge you our special daily rally rate for that night's stay. The FMA rally is more social than technical. One nice benefit of the FMA rally is the on-site REV Rally Support Team. They are able to repair several types of issues. Labor is free and parts are significantly discounted. There is no guarantee the team will be there for 2020 but they have been for many years. Your 2020 DOAI SE Region rally truly has something for everyone. The technical information exchanged is unlike what you will find anywhere. It is a great way for new Discovery owners to quickly gain detailed information regarding key systems and equipment in their coach. The seminars are focused on Discovery coaches with model year specific information. For those who have been through the technical portion or are not interested in that side of the RV adventure, we'll have a great variety of non-technical options daily. We want this to be a fun-filled time for everyone. The rally master, Dick Tracy, and all members of the host chapter, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, are working hard to make this an outstanding experience for you. Hurry and take the leap today, **click the link above and sign up now** to be a part of RVing the Wine" D"ing Road. ❖

DOAI – More Than "Just" A Newsletter

Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: www.discoveryowners.com and you'll be taken to the DOAI website. There you will find links to:

- Consolidated Rally Schedule
- Helpful Contacts for Discovery Owners
- DOAI Name Badge and Decal ordering information
- Classified sale ads for Discoverys and
- Discovery-related items
- Hints and Tips

- DOAI Membership Sponsors
- DOAI Information/Invitation for Non-Members
- Application for DOAI Membership
- National Rally information and registration form
- Regional Rally information and registration form
- and so much more...



John Baker

Past President's report (2018)

As we go along life's road, almost everything changes. Currently, many changes involve technology. Twenty years ago, very few of us had email addresses; today most of us have at least one, and most have multiples. Several years ago, electronic versions of Discovery Express debuted, followed by an electronic option for voting to elect our officers and directors. Several years ago Discovery Express became exclusively an electronic document. For the first time, this year the biennial election was completely electronic.

The outstanding team of techies Bob Cook and Robert Orr along with Membership Coordinator Elaine Holly worked tirelessly to provide all eligible members with electronic voting procedures. To those who stepped up to serve: Thank you for agreeing to do so.

All officers and directors were elected for two-year terms, so they will serve 2020-2021. If you are not one of them, **YOU** need to begin thinking NOW for how **YOU** can serve beginning in 2022. Please do that; our members are the lifeblood of this wonderful organization. We depend totally on volunteer members to serve in these positions; we have NO paid staff.

As always, thank you for being members of the best branded RV organization anywhere. ❖



Ron Wacker

Past President's report (2019)

Hi all, The holidays are behind us and I hope everyone had a great, healthy and happy 2019 and will have an even better 2020. The Southeast Region Rally is here and I invite everyone to come and enjoy the warm Florida weather and a fantastic rally. If you have never attended this rally you have no idea what you are missing. The food, entertainment and education is unbelievable. I hope to see you there.

Dick Tracy is our new DOAI president and he is well qualified to take great care of DOAI.

Please be supportive of Dick and the newly elected officers. They are volunteering their time and hard work so we can enjoy membership in DOAI.

I keep saying how lucky we are to be able to travel freely across our beautiful USA and enjoy the sites and friendly people. We can thank our wonderful veterans for our freedom. Thank you to all veterans as well as first responders, police officers and fire fighters.

As you travel with your D's if you see other Discovery owners be sure to say "hi" and let them know about DOAI if they aren't members. Remember if you get three new members you receive one year free dues.

In closing, travel safe and best of health to you and your family. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Secretary's report

At the meetings of the DOAI Board of Directors during the 2019 national rally in Colorado, two of the DOAI Standing Rules were amended - one partially and one entirely. To gain a better understanding for the changes please read the minutes of the meeting (included below), and the Standing Rules available at our DOAI website: www.discoveryowners.com/members.asp Also shown following the Board Meetings are the results of the General Membership Meeting held 27 September 2019.

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Board of Directors Minutes of Meetings, September 25 and 26, 2019 Pueblo, Colorado

Board meeting convened at 2:10pm, September 25. Present were John Ricciardi, Kerry Pinkerton, Bruce Plumb, Robert Orr, Nina Soltwedel, Ricky Keen, MaryAnn Crowell, Elaine Holley, Gary Osburn, Glenn Magnuson, Jim Sullivan, Jody Bruce; Guests Cindy Welch, Russ Baldwin, Dick Tracy, Glenda Angus, Harry Bruton, and Bob Angus. Absent were Ron Wacker, Marshall Godwin, John Baker, Jeff Daly. A quorum was present.

1. Minutes of Board meeting in Florida previously approved.
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Secretary's report, continued

2. Southeast Region Vice President Kerry Pinkerton reported on behalf of Executive Vice President Marshall Godwin: Marshall's suggestion to offer the first year's membership at no charge to new owners of Discoverys (whether new or used), was discussed, along with the recently appointed Membership Committee. Discussion centered around the various ways prospective and current members can access information, both at the DOAI website and two active Facebook pages. After further discussion, the motion was made to offer the year's free membership with the caveat that it would be evaluated after enough time has passed to gain adequate perspective. Motion seconded and passed.
3. South Central Region Vice President Bruce Plumb and Webmaster Robert Orr reported on their work to revamp the DOAI website pertaining to chapter maps, and the states and provinces associated with each chapter. They presented an overall view of the proposed new pages for the DOAI website, designed to encourage new members to join a chapter or two. The site is designed to be interactive when one puts a cursor over a particular state. A drop-down menu will explain the chapter possibilities for anyone in a particular state. The intro paragraph explains that DOAI members may belong to any desired chapter or chapters. The Board liked what was presented, but it was suggested and agreed that the words "Primary" and "Secondary" designating a chapter for a given state or province be eliminated. "Secondary" might give a connotation of inferiority, and that was not what was intended. The Board agreed to leave the same chapter suggestions as a simple list for each state, in the same order as currently shown. With this change, the chapter map was approved to become part of the overall new DOAI website.
4. Secretary Nina Soltwedel reported on behalf of Past President John Baker, introducing the 2020-2021 slate of nominees, and then introduced those who will be newcomers to the Board. The presented slate had one change from the previously approved slate: Fred Jecks will stand for election as National Rally Master. The amended proposed slate was accepted unanimously. Nina also presented the proposed revision of Standing Rule #16, covering the election procedures. Since the paper ballots are no longer used, and all voting is done electronically, the wording of that section needed to be changed. It was approved unanimously. Nina then read President Wacker's appointment of Glenda Angus to become the Editor of Discovery Express, subject to the Board's approval, which was unanimous.
5. Vice President for Development John Ricciardi gave an update on the changing of the job title and the job description as detailed in Standing Rule #10, including a report of the letter he sent to Fleetwood regarding the possibility of putting flyers in coaches. Discussion centered around trying to get Fleetwood's assistance at our national rallies, knowing we would have to work at least 18 to 24 months ahead. Question was raised on how to learn of Discovery registrations, and this could be learned at motor vehicle registration sites. Refer questions on how-to to Robert Orr. Everyone was urged to approach D's seen in campgrounds and parking lots and tell them about DOAI. Elaine Holley has cards one can use to provide information/invitation.
6. Treasurer Ricky Keen reported that all DOAI chapters are now federal tax exempt. This does not mean chapters are exempt from state taxation. The initial \$3,000 sent to IRS was returned, and those funds were used to pay for each chapter to gain approval, which had a final cost of \$2,400. He then presented the current financial statement, which was approved. The next item was the 2020 budget for DOAI. A lengthy discussion followed regarding how the proposed first year free membership will affect overall income for 2020. It was agreed that the exact total effect upon DOAI's bottom line is unknown at this time; only a year's experience will tell us if we should/could continue the new procedure. The proposed 2020 budget will be presented to the general membership at its meeting on Saturday.
7. National Rally Master MaryAnn Crowell introduced Bob Angus, who gave a comprehensive report and overview of the 2020 national rally set for Ridge Outdoor Resort, Sevierville, TN. This included a slide show of the chosen campground, including many amenities. The price per coach with two people will be \$635, with one per coach costing less. There is a hoped-for minimum attendance of 80 coaches.

At that time, the meeting was adjourned sine die, to reconvene on Thursday, September 26. Meeting reconvened at 2:05pm, Thursday, September 26. At that time, Fred Jecks, nominee for National Rally Master, was introduced.

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Secretary's report, continued

8. Update on 2019 national rally: MaryAnn reported the rally going very well. With one late arrival, total coaches is 88.

