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## Editor's Notes

Attention all you DOAI members out there! I hope your Holidays went well and you are on your way to planning for the [DOAI National Rally](#) in Sevierville, Tennessee, beginning 28 September 2020 (don't forget you may arrive as early as 26 September and stay until 6 October). The Blue Ridge Discoverys are hard at work making plans for an exciting and fun filled rally. Several meals are planned, but most important is the entertainment both at the meals and during the week. The Hatfield & McCoy's Dinner Show is rated as the number one show in Pigeon Forge as is the Pirates Voyage Dinner Show and both of these are on our schedule. There will be a golf outing for all the golfers in the group. We will have vendors for three days and you can expect several more surprises between now and September. Get your [registration](#) in early as we expect to fill [The Ridge Outdoor Resort](#) which is brand new having opened Phase 1 last May 2019. To date, we only have 27 coaches registered so "hurry up" and don't wait till the last minute. You will be impressed by the resort and its amenities, and the hard work and time the owners have invested in this resort. Looking forward to seeing you in September. *(courtesy of Bob Angus, Rally Master)*. ❖

*The Ridge Outdoor Resort*



## Remember To Register For The Rally

Follow the link for the [2020 National Rally Registration Form](#)

## Download Your Rally Photo!

This is a reminder that if you were at the Southeast Regional Rally in Seffner, Florida, and had your photo taken as you arrived, you may download a copy from Google. Your name(s) will be listed under the information section if you were known or were wearing a name tag that could be read. Group photos are included. If you do not see your name(s) listed under the information tab, and you see a number such as: DSC01749, please send me an email at <mailto:angusg@charter.net> with your names and I will add it to the photo. You may view your photos at the address below.



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Dick Tracy

## President's report

By the time you read this you are hopefully enjoying warmer weather as April offers its change of seasons and it is now time to finalize RVing plans for this spring and summer. Remember that all chapter rallies are open to any DOAI member. Many of our chapters have finalized their rally plans for 2020 allowing you to check them out on our DOAI web site to determine if your timing allows you to attend events of other chapters as you travel and enjoy your "D".

About Rallies... If you missed the January Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays in Florida, you missed out on a great time. There were over 100 coaches participating, the weather cooperated, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, education and entertainment offered. *I want to thank the Mason Dixon Chapter who sponsored the rally and executed it as planned without challenges.* I also want to thank Lazydays and General RV for their generous support for the rally. You will find additional information about the regional rally elsewhere in this issue. I participated in all three morning Walk Fit sessions, completing all the miles, a first time since my knee replacement.

Our 2020 DOAI National Rally will be in Sevierville, Tennessee, starting late in September. Knowing the great track record of the Blue Ridge Discoverys who are hosting the National, you can depend on another great time you will not want to miss! We will be at a new venue that offers tremendous facilities. If you have not already registered for the 2020 National Rally, please do it soon so detail planning can proceed smoothly.

The recently established DOAI eGroup called the Lifestyle Group seems to be off to a great start with quite a few topics and increasing participation. If you have a non-technical question or want to share a non-technical experience this is the place to do it. If you have not done so, you may join the eGroup at any time. Just send an email request to:

[webmaster@discoveryowners.com](mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com). As with our Technical eGroup you may elect to receive the Lifestyle eGroup entries each in its own email one at a time or grouped in a daily group email.

All of your DOAI officers and board members are interested in anything that will add value and improve DOAI and your DOAI experiences. Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions or concerns you may have. ❖



John Baker

## VP of Development report

Spring has sprung and it is time to be back on the road! Some of us will be returning from snowbird locations, some will be draining all the pink stuff, and some will have to do neither because we live South of I-20. In any case, it is indeed time to put some miles on our rigs.

The National Rally is coming soon, so put it on your calendar. Felesa and I look forward to seeing you there. By that time, we expect she will be able to travel following her successful spinal surgery. Many of you have prayed for her medical situation and those prayers have been answered. We appreciate you so much.... DOAI is truly a family of wonderful people that care and pray for each other.

Our new officers and directors are handling the business for us. Please thank them for volunteering and begin thinking of where you can volunteer to help them. Wishing each of you safe travels. ❖

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## Secretary's Report



Agenda/Board of Directors Meeting 2020 SE Regional Rally Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:00pm-5:00pm
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Cindy Welch

Dick Tracy, President  
 John Ricciardi, Executive VP  
 Ron Wacker, Past President  
 John Baker, VP for Development  
 Cindy Welch, Secretary  
 Ricky Keen, Treasurer  
 Fred Jecks, National Rally Master

Bruce Plumb, NC Region VP  
 Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP  
 Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP  
 Harry Bruton, SC Region VP  
 Kerry Pinkerton, SE Region VP  
 Jim Sullivan, SW Region VP

Non-Voting:  
 Elaine Holley, Membership Coordinator  
 Jody Bruce, Merchandise Coordinator  
 Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor  
 Robert Orr, Webmaster

The meeting was called to order by President Tracy at 4:00 pm. Present were Dick Tracy, President John Ricciardi, Executive VP, Ron Wacker, Past President, Fred Jecks, National Rally Master, Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP, Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP, Harry Bruton, SC Region VP, Kerry Pinkerton, SE Region VP, Jim Sullivan, SW Region VP. Non-Voting: Jody Bruce, Merchandise Coordinator, Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor, Marshall Godwin, Chairperson Membership Committee. A quorum was present.

### Officers' Reports/Questions/Discussions

President Dick Tracy read the minutes of the previous meeting in Pueblo, Colorado, which were approved earlier and no further action was required.

Executive Vice President John Ricciardi was delayed in arrival because of the need to resolve payment for the golf outing and will report shortly.