9. Paying for upfront rally expenses: MaryAnn has a debit card for rally expenses, but it would be easier if the National Rally Master had a rally credit card. It would save future National Rally Masters from having to use their own funds. In other words, National Rally Masters should not have to use their own funds for needed purchases until they can be reimbursed. This was set aside to be considered at a future Board meeting.

10. MaryAnn then introduced the matter of replacing the old projector. One was approved to be purchased earlier this year. However, upon opening the package some months later, it was discovered to not work with our current apparatus/working method. It is hoped Amazon will accept it as a return. Robert Orr volunteered to research and find a suitable, cost effective, replacement.

11. MaryAnn suggested we consider adding a non-voting Board member: Assistant Rally Master. She pointed out that, in the past, we had an Assistant Treasurer. Whether or not that person would be a member of the Board needs to be determined. This will be addressed in the future.

12. The current Rally Master's Handbook needs to be updated. After brief discussion, motion made, seconded, and approved to have MaryAnn Crowell and Nina Soltwedel work on making proposed changes to the current version, to be presented to the Board for future consideration.

13. MaryAnn reported that current electronic registration is not user-friendly. It is impossible to sort alphabetically or by column. She will advise Marshall Godwin of the program's shortcomings.

14. Northwest Region Vice President Glenn Magnuson reported that the Northwest Region will host the 2021 DOAI National Rally, and the chosen site is the CamPlex at Gillette, Wyoming. This decision was made after a lengthy chapter meeting the evening before. The region is urged to check now on available dates. Suggestion was made to attempt to set a time that immediately follows another large gathering, so as to be able to utilize entertainment, etc. Glenn was urged to check on amps at all camping sites. It was noted that now is the time to ask REV Group for possible financial assistance, since that organization has said it needs 18 to 24 months' notice before committing the company to any support.

15. South Central Region Vice President Gary Osburn had noted at the last Board meeting that perhaps it was time to reconsider which states are included in the Southwest Region, specifically Colorado. It was hoped that the Board would receive input from those who might be affected: members from Colorado and from the Southwest Region. After some discussion, including a brief history of how region boundaries came to be, and a look at a map of region boundaries, a motion was made by Nina Soltwedel, a resident of Colorado, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to include both Colorado and Utah in the Southwest Region. The motion passed unanimously. While this discussion had nothing to do with Chapters, only Regions, it was stressed, once again, that DOAI members may belong to any chapter one chooses, even if the chapter is not in the immediate vicinity of that member. The related history included the note that, in the beginning of DOAI, it was hoped that each region would host its own rally from time to time. With the exception of the Southeast Region, this has not happened. Standing Rule #4, which lists what states are allocated to what region, will be revised.

16. Southeast Region Vice President Kerry Pinkerton reported that, with the larger population of Discovery owners on the east coast, the Southeast Region, and in particular, the Blue Ridge Discoverys, have grown. Kerry sends out an individual welcome letter to each new member. Bob Angus, rally master for the 2020 national, gave a presentation on the rally's location – Ridge Outdoor Resort, Sevierville, Tennessee. There will be no need to drive through town, like rally-goers had to do the last time the rally was in Sevierville. It is a beautiful location, and the overall arrangements are such that rally-goers may come in two days early and stay two days afterward. Bob's presentation was augmented by a slide presentation of the resort's amenities.

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Secretary's report, continued

17. Southwest Region Vice President Jim Sullivan reported things going okay with the rally, and he is pleased with the turnout and the support of many of the region's members.

18. Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley gave the membership update as of September 1, 2019. She reported that DOAI membership has 1,275 coaches as of August 31, and only five dropped out in September. Another discussion held via a vis exchanging mailing lists with Fleetwood. How can we ask for theirs if we are not willing to share ours? The consensus is there is no quid pro quo. Further discussion centered on the original and since-revised DOAI brochure. Some members photocopy it and leave it with Discoverys they encounter in parking lots, etc. Others leave their business cards. Elaine reiterated that she has cards available that one can use to promote the club. The card has a place to note one's name and email address.

19. Merchandise Coordinator Jody Bruce reported she is investigating obtaining patches for jackets that would also advertise one's membership in DOAI. Sales are okay.

20. Webmaster Robert Orr reported the re-design of the website is 80 percent complete. In order to make the entire working easier, he requested DOAI to sign up for the \$20-per-month subscription to Dreamweaver. This would make it more streamlined to create a new look to the website, and to add functionality and ease of use to the site. Motion made, seconded, and passed to aid the Webmaster with the addition of this monthly subscription. In a related discussion, both Marshall Godwin and Kerry Pinkerton have suggested eliminating the old Bulletin Board because it has been relatively inactive for several years. Robert said this is a planned future project. It will be easy to steer new members to the eGroup. This prompted discussion of recent suggestions to have two eGroups – one would be focused on technical subjects; the other on lifestyle subjects. The consensus was positive. Kerry, Marshall, and Robert were charged with implementation.

21. In a post-adjournment submission, Dick Tracy, sitting in for Marshall Godwin, reported on the Chapter Presidents meeting, at which presidents or designated representatives of the following chapters were present: Blue Ridge Discoverys, Discovery California, Discovery Texans, Florida Discovery Sunshiners, D'Zonas, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Midwest Discoverers, Noreaster Discoverys, Northwest Adventurers, and Ozark Discovery. Kerry Pinkerton presented the proposed new map for the DOAI website, which showed links to chapters associated with each state. This new map is not the same as the DOAI regional map. After discussion, the presidents agreed to the new map. Larry Hawkins, D'Zonas Chapter President, said that with the prospective move of Utah and Colorado into the Southwest Region, the chapter will likely change its name to Four Corners Chapter. They will need to find out from the DOAI Treasurer how the name change would affect their standing with IRS. A general discussion focused on the need to have chapters make contact with new DOAI members in their respective areas. Many chapters send out letters or emails to prospective members. Regarding the chapter hosting for national rallies, there was an agreement that automated registration data needs to be more friendly; i.e., that data can be easily sorted by chapter and state, etc. There is a need for the hosting chapter's Rally Master for national rallies to receive support from his/her counterpart from the prior national rally, as well as support from the National Rally Master. It was noted that the Rally Master Handbook needs updating.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting, September 27, 2019
Pueblo, Colorado

John Ricciardi, Vice President of Development, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. A quorum was deemed to be present. DOAI officers attending, in addition to John, were Elaine Holley, MaryAnn Crowell, Gary Osburn, Nina Soltwedel, Jim Sullivan, Glenda Angus, Robert Orr, and Ricky Keen. John, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked all the workers on the rally.

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Secretary's report, continued

Ricky Keen reported on the good news that all DOAI chapters are now exempt from paying Federal taxes; any state taxes still must be paid, however. He also presented the Board-approved budget for 2020 for approval by the membership, in accordance with the DOAI Bylaws. In summarizing the figures, he pointed out that, even with our one-year trial of first year's dues forgiven, we will have a small profit, and the organization's financial status will be okay.

Bob Angus announced the location for the 2020 National Rally: The Ridge Outdoor RV Resort, Sevierville, Tennessee. He added that rally-goers may arrive two days prior to rally's beginning, and may stay two days after conclusion. This new location is beautiful, with many meeting spaces, comfortable amenities, and is easy to get to from the Interstate – no need to drive through town. Bob invites DOAI members to let him know what kind of activities they would like to have at the rally. The rally will take place September 28 through October 4, 2020. More information will be coming in the January Discovery Express as well as future issues. He urged everyone to get their registrations in early.

Dick Tracy reported on plans for the Southeast Region Rally at LazyDays, Seffner, Florida, January 28-February 2, 2020. There will be a full day between the end of the FMA rally and the beginning of our rally. The RV campground will need that day to get the FMA-ers out and get ready for the incoming DOAI-ers. He gave a brief description of the planned activities, and said that online registration is open now. The Mason Dixon Discoverys chapter will be the hosts.

Glenn Magnuson reported that the 2021 National Rally will take place at the CamPlex on Gillette, Wyoming. Dates have not been set, but the Northwest Region (hosts of the rally) will make every effort to have the rally follow a large rally so that we can take advantage of entertainers in the area, etc. More details will be in future issues of Discovery Express.

MaryAnn Crowell gave an overview of online registration: One can register now for LazyDays. Further, as soon as it is possible to get it up and running, one will be able to register for the 2020 National Rally as well. When asked if one can pay online, she said it can be done via PayPal.

Bruce Plumb explained the basis for his and Robert Orr's work on revising the DOAI website pertaining to chapter maps and the states and provinces associated with each chapter. One of the emphases is to assist new members in finding ideas for chapter membership. While the revised pages are not yet "live," Robert can provide a link to see the pages in progress. Bruce explained that when one puts a cursor over their home state, a drop-down menu will show possible chapters to which one may wish to join.

John Ricciardi explained about the one-year test of giving new owners of Discoverys their first year free. It is on a trial basis, and results will be announced after the trial with a decision if it will continue.

The region vice presidents for the Northwest, South Central, and Southwest regions reported no new news.

Elaine Holley reported the current DOAI membership count is 1,275. This figure does fluctuate slightly from month to month.

Jody Bruce reported that DOAI merchandise sales were good. She will have new merchandise for the LazyDays rally.

Nina Soltwedel introduced the new editor of Discovery Express, Glenda Angus, and advised chapters and DOAI officers they would be getting Glenda's email about the upcoming January deadline in November.

Robert Orr said he is getting feedback, which he appreciates. He told about adding the eGroup focusing on lifestyle with a non-technical focus. He stated that while the old Bulletin Board will be deactivated, all the information will be preserved for posterity. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm. ❖



MaryAnn Crowell

Past National Rally Master's report

I thought I had written my last bit of news for our members, but I was early with my farewells. So, here I am again – this is really the last one.

By the time you read this the SE rally at Lazydays will be in the process or well on their way to another Great Camp Discovery. If you own a Discovery you owe it to yourself to attend one of the Camp “D” rallies. You will learn so much from your fellow members about where and what things are, and how they work too. Don't worry it's not all technical as there are vendors, ladies' items, great food and of course the friendship that you develop with your fellow “D” owners. Be sure to put Camp “D” on your calendar for the future.

Our rally registration has changed by leaps and bounds from the past years. With the help of Marshall Godwin, we are ONLINE which helps with less errors for the Registrar and Rally Master. So, for all of us paper users don't be afraid to get online in the future. And speaking about updates, have you seen the new Discovery website? WOW!!!! Great job Bob Orr and Bob Cook, our webmasters, plus all of our members who helped with the input. **LOVE IT!!!**

Returning to future rallies - National Rally 2020 has its own write up in this issue and is going to be great. You will not only have a chance to attend a National Rally, but you are in the Great Smoky Mountains with all of its views and history. Mark your calendar now for 28 September– 4 October 2020. A location has been chosen for National 2021 at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. Both of these rallies are in their planning stage, so you will need to stay in touch with the Discovery Express and the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. web site.

One more **THANK YOU** to all that have stepped up and helped before, during and after all of my adventures, with this great organization. ❖

The Glue: Having Fun and Enjoying Fellowship

We are a social club closely bound by our ownership of Discovery Motorhomes. It is this common bond of Discovery ownership that makes us rather unique among motorhome organizations. We have, nearly since our association's inception, had a significant focus on caring for and maintaining our Discoverys and that focus remains highlighted at our Southeast Region Rally and on our technical forum. However, having fun and enjoying fellowship is the glue that keeps our association together. We are blessed to have and enjoy our Discoverys. - Dick Tracy

Useful Links

Click on the link below or copy the address and paste the desired link to your browser.

DOAI Website Home Page: www.discoveryowners.com

DOAI Chapter Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters.htm>

DOAI Rally Information Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm>

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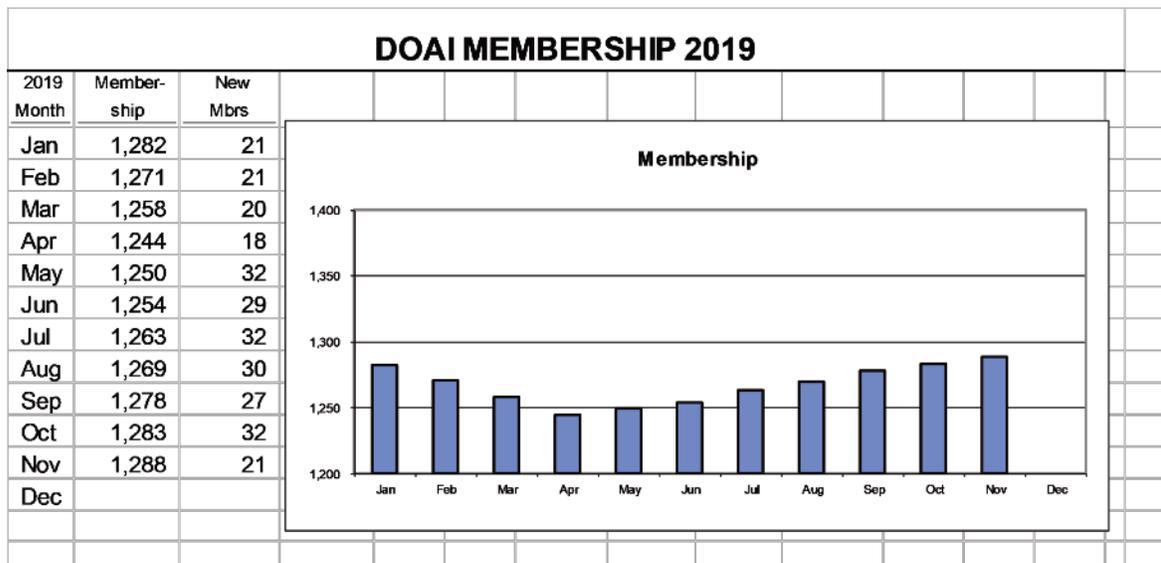
Membership Coordinator's report

The chart below shows the status of our membership for the period January – November 2019. Please **Welcome** our new and reinstated members listed here since our last issue of Discovery Express. Help introduce them to the many chapters we have, which is the best place to meet and make new friends. Remember, if you have three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership. Congratulations and a free year's membership goes out this quarter to Al & Donna Etue and Angel & Teresa Rodriguez. ❖

Clinton/Cheryl Jo Anderson, Montclair VA
 Steve/Cathy Armstrong, South St Paul MN
 Sean/Renee Bardes, Oak Ridge TN
 William/Carol Biddington, Uniontown PA
 Brad/Jessica Burnette, Coos Bay OR
 Bill/Nanci Burney, Placentia CA
 James/Ronda Crow, Amarillo TX
 Thomas/Julie Dabney, Fairfax VA
 Gary/Kimberly Day, Gunter TX
 Steve/Vickie DeBlasio, Henderson NV
 Keith/Christina Ericson, Murrieta CA
 Dave/Deb Ersland, Cottage Grove WI
 Brian Etue, Chesterfield VA
 Michele/Mick Fears, Winter Garden FL
 Marvin/Linda Figy, Celina OH
 Kenneth/Marie Flaig, Phoenix AZ
 Eric/Bobbi Fogo, Englewood FL
 Gerald/Norma Fossum, Assonet MA
 Terry/Linda Frazier, Las Vegas NV
 Deborah Green/Michael Camp, Fort Lupton CO
 Douglas/Kimberly Harr, Largo FL
 Jerry Hayes/Steve Raspolich, Gold Canyon AZ
 Edward Hill, College Park GA
 Paul/Bobbie Hobson, Saint Augustine FL
 Ann Homminga, Standish MI
 Victor/Donna Hoy, Williams AZ

Charles/Kym Huhman, Ashland MO
 Billy/Belinda Hunter, Edina MO
 Gary/Laure Jarvis, Peace River AB
 Bill/Connie Johnson, Peoria AZ
 David/Karen Kovalcin, St Augustine FL
 Randy/Gayla Kozy, Bakersfield CA
 Rob/Sherry Krajicek, Lakeland FL
 Zak/Dusti Kriegel, Lincoln CA
 Gary/Wendy Krueger, Loudon TN
 Kathy/Mike Kwiecinski, Valrico FL
 Donald/Carol Lee, Kissimmee FL
 Gary/Brenna Lile, Red Bluff CA
 George/Joan Lindsay, Vancouver WA
 Bill Lisnerski/Chris Hunter, Mooresville NC
 Micheal/Peggy Logan, Zellwood FL
 Larry/Luanne Lubben, Camden TN
 Steve/Kit Marini, Bluffton SC
 Mike/Mary Mashke, Dade City FL
 Stephen/Nancy Nash, Box Elder SD
 Kurt/Sherri Nordhaus, Pepperell MA
 David/Petra Oyler, Livingston TX
 Larry/Jill Papa, Sevierville TN
 Craig/Nancy Pollock, Fairbanks AK
 Daniel/Chrissy Prickett, Moab UT
 Horace Ramey/Lori Justice, Clayton GA
 Jasbir Rathor, Calmar AB
 Jimmy/Peggy Reed, Clifton TX
 Nancy/Rick Reynolds, Wenatchee WA