Marshall Godwin presented his report from the Membership Committee. He stated that methods for gathering data and processing new members have been streamlined. New forms have been developed and though they have the same look and feel as earlier, they are being processed online and populate a spreadsheet with the member's information. We gained approximately 100 new members between Christmas and New Year's primarily due to Facebook group notification and Fleetwood Motorhome Association email to Discovery Owners within FMA. The Membership Committee is recommending that DOAI return to working directly with the large volume Discovery dealers asking them to contact us with information on buyers of used Discoverys so we might pursue them for DOAI Membership. Marshall also reported that our advertising in the FMCA Magazine needs to be revised to reflect information about the new free first year of membership policy.

Ron Wacker recommended that a committee consisting of the past president and two other members, be designated to assist in nominations. (After the meeting it was determined this provision is currently in the by-laws.)

Discussion ensued and several Regional VP's expressed the opinion that Regional VPs should be involved in candidate identification and selection.

The following motion was made by Kerry Pinkerton and seconded by Glen Magnuson.

"Regional VPs will be assigned as members of the nominating committee under the leadership of the past president."

Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Wacker expressed his appreciation to those officers and staff that served him as President and credited them with the successes that were achieved during his tenure.

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## Secretary's report, continued

John Ricciardi advised the board that he had met with Chapter Presidents on 28 January. Present at the meeting were: Jim Sullivan, Marshall Godwin, Glenn Magnuson, Judy Bruton, Bob Stewart, Jim Pinkerton, Bruce Bruce, Phil Skiff (for John Hooper), and Don Muskopf (for Randy Conklin). John Ricciardi reported that the recommended free first year membership was discussed at the Chapter Presidents meeting and that some chapters are agreeing to offer the free membership. Others will continue to charge dues for all members. John reported that Elaine Holley, Membership Chairperson, is currently sending out letters to new members joining without free year membership. Also discussed and agreed upon was that chapters should visit local Discovery dealers in their respective areas to obtain information on purchasers of used Discovery motorhomes. John also stated that REV wants 18 months to 2-years advanced notification of our major rallies to consider providing support for the rallies.

Kerry Pinkerton reported that he is sending out email letters to new members in his region with links to chapter websites.

Glenda Angus advised the board that she would be sending out reminders to officers for input to the DOAI Express Newsletter about mid-month.

In other business the board discussed the three proposals on the agenda.

Regarding the first item submitted by Marshall Godwin to "Establish a committee to study feasibility of using a vendor to provide online DOAI and Chapter branded merchandise." Discussion was held and it was decided by the board that the Membership Committee of Marshall Godwin, Kerry Pinkerton and Jody Bruce will evaluate the recommendation. The board expressed a desire that if the use of a vendor to provide online merchandise for order directly by DOAI members is recommended, the Merchandise Coordinator will continue to carry and sell a limited selection of basic items, such as chambray shirts and hats at major rallies and continue to sell existing inventory to the reduced inventory level. The committee is tasked to seek sources that will work with DOAI to offer online ordering of DOAI and possibly Chapter related merchandise. Concern was expressed that the quality of the merchandise should remain high. This investigation should be conducted and reported during the next board meeting at the 2020 National Rally.

Regarding a change of the procedure by which a chapter(s) is rewarded monetarily for hosting DOAI major rallies, the board discussed various considerations regarding host chapter remuneration. It was decided that a change was appropriate. The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

"Commencing with the 2020 National Rally, the chapter hosting a major rally will be paid from the DOAI general account the amount of \$1,000 for hosting the rally. This amount is no longer to be contingent upon the receipts for the rally exceeding the budget of the rally. If there are multiple chapters cohosting a major rally, the \$1,000 will be allocated between the chapters based on the recommendation of the Regional Vice President where the rally is held. The Regional Vice President shall make allocation based on the relative amount of participation efforts of the host chapters."

DOAI procedures will be revised accordingly to reflect this change in host remuneration.

Regarding the third agenda item: "Get a professional assessment and recommendations to enhance the DOAI website," the board discussed the points in Marshall's submitted item. Dick Tracy advised that he had spoken with our webmaster Robert Orr regarding the proposal and that Robert had no objection and would welcome any suggestions for improvements to the site. After discussion the board voted unanimously to support the recommendation to seek and obtain a professional review of our DOAI website. This will be investigated by Marshall Godwin and Dick Tracy and the results reported for action at the board meeting held during the 2020 National Rally.

There being no further business it was decided that there would not be a second session for this Board of Directors meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5 PM. *(Minutes courtesy of Dick Tracy in absence of Secretary)* ❖



## Calendar of Important Dates - 2020

*Newsletter deadlines include reports from all officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections (2019 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.*

### JANUARY 2020

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2020 National Rally
- 27 – Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL
- 29 and 31 – BOD meeting, Seffner, FL
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

### January 2021

- 25-31—Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL

### FEBRUARY 2020

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2020 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

### MARCH 2020

- 1 – Region Rally Master submits 2020 Region Rally final financial report to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for April issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for previous year's financial and audit reports to Editor

### APRIL 2019

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

### MAY 2019

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2019 tax return with IRS

### JUNE 2020

- 1 – 2020 National Rally quarterly financial update to BOD
- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2021 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2020 National Rally to Editor

### JULY 2019

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

### AUGUST 2020

- 1 – President and BOD appoint two DOAI members to serve as Auditors of DOAI books during 2020 National Rally
- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2021 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2020 National Rally

### August 2021

- 16-21 National Rally CAM+PLEX Gillette, WY

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 28– 2020 National Rally Sevierville, TN. Until October 4th
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2021 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting

### OCTOBER 2020

- 1 – October *Discovery Express* published
- 6 – DOAI insurance policy and surety bond expires

### NOVEMBER 2020

### DECEMBER 2020

- 1 – Rally Master of 2020 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2021 budget to Editor

*Updated February 21, 2020*



Ricky Keen

## Treasurer's report

The Discovery Owners Association, Inc.'s financial statements for 2019 are being published in this newsletter. See following pages for the detailed Balance Sheet, Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and the Comparison of Actual to Budget Reports. During the calendar year of 2019 DOAI received \$3,592.17 more than we spent, compared to spending \$12,135.22 more than we received in 2018. The year 2019 is more of a "normal" year, compared to 2018. But we were expecting a deficit in 2018. That year was a very special year for our organization, our twentieth anniversary year. Because of that, we planned two very special major rallies celebrating our anniversary and these rallies (Camp Discovery and our national rally in Goshen, IN) incurred expenses in excess of our rally receipts. This year, DOAI's year-end Total Assets equaled \$92,345.99 and exceeded our liabilities by \$68,948.99. DOAI is still in excellent financial condition.

Finally, in accordance with the DOAI By-laws, the 2019 financial records and statements were audited by the DOAI Audit Committee. The results of the audit are reported in this newsletter by [Mike Hopkins](#). ❖

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash Accounts		
Petty Cash	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Cash In Bank-General	23,906.40	25,755.30
Cash In PayPal-General	100.00	115.24
Cash In Bank-Rally	10,582.36	5,378.55
Cash In PayPal-Rally	223.12	0.00
Cash In Bank-Savings	50,197.11	50,167.73
Total Cash	85,558.99	81,966.82
Merchandise Inventory-at cost	6,787.00	5,981.50
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 92,345.99</b>	<b>\$ 87,948.32</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Deferred Liabilities		
Prepaid Memberships Received	\$ 20,338.00	\$ 19,547.00
Prepaid Rally Fees Received	3,059.00	1,980.00
Total Deferred Liabilities	23,397.00	21,527.00
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Fund Balance		
Beginning Balance	66,421.32	79,880.74
Excess Cash Receipts over Disbursements	3,592.17	0.00
Excess Cash Disbursements over Receipts	0.00	(12,135.22)
Changes from Cash Basis to Accrual Basis		
Change in Merchandise Inventory	805.50	(1,061.20)
Change in Prepaid Memberships Received	(791.00)	(487.00)
Change in Prepaid Rally Fees Received	(1,079.00)	224.00
Adjusted Fund Balance	68,948.99	66,421.32
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 92,345.99</b>	<b>\$ 87,948.32</b>
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## Treasurer's report, continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

	December 31		Increases (Decreases)
	2019	2018	
<b>RECEIPTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Dues Received	\$ 19,299.00	\$ 19,262.92	\$ 36.08
Amazon Commissions	77.08	174.28	(97.20)
Interest Income	29.38	30.09	(0.71)
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>19,405.46</u>	<u>19,467.29</u>	<u>(61.83)</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Newsletter Expense	3,185.00	3,605.00	(420.00)
Membership Expense	547.06	559.19	(12.13)
Insurance Expense	3,795.00	3,272.00	523.00
Advertising Expense	240.00	240.00	0.00
Member Care Expense	73.73	0.00	73.73
Website Expense	285.69	255.35	30.34
Rally Fee Reimbursements	10,302.85	9,992.40	310.45
Office Supplies, Postage, etc	77.25	46.91	30.34
PayPal Charges	758.15	594.35	163.80
DOAI Decals, Badge Holders and Flags	1,142.48	0.00	1,142.48
Corporate License Fees	-	25.00	(25.00)
Miscellaneous Expenses	120.00	86.74	33.26
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>20,527.21</u>	<u>18,676.94</u>	<u>1,850.27</u>
<b>EXCESS CASH RECEIVED OVER DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(1,121.75)</u>	<u>790.35</u>	<u>(1,912.10)</u>
<b>RECEIPTS-OTHER</b>			
Rally Receipts-National Rallies	55,521.46	54,949.68	571.78
Rally Receipts-SE Regional Rallies	4,867.50	468.00	4,399.50
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	1,510.00	1,556.00	(46.00)
50/50 Donations Proceeds	1,966.00	2,829.50	(863.50)
Prepaid Rally Fees	3,059.00	1,980.00	1,079.00
Refund of Prior Year IRS Filing Fee	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Chapter Liquidation Fee Received	500.00	0.00	500.00
Merchandise Sales	4,168.17	5,641.91	(1,473.74)
Total Receipts-Other	<u>71,592.13</u>	<u>70,425.09</u>	<u>1,167.04</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS-OTHER</b>			
Rally Disbursements-National Rallies	49,514.39	65,279.66	(15,765.27)
Rally Disbursements-SE Regional Rallies	4,591.20	7,875.39	(3,284.19)
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	1,510.00	1,556.00	(46.00)
50/50 Donations Disbursed	1,966.00	2,829.50	(863.50)
Prior Year Rally Fees Paid to Chapters	938.75	0.00	938.75
Merchandise Purchases	5,489.58	3,348.11	2,141.47
IRS Filing Fee	0.00	2,400.00	(2,400.00)
Miscellaneous Rally Account Expenses	230.29	55.30	174.99
Future Rally Expenses	2,638.00	6.70	2,631.30
Total Disbursements-Other	<u>66,878.21</u>	<u>83,350.66</u>	<u>(16,472.45)</u>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	<u>\$ 3,592.17</u>	<u>\$ (12,135.22)</u>	<u>\$ 15,727.39</u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</b>	\$ 81,966.82	\$ 94,102.04	
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	3,592.17	(12,135.22)	
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 85,558.99</u>	<u>\$ 81,966.82</u>	