David/Norys Richardson, Dallas NC
 Bruce/Jill Riggs, Creston CA
 Robert Rozzell/Elizabeth Stewart, La Veta CO
 Steve/Donna Rust, Lowell IN
 Charles Scott, Los Angeles CA
 Danny/Nyssa Simon, Murrieta CA
 William/Carol Spencer, Excelsior Springs MO
 Rick/Heather Steele, Coal Township PA
 Kevin/Janet Stephens, Millersburg MI
 Neb/Jeanette Sterdjevich, Clinton AR
 David/Nancy Supernaw, Standish MI
 Mike/Julie Tanner, Brooklin ON
 Richard/Chris Thompson, Crestview FL
 Gabriel/Katherine Tijerina, Frankfort IL
 Martha/David Trangmar, Tyler TX
 David/Jennifer Tyler, Livingston TX
 Alan/Patti VanDevender, Altamonte Springs FL
 Jack/Sue Walters, Wake Forest NC
 Lew/Adrienne Watkin, Stockton CA
 Tom/Sue Weaver, Arnold CA
 Toby/Shirley Weber, Livingston TX
 Wayne Welch, Conroe TX
 Shawn/Sonya White, Draper UT
 Jesse Williams, North Charleston SC
 Brenden Wirth, Mankato KS





Jim Sullivan

2019 DOAI National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado

The 2019 National Rally in Pueblo Rally is long gone and unlike the 2009 National Rally in Pueblo, we had exceptional weather with no rain or wind. Susan and I had only 7 months to prepare for this extravaganza. We exceeded DOAI's expectation! Our goal was to break even if we could only attract 70 Discoverys. We actually had 92 Discoverys show up. DOAI has 10 chapters and all 10 were represented at our rally.

Early arrivals to the rally were able to attend downtown Pueblo's Chili and Frijoles Festival, visits to the US Air Force Academy, an excursion to the Avenue of the Gods, and some even had a breathtaking drive up to Pikes Peak.

As the Pueblo area is an agricultural area, we arranged for a "Heritage Farm Tour Day." Many folks brought back vegetables and chilies. One tour placed their vegetables in a van that looked similar to the one they were riding in and then they took off for more shopping. Come to find out, they placed the vegetables in the wrong van and it had disappeared while they were shopping. Lucky for them, the woman driving the other van discovered the vegetables and brought back their goodies.

First day of the seminars began with Joanne Dodd, local historian and speaker, lecturing on the "History of Pueblo." Kerry Pinkerton organized mini Camp Discovery seminars while Frank Petronzio was able to secure vendor seminars such as Cummins, Allison, Lazydays, All Water Pro, Firefly, and Skymed. Lazydays of Loveland, Colorado, brought a new 2020 Discovery and cooked a mighty good BBQ lunch. Skymed treated the rally attendees with an ice cream social.

One constant word of advice we received from all of our advisors was that the secret to a great rally was to make sure the meals were good. If the rally attendees aren't happy with the food, they won't be happy with the rally. We went all out with lots of great food to eat – catered dinners, coffee and donuts, ice cream social, and a chili potluck. Cheryl Stein's beautiful centerpieces set off the tables. Suzi Jones and Doris Smith, with the help of many volunteers, worked tirelessly to provide the efficient serving and cleanup as we ate, ate, and continued to eat!

Paul Stein, Master of Ceremonies, led us each evening with announcements, a joke, and every evening Angel Rodriguez offered Paul various bribes for an early release for his dinner table.

Provided was three evenings of band entertainment for listening and dancing. The last night had the best band, WireWood Station, that did a great rendition of *Devil Went to Georgia* on a violin instead of a fiddle. Bill and Linda Johnson entertained us one evening with Card Bingo and handed out many cash prizes. There were ten winners and the last game was for the Big Bucks!

As with all of our rallies, we like to leave our rally venues with a little thanks for hosting us visitors with a donation to a local charity. This year's visit to Pueblo was no different. The charity chosen was Care & Share, a regional distributor for local food banks. This year there were 12 gals that worked on the great big, beautiful, king-sized quilt. These quilters out did themselves this year raising over \$1,600 for the charity Care & Share. The winner of the Quilt was our own Suzi Jones. The 50 /50 ticket sales generated another \$800+ for a grand total of \$2,453 in cash to Care & Share. We were also able to collect over 500 pounds of nonperishable food for our food drive. Care & Share sent us a beautiful thank you video that I wish I could somehow imbed into this article.

We are grateful and overwhelmed with everyone who helped and guided us through this adventure, especially the support we received from Discovery California and the Smith's from the D'Zonas. Bill and Linda Johnson managed registration and parking but that was only a small part of their involvement as they helped mentor us along this journey. There are so many others to thank for their much needed help such as the Discovery Texans, Blue Ridge Discoverys, MaryAnn and Don Crowell, Nina and Bob Soltwedel, and the so many others. ❖



Dick Tracy leading first timers seminar



Getting ready for the Opening Ceremony

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2019 DOAI National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado continued



Quilters



Quilt Winner



Make Your Own Pedestal Tester



Seminars Galore



Nina Soltwedel

Caring for our DOAI family

At the national rally in Pueblo, I was asked, “Why do you refer to DOAI as a family?” Good question. Usually, a family unit has a commonality. In DOAI’s case, the commonality is that we all own Discovery motor homes – our connection with each other. My philosophy is, as long as our DOAI family is filled with respect and support for one another, it will continue to be successful and to thrive. We may be far flung from other DOAI family members, but we continue to care for each other through emails, cards, prayers, phone calls, and getting together at chapter, regional, and national rallies. Therefore, I continue to repeat what is in each quarter’s Member

Care report: please send me an email (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com) whenever you or a member of your family is ill, is hospitalized, or if a family member has died, so that we can send a card, say a prayer, or make a phone call. Many thanks to those who have let me know of the need for prayers and a card or call.

Please hold these members in your prayers for they have experienced the loss of a family member: Yvonne Young, whose husband Jay, fell and suffered a head injury, and died the following day from a brain stem bleed; and Ed Sproull had a death in his family.

Please hold these members in prayer for they have been or are ill: Frank Cason, Bill Humphrey, Laura Johnson, Anne Spearman, Don Crowell, Tim Ridgely, Greg Yaple, and a DOAI member who wishes to remain anonymous. Also hold in prayer those who have been hospitalized recently: Al Etue, Jim Dykes, and Don Wilson. All are recovering well. In Don’s case, however, his D froze up completely while he was hospitalized. ❖

Region and Chapter reports

Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter



President
Jim Pinkerton

After the National Rally in Pueblo, Blue Ridge held our fall rally in East St. Louis, Illinois, at the Casino Queen RV Park with eight coaches in attendance. We visited the St. Louis Arch and the Old Court house. We toured the Budweiser brewery and as always, we found plenty of places to dine. Our next rally will be in April at the Ridge RV Resort in Sevierville, Tennessee. This will be our final planning rally for the 2020 National held in September at the Ridge RV Resort. We recently spent 5 nights at the Ridge and this is really going to be a nice place. They are two months ahead of schedule in their phase two of construction.

A handful of Blue Ridge coaches will be in Webster Florida again this year, and will attend the Southeast Rally in Seffner. Hope to see many of you in Florida. Safe travels to all. ❖



Blue Ridge Discoverys



St. Louis Budweiser Tour



The Arch (Retha Hopkins)



Casino Queen (Frank Miller)

Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter



Southwest Region VP
Jim Sullivan

Well the Good News! The National DOAI 2019 Pueblo Rally is over and now just a memory. We were extremely lucky as we had a good showing from our chapter. We had 8 Discoverys that arrived in Pueblo, ready and full of energy, to help Susan and myself with the rally.

There was a downside for our chapter as we were so focused with the national rally that we did not plan on 2020 for Discovery California. Normally, we have a calendar set with rallies for the upcoming year for our General Membership meeting. Rallies for 2020 are not arranged, but we have plans to have one in the Borrego Springs area in March, another one in the California Gold Country, in the November time frame we should have one at Pechanga Casino, and somewhere along the line we will have one in the Central Coast Wine area. We're working on it, so check back.

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Region and chapter reports, continued

Viva Las Vegas November 7 through the 11th at the Oasis RV Resort.

The Petronzio's, Frank and Fonda, put on a "FABULOUS" rally in Las Vegas that was well attended by 17 rigs and a couple of guests that stayed at a local casino where they were never far from a gaming table. I can't get over Vegas as it seems like it is always reinventing itself. Casinos change their names and facades, but then everything is the same - crowds, traffic, neon lights, and all of the hustlers trying to separate you from your money.

This "FABULOUS" Rally began with a golf game and afterwards a birthday celebration for Jenn Randazzo at the Peppermill Restaurant. Afterwards, we sat around four propane campfires enjoying each other's company. We needed 4 fire pits as we had a large group and the evening temperature dropped to the low 50's. The following evening, we had a raucous game of LCR with over 30 participants. The game went on for several hours and not one person left the room. The pot grew until it was almost \$95. There was much excitement, everyone had a fabulous time, and the winner was Mary Biller. Besides the LRC game, the Petronzio's kept us busy with a corn hole tournament. Sad to say I was a loser, but my wife, Susan, and her partner, Bill Royce, came out on top. Susan received a fabulous coffee mug that proclaims her as the "Corn Hole Queen," and Bill came away with a pair of Corn Hole Socks. The Corn Hole game was played in honor of our recently departed friend, Bill Pardini. Subsequently, we had another chance to win more fabulous prizes at the golf putting contest. Winners of that very challenging sport were Cheryl and Paul Stein!

We had a several outings that were absolutely fabulous. First was a scenic drive to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, and another day we toured the National Atomic Testing Museum. This was my second visit to the Museum and I walked away both times in amazement over what was accomplished by the group of men and women who developed atomic energy without computers or calculators. Remember the old fashion slide ruler?

Saturday evening, we held our annual membership meeting where I had to apologize for an empty 2020 calendar with no planned rallies. There were a lot of suggestions and volunteers to put some rallies together. Thank you! Following the meeting, we had a catered dinner from Olive Garden and celebrated October and November birthdays with cupcakes and a heart wrenching sound of "Happy Birthday." Frank put on the "Petronzio Rally WSOP" Poker Tournament which lasted until the wee hours. The winner was, surprise, surprise..... Frank Petronzio!

Sunday evening, ended with leftovers and an ice cream social. All in all, the Petronzio's held a "FABULOUS" rally and the Oasis RV Resort was a great host.

Our next unofficial rally is over New Year's Eve at Indian Waters RV Resort in Palm Desert. Mike and Jenn Randazzo are attempting to reserve space for us the end of March in the Borrego Springs area. In 2020 we will attempt to get back on track and have rallies GALORE! ❖



Cheryl Sein Golf Putting Contest Winner



Fonda Petronzi and Bill Royce Corn Hole Champion Socks



Frank Petronzio and Paul Stein with winning trophy for Golf Putting Contest

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LCR Players



Mary Biller - LCR Winner



Discovery California visits Red Rock Canyon National Park



Discovery California



Mike Randazzo looks on as Jenn Randazzo celebrates her 50th Birthday



October and November Birthdays



Poker Challenge



*Tom and Sue Weaver
George and Mary Biller*

Remember To Register For The SE Regional Rally!

Here is the link to the DOAI SE Rally Registration Form - [2020 SE Rally Registration Form](#)
Register today! Use this to register with DOAI for the Rally. **Also, don't forget that those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.**



Region and chapter reports, continued

Discovery Texans chapter

The national rally was a wonderful start to our 2019-2020 camping season. We were fortunate to have 24 rigs in attendance. Great fun, fellowship and informative seminars made this a lasting memory for all.

As our club continues to grow, we welcome our newest members: Glenn and Terri Magnuson, Gary and Debby Osburn, Mel and Becky Pless, Mel and Clara Price, Colin and Deb Simpson, Rick and Diana Brown, Randy and Cheryl Langley and Terry and Pam Shoemaker. Thank you for choosing the Discovery Texans.

Chapter prez
Linda Griffith

Our last 2019 rally was held at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, Texas. Friends, if you have the opportunity to visit this area, please consider this park. The friendly and excellent staff took good care and concern for our rally and addressed all our requests promptly.

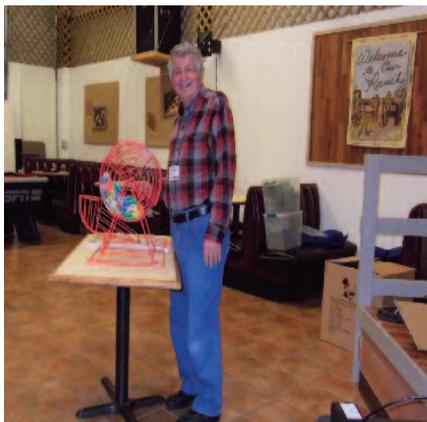
The rally was an important one for the Discovery Texans as it was election year for our President and Vice President. Our new President, who will take office in January 2020, will be Linda Griffith and our Vice President Al Welch. We thank our outgoing President, Judy Jo Bruton, for the excellent and loving care she has given this club. Another important designation of this rally is that it was our largest with 28 rigs in attendance. We also had an amendment to our standing rules which was voted and accepted by membership. Our hosts, Bill and Elaine Holley, Jim and Kathy Pellow and Glenn and Terri Magnuson had a big job to feed all the members. They did a wonderful job with a big smile and the true Texan spirit. Thank You!

We plan our rallies Wednesday through Saturday departing on Sunday. Our time is divided through various activities: Wednesdays are devoted to getting everyone settled in their spaces and sharing a social time with a meal. Thursday morning is the men's technical discussion for all members (ladies are invited), to discuss any issues with their coaches and to brainstorm solutions. Thursday afternoon is our lady's tea with refreshments and an easy craft project. During the November rally we made air fresheners with water beads and essential oils. This night is our potluck dinner. Friday and Saturday our hosts take over the big job of providing breakfasts and dinners for the members. Wednesday through Saturday our members are free to visit local attractions. There are always members at the rally hall to play games and socialize. We also have incorporated a movie night and bingo to our list of evening activities.

Our next rally will be January 8 – 11, 2020 at the Longhorn RV Resort in Niederwald, Texas. If you would like to join us for any rally please complete a guest registration form and mail it to our Treasurer, Linda Griffith. We love to have guests to share our rallies.

Our 2020 Rallies: 25-28 March Coffee Creek RV Park, Santos, Texas
29 April-2 May The Vineyards at Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Texas
11-14 Nov Antique Capital RV Park, Gladewater, Texas

We are very proud to identify the Discovery Texans who have been nominated to the DOAI Board: Harry Bruton, VP South Central Area; Glenn Magnuson, VP Northwest Area; Cindy Welch, Secretary; and John Baker, Vice President for Development. Additionally, we would like to recognize Elaine Holley who is a Discovery Texan and serves as the Membership Coordinator for DOAI. Safe travels everyone! *Courtesy of Susan Smith, Secretary.* ❖



Pete Palasota, our famous bingo man



Crafty Ladies



Discovery Texans



Ladies Tea Refreshments



Meal time

Region and chapter reports, continued

D'Zonas chapter



Chapter prez
Larry Hawkins



D'Zonas - Doris and Paul Smith and Catherine and Larry Hawkins were in attendance for the National Rally in Pueblo

Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter



Chapter prez
Bruce Bruce

The Florida Discovery Sunshiners are headed for the East coast of Florida for their November rally at the Jonathan Dickerson State Park. While in Jupiter, Florida, they visited the Lighthouse at Jupiter Point that was established in the 1800's. They dined at a thatched roof Tiki-Hut, called Harry and the Natives... and yes, it rained during dinner (they all shuffled chairs to get a dry spot).

A pot luck dinner was held at the outside park pavilion, and members viewed the beautiful sunsets during their gatherings. The Sunshiners arranged a tour of the park and the Ranger spoke about wildlife, fire dangers, and controlled burns that take place within the park. During the Discovery Sunshiners meeting the details of the Pueblo National meeting was discussed.

The next rally for the Florida Discovery Sunshiners is in Bushnell, Florida, in December at the Paradise Lake Resort where they will celebrate Christmas. Fourteen Discovery owners have reserved their spots. Regards and happy camping. ❖



Florida Discovery Sunshiners



Group at Jupiter Lighthouse - under a banyan tree



Bruce with a corn snake - Jonathan Dickerson State Park

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

The Mason-Dixon chapter has been busy preparing to host the 2020 Southeast Region Rally. Significant progress was made during several planning sessions held at our fall rally near Richmond, VA. There is much to consider when conducting a major DOAI rally. Since the Southeast rally host responsibilities rotate among the three chapters in the region, each chapter gets the host duty every three years, or sooner, as in the case when rotation is impacted because the National rally is also in the region, as it is in 2020.