## Treasurer's report, continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**COMPARISON OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	<b>December 31, 2019</b>		<b>Increases (Decreases)</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Dues Received	\$ 19,299.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (701.00)
Amazon Commissions	77.08	0.00	77.08
Interest Income	29.38	30.00	(0.62)
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>19,405.46</u>	<u>20,030.00</u>	<u>(624.54)</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Newsletter Expense	3,185.00	3,700.00	(515.00)
Membership Expense	547.06	1,000.00	(452.94)
Insurance Expense	3,795.00	3,350.00	445.00
Advertising Expense	240.00	240.00	0.00
Member Care Expense	73.73	0.00	73.73
Website Expense	285.69	275.00	10.69
Rally Fee Reimbursements	10,302.85	10,000.00	302.85
Office Supplies, Postage, etc	77.25	100.00	(22.75)
PayPal Charges	758.15	600.00	158.15
DOAI Decals, Badge Holders and Flags	1,142.48	0.00	1,142.48
Corporate License Fees	0.00	25.00	(25.00)
Miscellaneous Expenses	120.00	125.00	(5.00)
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>20,527.21</u>	<u>19,415.00</u>	<u>1,112.21</u>
<b>EXCESS CASH RECEIVED OVER DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(1,121.75)</u>	<u>615.00</u>	<u>(1,736.75)</u>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
<b>Receipts-Other</b>			
National Rally Receipts over Disbursements	6,007.07	0.00	6,007.07
SE Regional Rally Receipts over Disbursements	276.30	0.00	276.30
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	1,510.00	1,500.00	10.00
50/50 Donations Proceeds	1,966.00	3,000.00	(1,034.00)
Prepaid Rally Fees	3,059.00	0.00	3,059.00
Chapter Liquidation Fee Received	500.00	0.00	500.00
Merchandise Sales	4,168.17	5,000.00	(831.83)
<b>Disbursements-Other</b>			
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	(1,510.00)	(1,500.00)	(10.00)
50/50 Donations Disbursed	(1,966.00)	(3,000.00)	1,034.00
Prior Year Rally Fees Paid to Chapters	(938.75)	0.00	(938.75)
Merchandise Purchases	(5,489.58)	(3,500.00)	(1,989.58)
Miscellaneous Rally Account Expenses	(230.29)	0.00	(230.29)
Future Rally Expenses	(2,638.00)	0.00	(2,638.00)
<b>Net Other Receipt (Disbursements)</b>	<u>4,713.92</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>3,213.92</u>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	<u>\$ 3,592.17</u>	<u>\$ 2,115.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,477.17</u>





Mike Hopkins

## Audit Committee report

On behalf of the DOAI Audit Committee, this report is submitted to the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Board of Directors. The financial records and statements of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. for the year ending December 31, 2019, were examined. We tested receipts and disbursements, including supporting documentation for various transactions, reviewed bank statements, reconciliations and investment activity, and reviewed the policies and procedures followed by accounting personnel.

We found no issues or discrepancies to bring to your attention. ❖



Fred Jecks

## National Rally Master's report

If you weren't in Seffner, Florida for this year's Camp Discovery, you missed a great rally. The Mason Dixon Chapter hosted this rally and they did a super job! We had a great turnout, with 101 coaches attending and almost half being first timers.

We had four days of technical seminars led by **Marshall Godwin, Kerry Pinkerton, Bill Johnson and Nick Abelseth**. **Carol Newbury** led an exercise group to start each morning and there were several non-technical seminars each day for those who wanted to keep busy. Geeks on Tour were there daily to assist those needing help with their communication and photo needs. Of

course, we had vendors, with our own Jody Bruce spending most of her time selling a great selection of DOAI merchandise. On Thursday, General RV treated us to lunch and had all the 2020 Discovery models on display so we could see what's new and dream of owning a new coach.

Lazydays did a wonderful job with the food, providing dinner for four of the nights, and the free breakfasts were back this year. For entertainment, we had Keith Coleman performing as Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley, the Craig Singleton Band providing music, and Denise Oatley Hall performing her Hypnosis Comedy show.

Our food pantry donation collected almost 800 pounds of nonperishable items. And our charity, the Wounded Warriors Project, received a check for \$3,585 from the sale of 50/50 tickets. All the winners donated their winnings to the charity to set a record for DOAI 50/50 donations. A special thanks to the Mason Dixon Chapter and those who helped so much before and during the rally for making it such a big success, and to those DOAI members for attending.

Our next rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, is coming together. The Blue Ridge Chapter is doing an amazing job of planning this rally. National Rally 2020 is moving right along to becoming a truly great rally for our members. See other articles in this issue for more complete information.

Sevierville, Tennessee, is in tourist country, for sure. Three days of early arrival and two days for late checkout are available to you for lots of sightseeing including: Smoky Mountain National Park, Smoky Mountain Deer Farm & Exotic Petting Zoo, Forbidden Caverns, Hillside Winery, Rainforest Adventures, Tennessee Legend Distillery, Sevier Distilling Company, Tanger Outlets Sevierville, Foxfire Mountain Swinging Bridge, River Romp, and Floyd Garrett's Muscle Car Museum. Of course, this is just a vast overview and doesn't include the many things to do in the neighboring towns of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge.

The [National rally registration](#) is available on the DOAI website using our easy online registration. Please get your National Rally registrations in soon! ❖

## DOAI – More Than “Just” A Newsletter

Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: [www.discoveryowners.com](http://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...



Marshall Godwin

## 2020 Southeast Rally report for DOAI Express

By any measure, the 2020 Southeast Region Rally was a big success. The numbers are:

Coaches Registered:	104
First Time Attendee Coaches:	44
Camp Discovery Notebooks:	78
Camp Discovery Seminars:	15
Craft/Non-Technical Sessions	22
Catered Dinner and Social Hour	4
Best Pot Luck Dinner Ever	1
Entertainment	3 (plus arrival night game)
Vendor Day	1
General RV for Lunch and RV tours	1
Golf Outing	1

Of course, this does not account for the FUN index that was off the chart. With the theme of RVing the Wine”D”ing Road, you should expect to have fun and it exceeded expectations.

I want to personally thank Mason Dixon Chapter members for putting on a memorable rally. Also, thanks to everyone who attended. It took time, resources and a commitment to attend this rally. The rally was for you and I sincerely hope you got your money’s worth.

For those unable to attend, you missed a big one but there is a chance for redemption. We have two major rallies each year, the National Rally and the Southeast Region Rally. See more about these upcoming rallies in this newsletter. There is already a significant amount of work taking place to plan for these events. Attendance at major rallies is a significant benefit of DOAI membership. You should resolve now to be at one or both of these rallies. There is something very special about a gathering with a hundred other Discovery coaches. ❖



*Painting with a Twist*



*Dog Walk (courtesy of Bob Angus)*



*Dog Walk (courtesy of Retha Hopkins)*



*Entertainers Bill D. Williams; Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash*



Marshall Godwin

## Change in Camp Discovery Director

The concept for a dedicated Discovery technical curriculum took shape shortly after I presented a seminar on the Discovery 12v system at the 2005 National Rally in York, PA. It took a few years to flush out the concept and finally a decision was made at the 2009 Southeast Rally to conduct "Camp Discovery" at the following year's rally. It has been conducted every year since then.

The early Camp Discovery presentations were not as extensive and complete as now. For the first few years, we relied on Lazydays instructors for a number of topics. The Lazydays instructors were knowledgeable and the seminars informative, but it was less than ideal since the seminars were generic, they were conducted in the Lazydays classroom, and we didn't have control of their schedule.

A major improvement came when DOAI member, Gary Osburn, took over the RV appliance seminars. As a Master Certified RV Tech, his overall knowledge contributed to many areas of Camp Discovery. In the following years we added topics and improved existing seminars. Each year all seminars are reviewed to determine areas for improvement and to implement model year Discovery upgrades. In recent years additional DOAI members have volunteered to present a number of seminars.

Additional presenters helped to lessen the overall effort to plan and conduct Camp Discovery but, for me, it seems harder and takes more effort each year. I have joked that I still have a photographic memory but no longer provide same day service. It is not entirely a joke. Things that were simple now take longer and seem more difficult. It's time for a new Camp Discovery director and Kerry Pinkerton has agreed to take the job.

There are many of you who are capable of making significant improvements to the Camp Discovery curriculum or conducting some of the existing seminars. Please contact Kerry and let him know you are willing to help. It would be great to have more folks involved and have three or four individuals available to present each topic.

I don't plan to RV off into the sunset, at least not anytime soon. I will continue to help with Camp Discovery when available. ❖



Robert Orr

## Website Committee

We did not receive any submissions this quarter for the Hints & Tips section of the website. As a reminder, while the Technical eGroup site is an excellent source of quick information and help, it is not a permanent record and all of the great advice, fixes and helpful information is easily lost. The best way to keep all of that great help and information permanent and readily searchable by the current and future membership is to submit it to me for posting on the website. All I need is a rough draft and a few pictures, I'll take care of the rest. Or, you can just point me directly to a post on the eGroup site and I'll take care of it from there.

There have been some submissions to the Classifieds page <https://www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.html>. If you have anything to sell and you would like it posted to the Classifieds page, please send it to me to be posted. This is a free service we provide to DOAI members.

So far, since launching the updated website last fall, the feedback has been very positive, THANK YOU! I appreciate any and all suggestions regarding the website. I've added a quick and easy form under the "Contact DOAI" page that allows anyone to submit a quick inquiry to myself or Elaine Holley. Please do not hesitate to contact me either through the new form on the Contact DOAI page, or email me directly: <mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com>. ❖

## Remember To Register For The Rally

Rallies, rallies, rallies! Discovery owners love to rally for the fun, fellowship and great seminars - and also the food. The 2020 National Rally will be held in Sevierville, TN, Monday September 28th until Sunday, October 4th. Follow the link below to register for the rally!

[2020 National Rally Registration Form](#)







## Membership Coordinator's report

Please give a warm Hello and Welcome to our new and reinstated members who have joined DOAI since January's newsletter. Encourage them to visit and join a chapter. It is another wonderful way to meet fellow "D" owners and share information about our vehicles and travel experiences. We continue to encourage all our members to share information about DOAI in their travels and for every three referrals, you will receive a **one year free membership**. ❖