You might be able to tell by the rally theme that we expect to have a good time. If you have not yet registered; first, call Lazydays at (800) 905-6627 to reserve a camp site. If you obtain one, also sign up for the rally with DOAI. Here is a link to the online form...

[2020 SE Region Rally Registration Form](#)

If you are attending, please consider helping out. See the Rally Master, Dick Tracy, on registration day. There is always a lot to do so think about joining the chapter to really be a part of the rally. We recently implemented first year free membership so you can join now and pay no dues till 2021. Follow our link to the [Mason Dixon Chapter Application](#). I hope to see many of you in Florida. ❖



Chapter prez
John Hooper

Midwest Discoverers chapter

The Midwest Discoverers had a wonderful Rally in Indianapolis in September. Gordon and Andie Newlin did an outstanding job and the group was very appreciative of their work. The tour of the Indy speedway was the highlight of the Rally for several members. The experience was sort of like the Grand Canyon. You can look at photos and see it on TV all you want, but there is nothing like standing there seeing the vastness of it for yourself. Handling the traffic and parking for the 350,000 plus race fans is a marvel in itself. Indianapolis makes it look like an everyday affair.

Chapter attention is now turning to Camp Dearborn near Milford, Michigan, for the Spring Rally June 7 – 13, 2020. When people think of the Detroit area nowadays, it is usually in negative terms.

Be advised, however, that there are some wonderful venues in the Detroit and southeast area of Michigan. Our Rally Hosts are having difficulty in selecting locations for the itinerary as there are just too many great things to do and places to see in the area.

It begins with [Camp Dearborn](#). I don't recall camping in an RV Park that has its own 27 hole golf course as one of its many amenities. If you are not a golfer that might not matter to you but then again, Camp Dearborn is a highly desirable RV Park and the occupancy rate is one of the highest you will encounter. The trick is that you must make your reservations early as the Camp does not take reservations for 2020 until after the first of the year. The moral of the story is to put it on your calendar for the first week of the New Year to make your Midwest Discoverers Rally reservations. The numbers for reservations are (248) 684-6000 or (313) 943-2076.

Keep up with planning and the itinerary by visiting the DOAI website and selecting the Midwest Chapter. We attempt to keep our information current. ❖



A few of us met at the National Rally in Pueblo.
Welcome New members Gerry and Pam Mask



Indianapolis Motor Speedway press box. Fairweather's, Newlin's, Whipple's, Ricciardi's, Stewart's, Slagle's, Hooper's, Monin's, Skiff's, Wooddell's, McKitrick's, and Gary Krieger

Region and chapter reports, continued

Noreaster Discoverys chapter



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Hi everyone! Here it is December already and we all wonder how fast time flies by as we put another year behind us. Our coaches are in storage waiting for the chance to hit the road again. What a wonderful way to see our country.

Back in January, the Noreasters had nine coaches attend the SE Rally at Lazy-Days. Great turnout and it was great to see everyone, some we haven't seen since the last SE rally. During that week we not only took in all festivities and seminars but one day we seized a little side excursion to Clearwater. We went on a dolphin site-seeing tour and out to dinner. We have my wife Jeanne to thank for that idea and she did a fine job putting it together.

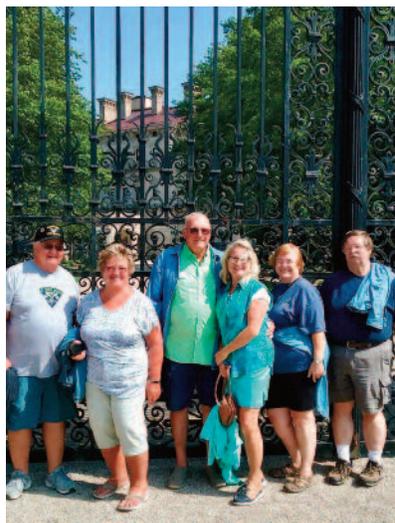
I know we've all heard about the fun and comradery experienced at our rallies, not to mention the cool places we visit. This last year Jeanne and I had a fantastic time with our DOAI family. In June we attended the Midwest Discoverers' rally in Port Clinton, Ohio. Les and Val Whipple held a great rally where we all had fun experiencing the islands of Lake Erie. September was a very busy month and a lot of miles on the "D." Nine September was the start of our Noreaster Fall Rally in Mystic, CT. We had four coaches, and ten Noreasters. The weather was great except for one soggy morning during breakfast. We spent a day at Mystic Seaport, an afternoon at the US Navy Submarine Base in Groton, CT, where we toured the Nautilus (Navy's first nuke sub), and a day sightseeing in Newport, RI, and the mansions on the coast. There was even time for some to visit the Mystic Aquarium, and of course the Foxwoods Casino. All in all, a fantastic time in the northeast during the fall season. Next, Jeanne and I went to visit our Midwest Discovery friends in Indianapolis, IN, for their Fall Rally. Many Noreasters are also members of the Midwest Discoverers and vice versa, so we have a close relationship. Our hosts there were Andrea "Andie" and Gordon Newlin who showed us an Indianapolis we had never seen -from downtown, to the behind the scenes look at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Great time!

We were subsequently on to Pueblo, CO, for the National DOAI Rally. This was one time I wish our coach had wings because of the roughness of I-70 – however, we made it without the wings. Our hats are off to Jim and Susan Sullivan, the entire Discovery California Chapter, and the D'Zonas Chapter from Arizona for their hospitality and hard work putting the rally together. We had a fantastic time and learned a lot. We were able to see friends from the west we haven't seen in a while. We met and made new friends we would not have known without this rally. The seminars, the entertainment, people, and of course the southwest cooking, all made for a great rally. If you've never been to that part of the country, you have put it on your list.

We look forward to another year traveling our country in our Discoverys. How fortunate we are to be able to do this. Make it a point to go to DOAI or chapter rallies in 2020, and you'll be glad you did. See you down the road, safe travels, Happy Holidays to all! *All photos courtesy of Jeanne Stewart.* ❖



Polar Bear Encounter at
Mystic Aquarium



Visiting the Breakers - Newport, RI



Val gets her lobster

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Region and chapter reports, continued



Campfire



Card Making with Ruth Skiff



Checking out the New 2020 Discovery



Devil Goes Down To Georgia - Trip Wire Style



The Chef Bob Stewart



Noreasters Discoverys



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

Northwest Adventurers chapter

A fun time was had at the 2019 DOAI national rally at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo. Seven member coaches from our chapter attended: Glenn and Terri Magnuson, Al and Donna Etue, Wally and Annie Wallington, Bob and Nina Soltwedel, Reggie Good and Barbara Bates, Ron and Joyce Tanner, and Greg and Julie Chaffee. Then, during the rally, Tom Horsfall and Cat Tyson, as well as Joe Brown and Debbie Nelson, joined the chapter. Welcome, Tom and Cat, and Joe and Debbie!

We held a chapter meeting at the rally. Since the Northwest Region will host the DOAI national rally in 2021 (it's never too early to start planning), an extended discussion took place about possible venues. Those in attendance voted unanimously to check out Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. I am happy to announce that we have a signed contract with firm dates: the 2021 DOAI national rally is scheduled for August 16-21, with early arrival on Sunday, August 15, and exit day Sunday, August 22. More details will be publicized later this year after the 2020 DOAI national rally has concluded. In the meantime, get your horses ready for a great "yee-ha!" week in Wyoming!

Safe travels, everyone! Hope to see y'all in Tennessee. ❖



*Back row: L to R: Reggie Good, Al Etue, Glenn Magnuson, Ron Tanner, Greg Chaffee, Bob Soltwedel, Wally Wallington.
Front row, L to R: Barbara Bates, Donna Etue, Terri Magnuson, Joyce Tanner, Julie Chaffee, Nina Soltwedel.
Not shown: Annie Wallington, Tom Horsfall and Cat Tyson, Joe Brown and Debbie Nelson.*

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

Ozarks Discovery chapter

The Ozarks Chapter is alive and active! We had 12 coaches of 27 currently in the Chapter at the National Rally in Pueblo. Our 2019 Fall Rally was held two weeks later as it was scheduled prior to the date the Pueblo Rally was established. Many of our members were unable to travel from Pueblo to our rally site in Arkansas.