Elaine Holley

Jeff/Barb Albrecht, Ellenton FL	John Fleming/Jan Frost, San Tan Valley AZ	Jason Neves, San Jose CA
Charles/Rosanne Alexander, Honesdale PA	Gary/Linda Forest, Livingston TX	David/Britta Newcomer, Amado AZ
Bruce/Cheri Alleman, Columbia PA	Donald/Jean Fowler, Sarasota FL	Drake/Bridget O'Bannion, Lumberton TX
Dan/Pam Amon, Georgetown TX	Jeff/Yvonne Freitas, Fairfield CA	Timothy Oneill/Carmen Raya, Las Vegas NV
Frank/Cindi Angulo, Montgomery AL	Louis/Laura Friedman, Lilburn GA	Kevin/Darlene Page, Leesburg FL
Frank/Dawn Arieno, Las Vegas NV	James/Charlotte Godsey, Titusville FL	Anthony/Kelly Paella, Deer Park IL
Brett/Lisa Barney, Benson AZ	Larry/Christine Goleman, Arlington TX	Cathy/John Payne, Pittsboro NC
Jon/Dianne Bauer, Miramar Beach FL	Jose Gordian, Cortlandt Manor NY	John/Linda Pendergast, Jackson GA
Tim/Virginia Beaulieu, El Paso TX	Stewart/Susan Graf, Mesa AZ	Randy/Nancy Platt, Poplarville MS
Brian/Janet Behan, Deerfield Beach FL	Diane/John Hageman, Hudson WI	Matthew/Peggy Plauche, Pierre Part LA
Bruce/Janet Berger, Augusta ME	Daniel/Tamara Hager, Bradenton FL	Thomas/Christine Pratt, Englewood FL
Darryl Birch, Merritt Island FL	Gerald/Wanda Hansen, Rapid City SD	David/Ruth Rakey, Mount Vernon IL
Richard/Krista Bland, Blossom TX	Sandra Haven, Cedarburg WI	Daniel/Carol Ratliff, Chandler TX
Brian Blodgett/Michelle Heffernan, Vicksburg MI	Rick/Mary Helmick, Overland Park KS	Chuck Reed/Michelle Read, Yelm WA
Micheal/Norma Boles, Celina TN	Robert/Cheryl Hemler Jr, Hanover PA	Tim/Marianne Rivette, Beach City TX
Toby/Marion Boles, Southport NC	Joseph/Gyorgyi Horvath, Salem VA	Kurvin Roach, Hoopeston IL
John/Christine Borchert, Demotte IN	Chester/Heidi Hull, Ruckersville VA	John/Gammy Romero, Mesa AZ
Kenny/Grace Brookshire, Jonesboro GA	Robert/Dana Ingram, Mount Laurel NJ	John/Sara Root, Nashville TN
Greg/Stacy Burke, Maple Valley WA	Charlie/Lucy Jacobs, Georges Mills NH	Tim/Janice Rushing, Edwardsville IL
Debbie/Tom Carnes, Lexington SC	Joe/Jen Johnson, Billings MT	Mark/Jorie Salomon, Odessa FL
Bruce/Lynne Chong, Lake Havasu City AZ	Brett/Amy Johnston, Marietta GA	Ray/Margie Shelton, China Spring TX
Alan Christopher, Fayetteville NC	James/Keley Jones, Quincy OH	Ben Shushan/Shimon Benschushan, Agoura Hills CA
Darryl/Chanty Clay, Edwardsville IL	Stephen Kelly, Brooksville FL	Charles/Susan Slaydon, Kiln MS
Marc Cop/Cristina Chuecos, Covington KY	Tyrei Lacy, Los Angeles CA	Dan/Judy Smith, Saint Johns FL
Robert/Kelley Counter, Sparta TN	Mike/Jennifer LeBlanc, New Iberia LA	Richard/Mary Speed, Victoria TX
Kevin/Marcella Cranfill, Lubbock TX	Don/Mary Leemhuis, Box Elder SD	David/Kathleen Stansfield, Arnold MO
Dennis/Fran Craver, Clemmons NC	Scott Lengel/Sharmen Hall-Lengel, Waterford MI	Randy/Gayle Starita, Green Cove Springs FL
Chuck/Debbie Cross, Plant City FL	Paul/Karen Leverton, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire UK	Harlan/Bonna Steinle, Mesa AZ
Danny/Diane Danflous, Diamondhead MS	Larry/Joette Lewis, Smyrna TN	Joey/Missy Stephens, Mackinaw IL
Dale/Amanda Danker, Inola OK	Tony/Dianne Maddox, Baton Rouge LA	Mark Stewart, Saskatoon SK
Scott Davis, Matthews NC	Jay/Annette Maitland, Las Cruces NM	Cliff Strickland/TJ Still, Dawsonville GA
Michael/Denise Davolt, Thompsons Station TN	James/Danuta Mason, Virginia Beach VA	Kevin/Emmy Studer, Portland OR
Gerry/Denise DeVirgilis, Ellenton FL	Michael/Becky Mazza, Port Charlotte FL	Greg/Mary Anne Tracy, Richmond KY
Phil DeVirgilis, Lititz PA	Lawrence/Peggye McBean, Sioux Falls SD	Richard/Judith Tracy, Leaburg OR
Greg/Tami Dion, The Villages FL	Rick/Patricia Meier, Long Beach CA	Garrie/May Vass, Manning SC
Eric/Bernadette Doverspike, Margate FL	Chris Merkert, East Hampton NY	Wayne/Patricia Vaszil, Las Vegas NV
Paul/Tracy Dowd, Brighton MI	Ron/Christine Messenger, University Place WA	Robert Waddell/Suzanne Thivierge, Levis QC
Peter/Kelly Drake, Ontario OH	Raymond/Dianna Miller, Mabelvale AR	Steve/Paula Wadsworth, Livingston TX
James/Cameron Dusky, Penhook VA	Chad Mills, Shawnee KS	Steve/Deborah Walker, Bartlesville OK
Robert/Wanda Eckenroth, Dothan AL	Dennis/Janet Molgaard, Marshfield MO	Floyd/Elizabeth Warren, Hollywood MD
Van Edelmans, Livingston TX	Johnny/Mary Moore, Fort Myers Beach FL	Marty Weinstein, Lake Havasu City AZ
Gregory/Emily Edwards, Adams TN	Robert/Cindy Morrison, Ft Worth TX	Eugene Wheeler, Santa Clarita CA
Bill/Dar Elrod, Arkadelphia AR	Scott/Teresa Moyer, Morgantown PA	Alan/Tina Wideman, Arlington TN
Robert/Malinda Erwin Sr, Commerce GA	Michael Mulvenna, Frankfort IL	Troy Wilson, Bloomington IN
Steve/Denise Ezell, Leesville LA	Rob/Brenda Nellums, Columbia IL	Dan/Linda Wolfson, Palmetto FL
James/Brenda Fairfax, Winterville NC		Kevin/Becky Woods, Livingston TX
John/Penny Fini, Aurora IL		Nathan/Gina Wright, Fenton MI



# Region and Chapter reports

## Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter



President  
Jim Pinkerton

Another winter has come and gone. Well maybe not everywhere, but for the most part it is winding down and most of us have, or are planning to head back to our home bases. Blue Ridge was again well represented at Camp Discovery this year. A big thanks to the Mason Dixon Chapter for a great rally.

Blue Ridge membership took a slight hit in January. Eighteen members did not renew their dues for various reasons, but we picked up 10 new coaches at Camp Discovery. Welcome to the club Jeff and Barb Albrecht, Micheal and Norma Boles, Bob and Kelley Counter, Ken and Renee Diaz, Gary and Sarah Giddens, Ohara Howard and Patricia Porter, Larry and Joette Lewis, Janet and Kevin Stephens, David and Gail Summerhill, Garrie and May Vass. We now have 58 members

in our club.

A number of Blue Ridge members wintered at the Florida Grande RV Resort in Webster Florida. During the month of February, we had 11 Blue Ridge coaches at the Grande. Other DOAI members have floated in and out during the season.

Our Spring rally will be in Sevierville Tennessee, on 24 April. This will be our final gathering in advance of the 2020 DOAI National Rally. More information and registration for the National rally can be found on the DOAI website. Best wishes for a great Spring and Summer and hope to see many of you in Sevierville. *(Photos courtesy of Jim Pinkerton & Glenda)* ❖



After Golf Cocktails



Golf at Brooksville



Happy Hour in Webster



SE Rally Hall - Seffner, FL



Blue Ridge Discoverys - January 31, 2020



Game Night in Webster



Kit Clarks waits his turn to tee off



Harry Terrill - Last Call for Alcohol



Kathy Pinkerton - Farmers Market

Region and chapter reports, continued



Southwest Region VP  
Jim Sullivan

Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

Once again those Discovery California stalwarts had a New Year’s Eve Celebration Rally at Indian Waters RV Resort in Indio, California. Some of the folks were quite sick from the flu, but they seemed to recover in time for the celebration hosted by the resort. Members were treated to a great dinner, great music, a little dancing and romancing, and they were able to try their luck at the casino activities. Jennifer Randazzo made us proud being the Big Winner! A belated Happy New Year Discovery friends! Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020!

Susan and I went on a journey to Camp Discovery in Seffner, Florida, 27 January–2 February 2020. Camp Discovery follows the big FMA Rally which hosted about 150 plus rigs. Camp Discovery had well over 100 “D’s that participated with a great many individuals being first timers. As always, Camp Discovery is a technical rally that helps in educating Discovery owners through the many various seminars how to better understand and gives us neophytes a lot of the confidence and resources to tackle various maintenance projects. Susan was very impressed with Geeks on Tour seminars. The Geeks, Chris and Jim Guld, presented three seminars on how to utilize our phone as a camera effectively. I knew my phone could do a lot in the way of a camera, but I didn’t know how much it could do!

General RV sponsored a big show and tell at their facility just down the road from our rally. General went all out lining up 8 to 10, 2020 Discoverys. Susan was quite taken with the 40D. It looks like we will be selling our 2013 and looking at finding a good deal on a new 40D. As with all Discovery Rally’s, we enjoyed meeting old friends and making new friends from all over the country.

Prior to Camp Discovery, we met up with Mike and Joe Randazzo, members of Discovery California, in Everglade City, Florida. It was a surprise when we received a call from Mike asking where we were headed so we could meet up, as we were driving up from Key West.

Our first rally of the 2020 year is in **Borrego Springs at the Palm Canyon Hotel and RV Resort**, 26-30 March, hosted by Mike & Jenn Randazzo. This rally filled up right away but I think if you want to go, Mike probably could squeeze you in. This rally will have a new activity, Geocaching Hunt. It’s an application (APP) that you install on your phone. You search using GPS for hidden items in the desert around Borrego Springs. As usual we will have plenty to eat such as carne asada with other Mexican fare, Friday night BBQ, and we will try out a new restaurant in town called Big Horn Burgers & Shakes.

Shortly after the Borrego Springs rally, we will have a rally at Black Oak Casino & RV Resort, 23-27 April 2020, hosted by Felix & Suzi Jones. The area has many sight-seeing opportunities, including: Jamestown, with the Rail Town 1897 State Park; Columbia State Historic Park; Calaveras Big Trees State Park; Moaning Caverns (big enough to fit the Statue of Liberty), numerous wineries, and the Casino for those who are so inclined. I am sure that Felix will also throw in a golf outing. This rally sounds promising for a great time!

Our annual membership meeting will be at Pechanga RV Resort, 1-5 November 2020, hosted by Paul & Cheryl Stein. There is much to do in the Temecula area. Knowing Paul there will be golfing, wine tasting, LCR (Left, Center Right- a dice game), a Corn Hole tournament, and many other surprises. You know that Susan was the Corn Hole Queen last year and she is getting ready to defend her title! ❖



Bill & Linda Johnson - New Year's Eve Bash at Indian Waters RV Resort



Bob & Anita Zantos - New Year's Eve Bash Participants



Sheri & Herb Rikelman rocking out in Indio, California

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### Region and chapter reports, continued



Frank & Fonda Petronzio  
New Year's Eve Rally



Jen & Mike Randazzo & Frank  
Pentronzio plotting their gaming  
strategies.



Jim Sullivan & Joe Randazzo in  
Everglade City, FL



Tom Weaver checking out Black  
Oak RV Resort for Discovery  
CA's next rally



Chapter prez  
Linda Griffith

#### Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans held our first meeting of the new year at the Longhorn RV Resort in Niederwald, Texas. There were 18 coaches present. The park really lived up to its name as you can see in the photo of the Longhorn cattle living at the RV park. Some members enjoyed eating out at Black's BBQ in Lockhart, Texas, and others relished the winery tour at the Three Dudes Winery. We had wonderful meals prepared by our hosts Tracy and Rosemary Gauling, Sarge and Cass Chandler, and Noel and Rhoda Montgomery. We enjoyed a movie night and played loads of board games.

Our elected officers assumed their new positions at the general membership meeting on Saturday. Linda Griffith took the duty of President and Sandy Keliher became Treasurer. Al Welch began his second term of service as our Vice President. Don Griffith serves as our Rally Master and Susan Smith as club secretary. Our new members are Toby and Shirley Weber from Livingston, Texas.