Our 2019 Fall Rally was held in Mountain View, AR, Oct 12-14, 2019 where 8 coach families attended. The main attraction in Mountain View is the folk and country music. Each weekend evening the local artists gather at various venues in the park and porches around town for an impromptu jam session. Guests gather with lawn chairs and enjoy the wholesome environment and music. Other area attractions enjoyed by our members were the Buffalo River Canyon, The Ozark Folk Center (Folk Music Capital), Blanchard Springs Cavern, and the Stone County Museum. We shared four meals together, a catered BBQ dinner on Thursday evening, Angler's Restaurant Friday evening, and a Mexican Potluck Dinner Saturday evening. We enjoyed our traditional "Sunday morning departure breakfast," a real feed always prepared and eaten outside! As always, we eat well!

We have two rallies planned for 2020. Our Spring Rally will be 28-31 May 2020, St Peters, MO (St. Louis area), at The Lakeside RV Park. Area attractions include The Gateway Arch, Anheuser Busch Brewery Tours, Holocaust Museum & Learning Center, and the St. Louis Zoo.

Our Fall Rally will be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS. Area Attractions include the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center which is dedicated to enhancing patrons' knowledge of space exploration. A collection of US Space artifacts second only to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum including the display of a flown SR-71 Blackbird; Strataca, formerly known as the Kansas Underground Salt Museum is a working salt mine 650 feet below the surface with ties to Hollywood and NASA; and Yoder, Kansas, an Amish settlement and community. ❖



Ozark Discoverys



Ozark Discoverys



Ozark Discoverys



Ozark Discoverys



Nina Soltwedel

Yuma Drifters to gather later this month

If you will be within 100 miles or so of Yuma, Arizona, on Saturday, January 25, 2020, mark your calendars ... **that is the tentative/hope to be firm date for the 9th annual DOAI gathering of the unofficial chapter** – Yuma Drifters – at Bob and Nina Soltwedel’s place, and YOU are invited! This yearly event features a potluck, with time to eat and chat, enjoy the sunshine, and generally have a good time. Only a forecast of bad weather will cancel or postpone the event.

Yuma Drifters is unofficial in that it is not organized according to DOAI’s Bylaws, it doesn’t have a membership list, it doesn’t collect dues, it doesn’t have a newsletter, and it has but one rule: Chow down while having a good time.

All previous attendees will receive an email from Nina in a week or so with more details and directions to the gathering location. If you’ve not attended previously but think you might be able to join us this year, let her know as soon as possible. Her email is mailto: nina.soltwedel@gmail.com. She’s waiting to hear from you, answer your questions, and provide whatever other information you may need. ❖

Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado



October 16, 2019

Don and MaryAnn Crowell
Discovery Owners Association Inc
DOAI National Rally Account
197 Rainbow Dr #9780
Livingston, TX 77399

Dear Don and MaryAnn,

Thank you for your generous gift to Care and Share Food Bank. Your contribution will provide the nourishing food that thousands of children, seniors, and families across Southern Colorado need to grow and thrive.

With your support, we are one step closer to ensuring that no one in our 31-county service area goes hungry. We can continue to increase access to nutritious foods and build stronger communities where no one has to know what it feels like to have an empty pantry, dinner plate, or stomach.

You make it possible to serve neighbors like Kimberly who are facing hunger, and often worry about stretching their budgets to buy food, pay bills, and afford other basic necessities. Kimberly is a wife and mother of three boys. After 26 years of missionary work in Russia, a sudden legal change forced them to return home to the U.S.. The abrupt transition was difficult, and Kimberly struggled to feed her family. She shared, "Because of the food pantry, we don't have to decide if we're going to eat or pay the rent. The food pantry has allowed me to really take care of my family."

While we know that providing nutritious food is vital to the health of Kimberly and so many others, your gift provides something much more profound: hope. Together we can proudly ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

Thank you again for your partnership. We cannot accomplish the important work we do every day at Care and Share without you. You are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors struggling with hunger.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Treese
Becky Treese
Giving Director

Thank you for your generous support of our work to feed hungry neighbors.

Please retain this letter for your tax records

Gift Date: October 16, 2019
Gift Amount: \$2,453.00

*Please contact Allan Siracusa, at allan@careandshare.org or 719-434-4680, if you would prefer an annual giving acknowledgement letter rather than a thank you letter each time you donate. This will save much needed funds. Federal regulations require we inform you that Care and Share did not provide any goods or services in exchange for this gift. This gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable under tax law and according to your personal tax situation. Tax ID #: 84-0731930.

"Bridging the gap between hunger and abundance."

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10/14/2019

Dear Discovery Owners Association ~

I just wanted to express my deepest and most heartfelt thanks for the incredibly generous \$2,453.00 donation! Not only does this gift mean so much to Care and Share, but more importantly, it means the world to the children and families facing hunger in Southern Colorado. I also wanted to thank the Association and its members for the 580 pounds of food that was collected and donated during the Rally. This organization is so very special and we are forever grateful for your benevolence. I pray your kindness will be returned to you ten fold!

With much gratitude ~
Dacia Shaw

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Robert Orr

Website Committee

Much has happened with the website this quarter. Eight months of work came to fruition as we rolled out a major face-lift to the DOAI website. If you have a chance, please go check it out: <https://www.discoveryowners.com>

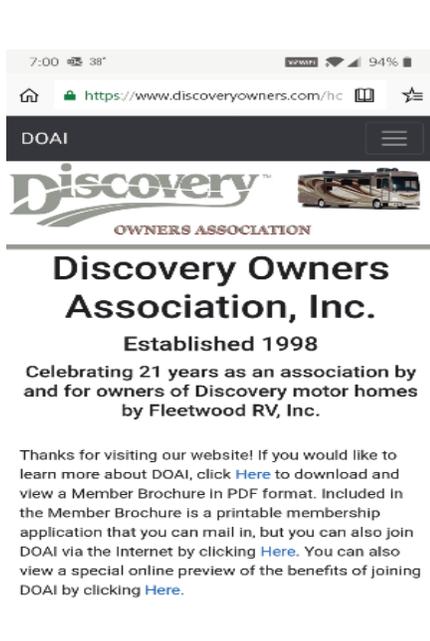
We have been making minor tweaks to the code based on valuable feedback from our membership base. If you have any feedback, please do not hesitate to send it to me at: webmaster@discoveryowners.com.

All of the great content that was on the old site was transferred to the new site. Don't worry, if you don't see what you used to like about the website, it should still be there. Send me an email if you see anything is missing.

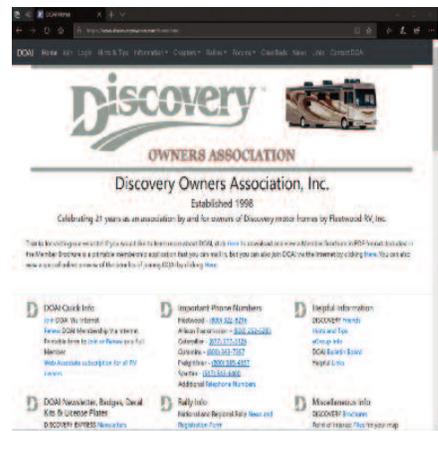
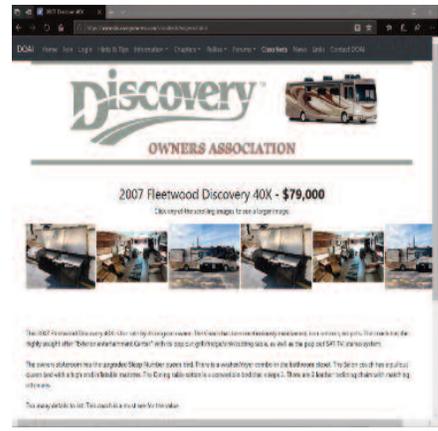
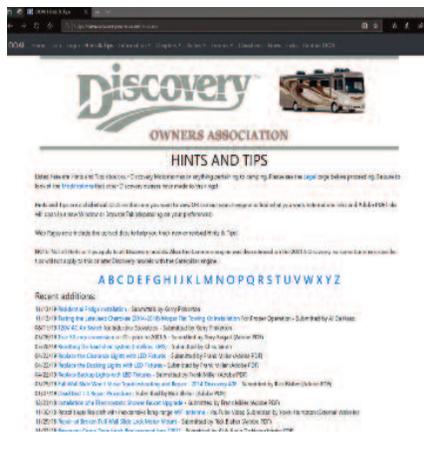
Lots of changes were made, but here is a summary of some of the more notable changes:

- Overall look and feel was updated to a more modern, adaptable design. The content adjusts to the size of screen being used to view the site.
- Images automatically resize to stay in focus on your screen.
- The stationary navigation menu at the top changes based on the size of screen also so not to be too intrusive while viewing the pages.
- The classifieds page underwent major changes, allowing for more images to show off your "D" you may be trying to sell.
- The Chapter Home Page now includes an interactive map of the US and Canada.
- The Hints & Tips page is now easier to jump to a topic you are searching for and the content pages have a more uniform look to them now.

Please check out the updated site when you have a chance and don't hesitate to let me know if you'd like to see something changed, corrected, or added to it. I always review any and all feedback to implement, if possible. ❖



Thanks for visiting our website! If you would like to learn more about DOAI, click [Here](#) to download and view a Member Brochure in PDF format. Included in the Member Brochure is a printable membership application that you can mail in, but you can also join DOAI via the Internet by clicking [Here](#). You can also view a special online preview of the benefits of joining DOAI by clicking [Here](#).





Jody Bruce

Merchandise Coordinator

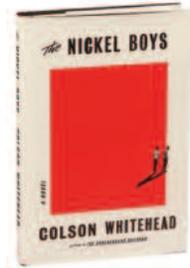
Jody Bruce is adding new items to her inventory for the January 2020 LazyDays Rally. Items include T-shirts, red rain jackets, and iron on/sew on patches with the Discovery logo. Golf bag towels are also arriving. Please support DOAI and purchase these and other great items available at Jody's table. ❖



Jeanne Stewart

Book Club report

Thank you ladies for attending our Book Club meeting in Pueblo, CO. – Kate, Kathy, Elaine, Susan, Mary Anne, Ruth, Linda, Cindy, Terri, Susan, Pat, Linda, and Gwen. Our book was *“The Diary of Mattie Spenser”* by Sandra Dallas. It was the story of a young woman's travels from Iowa to Colorado. Let's just say it could not be compared to any of our travels, no matter what challenges we have faced. Everyone enjoyed the book, some were still reading the days before the discussion, some just started that week. Perhaps enjoyed is not the best description – but it was a compelling story. The author has many other novels she has written about the West. She encouraged me to choose this particular book because it takes place in Colorado, where our rally was held. If you didn't get a chance to read, it's a good one, and I will be anxious to hear how some of her other books were received as some ladies purchased a few of them.



For the Southeast Regional Rally in Seffner, FL., we will be discussing *“The Nickel Boys”* by Colson Whitehouse. It is the story of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. I have not read it yet, and know that the premise of the story will not be a pleasant one, however it is based on a true story of a real school that closed in Florida in 2011. That was not so long ago. I hope to see many familiar faces, and some new ones too. Please join us in Seffner. As in the past, please bring your own beverage of choice. ❖

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This And That From Our Members

Make a Memory – Document a Memory – Revisit a Memory

by Nina Soltwedel

For many of us, owning a Discovery means taking extended trips. You may recall having taken a many-thousand-mile trip in your D – a trip that took you to far off places to see vistas you'd not seen before, to meet new people along the way, to discover hidden treasures such a magnificent vista just around that corner up ahead, or to camp on the edge of a peaceful lake with just the hoot of an owl to keep you company. You get the idea. Did you document that trip so that, years from now, you can open a notebook and relive the trip all over again?

I imagine some of you are thinking, “Yeah, we took pictures. That's documenting the memories.” I agree, but what I suggest is taking it one step further: document the trip with something in addition to photos.

Recently, I decided to sort through the decades of photos, letters, cards, etc., that Bob and I have accumulated, which were stored in assorted large plastic bins in our basement. I had three 15-gallon bins filled with items going back as far as when we both were babies (our respective parents saved everything), along with three smaller boxes overflowing with family photographs. I began sorting, and while doing that, I began to travel down Memory Lane ... a very long lane!

Sorting through the photo albums, letters, and keepsake items, I came across a 32-page camping journal we had purchased before we left for Alaska the summer of 2002 in our 1998 Discovery. While we took many photos during the trip, the journal added so much more. It had places to check off campground amenities such as electricity, showers, shaded sites, laundry, etc. There was a spot to rate each campground, space to record fuel purchases, plus food, entertainment and that good old standby, miscellaneous. By recording the date and time, place, beginning and ending miles, plus one-word weather report, it was easy to remember each stopping point.

As I turned the pages, reading the names of the campgrounds we visited and the added attractions of nature and wildlife viewing, there I was, 18 years later, enjoying the trip all over again. I re-discovered that the round trip

This and then from our members, continued

mileage was 9,150 miles; that we saw moose, caribou, sea lions, antelope, eagles, puffins, porcupines, spawning salmon, harrier hawks, humpback whales, bears (black and grizzly); that we saw panoramic views, crystal clear streams, rivers, and icebergs; that we walked on glaciers, took a bus partway up Denali, went to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, visited several native peoples' museums, took the ferry to Vancouver Island and spent time in Victoria, and took a tiny ferry with four large RVs aboard across the Yukon River from Dawson City, YT (nail-biting time!) to connect with the road named "Top of the World" highway, and so much more.

I had added pages to the journal to record extra places we visited each day, knowing we would be traveling more than the 32 days-worth of pages the journal contained. Those comments have come in handy several times when friends have mentioned they planned a journey to Alaska. We were able to tell them about sights not to miss, campgrounds to possibly avoid, and give them tips such as, always buy the latest year's "Alaska Milepost." That guide is, in my estimation, one of those "don't leave home without it" items.

While we were in Whitehorse, YT, for the second time (on our homeward bound segment), we attended a performance of the hilarious Frantic Follies. There, I met a woman from my birthplace in Wisconsin, whom I had known when she was a little girl and I was in high school with her big sister (that was a long time ago!). She now lives in Iron River, Michigan, and I live in Boulder, Colorado. Small world!

Reading through the pages of the journal, I was reminded that we left home on June 16, and returned on August 8. It was a magnificent trip ... and I can relive it all any time I wish.

Happy memory-making wherever you roam. Take lots of photos ... and don't forget to make notes! ❖

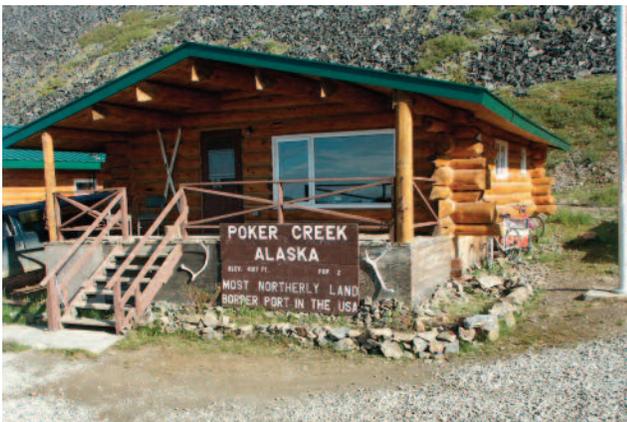
Lost in the Moment



Denali



Grizzlies at Hyder AK looking for salmon



Poker Creek AK entry



Stewart River YT Canada

This And That From Our Members

Laying of a Wreath

Nina Soltwedel

On Memorial Day at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Madingley, UK. Nina Soltwedel was asked to lay a wreath in honor of the 355th Fighter Group from WWII, of which her brother was a member. He was a P-51 pilot. It was an emotional day, as she stood by the young airman who carried in the wreath. There were about 100 wreaths to be laid, each representing either a fighter group or squadron. After all the airmen marched in, participants who were laying the wreaths walked to where "their" man was standing; the airman gave Nina the wreath, she stepped aside, and at the signal, everyone laid their wreaths. Nina will long remember that day. ❖



Nina and young airman with wreath

Editor's Note:

As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we support "Wreaths Across America" each year in December. This ceremony is a coordinated effort with Arlington National Cemetery across the United States, at sea and abroad. We remember veterans from the Revolutionary war to present day conflicts. This is a worthy cause that honors our veterans and I highly recommend you participate and lay a wreath for your or other fallen soldier. For every two purchased, one is provided free to use on another soldier's grave who has not been honored. -Glenda Angus

Remember To Register For The SE Regional Rally!



Here is the link to the DOAI SE Rally Registration Form - [2020 SE Rally Registration Form](#) Register today! Use this to register with DOAI for the Rally. **Also, don't forget that those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.**

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