We are looking forward to our next Discovery Texans rally in March which will be held at Coffee Creek RV Park in Santos, Texas, just outside of Ft. Worth. Additionally, our May rally will be at The Vineyards RV Park in beautiful Fredericksburg, Texas. Our final year rally is scheduled in November at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, Texas. ❖



Black's BBQ



Discovery Texans, 31 Jan 2020: From Left to Right:  
Harry Bruton, Mike McCarten, Joachim Gaethe, Inger Gaethe, Karen McCarten, Lynn  
Henry, Daphne Reid, Ralph Henry, Dr. Fred Reid, Terri Magnuson, Glenn Magnuson,  
Judy Bruton and friends, Kenneth and Katherine Buckner



Longhorns - Rally Jan.2020

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
John Hooper

### Midwest Discoverers chapter

I am extremely happy to let you know that the Midwest Discoverers Chapter continues to grow. We are glad to welcome three couples into the fellowship that have joined our Chapter recently: **Russ and Pat Baldwin, Ron and Becky Hoblit and Rob and Sherry Krajicej.** They certainly will bring additional strength and leadership to the group.

The Midwest Discoverers held a business meeting during the Camp Discovery Rally at Lazydays, Seffner, Florida, in January. There were a number of members present and it was great to see each of them. Our members have become a family and it is like old home week when a group gets together. I look forward to our new members developing that kind of feeling about others in the Chapter.

One of the main topics during the meeting was the upcoming Rally at [Camp Dearborn](#) in Milford, Michigan. Many people do not realize what wonderful things exist in the Detroit Metro Area. But our Spring Rally will try its best to show off a number of jewels that are within driving distance. Phil and Ruth Skiff are helping plan the Rally. They live in the area and know the best places to visit. There is only one challenge with this Rally, we cannot get all the exciting things to see and do on the itinerary. There are just too many!! If you are one of those people that think Detroit is nothing but cold, rust and cars, you had better think again.

Camp Dearborn is holding a number of sites for the Midwest Rally. Members arrive at Camp Dearborn on Sunday, June 7th and depart the following Sunday, June 14th. The group gets the weekly rate which is extremely reasonable. Camp Dearborn is what many refer to as a destination campground. These full hook up sites will fill up quickly as the weather turns to spring. You are encouraged to call and make your reservation as soon as possible. Make sure the reservations clerk knows that you are with the Midwest Discoverers when you call. The phone numbers there are (248) 684-6000 and (313) 943-2076. Either number will get you to the reservation's office.

If you would like to see the current status of the itinerary for the Rally, access the [DOAI](#) web site, click on Chapters at the top of the page and then select Midwest Discoverers from among the Chapter list. You can drill down and see most everything you will want to know about the Chapter. You will also notice there are still open times on the itinerary. If you have a suggestion as to what might go best in that time slot, please let me know. There are just too many choices for the planners to select from. But whatever is scheduled in that To Be Determined time slot, it will be fun and you will enjoy it. ❖



*Midwest Discoverers*



### Region and chapter reports, continued

#### Noreaster Discoverys chapter



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

A big hello to all! I could say hello from Florida but that would be rubbing salt in the wound for those still shoveling snow back in the Northeast. I wish you could all be here for winter.

We just finished the DOAI Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, Florida, and we all had a great time thanks to the excellent job our hosts, the Mason Dixon Discoverys, arranged for us. We Noreasters were well represented with eight coaches. Present were: John Ricciardi, Russ and Pat Baldwin, Jeffrey and Karen Daly, Fred and Peg Raphael, DOAI President Dick Tracy and his first lady Pat, Les and Val Whipple, Peter and Shirley Fleckenstein, and Jeanne and myself. That was a great turn out. Would it be because we like to get out of the North East and come to Florida?

We are proud to welcome new members Tim and Nancy Cahill from Greenwich, New York. Tim joined us for golf and Nancy attended Jeanne's book club get together. It is great to have them with us.

We've run into a little bit of a scheduling problem with our fall rally this year so it's still a work in progress. We're still shooting for the first half of September, and will let everyone know as arrangements progress.

Safe travels everyone. ❖



*1st Lady Pat-& President  
Dick Tracy*



*Bob & Jennie Stewart*



*Fred & Peggy Raphael*



*John Ricciardi pours wine for Carol  
Newberry (Mason Dixon  
Discoverys)*



*Karen & Jeffrey Daly*



*Les & Val Whipple*

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### Region and chapter reports, continued



Nancy & Tim Cahill



Russ & Pat Baldwin



Noreaster Discoverys

### Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter



Chapter prez  
Bruce Bruce



The Florida Discovery Sunshiners were well represented at the 2020 Southeast Region Rally

### Northwest Adventurers chapter



Chapter prez  
Glenn Magnuson

Greetings from the Northwest Adventurers (NWA). Those in attendance at the Southeast Rally from the Northwest Adventurers had a great time. We learned a lot, laughed a lot, and enjoyed meeting new friends and catching up with old friends.

Terri and I have been on the road since December 28th, traveling from Washington State, thru southern California, then working our way across the southern United States visiting family and friends on our way to and from Seffner. We are currently heading to Yuma Arizona, for the month of March before returning home.

Our May rally in Glenn's Ferry Idaho, has been cancelled. Watch our NWA website for updates. We will be having a mini rally due to the minimal coaches that will attend. That location to be determined. Wishing all safe and healthy travels. ❖



Left to Right: Al Etue, Donna Etue, Glenn Magnuson and Terri Magnuson



Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

Our chapter hosted the DOAI 2020 Southeast Region Rally. We had a great time at the rally and want to thank everyone who attended. It's good to see folks enjoy themselves and it makes the effort to plan and conduct the rally worthwhile.

Our chapter roster grew from 40 to 60 members since late December as a result of offering free first year membership to new DOAI members in the area covered by our chapter. It is good to have new members but it's not beneficial unless those new individuals become active in the chapter and renew their membership next January. I encourage our new members to attend a chapter rally and become active. It is the best way to determine if this is something in which you want to be involved. It is good to know fellow Discovery owners in your area, share the RV lifestyle and provide advice or assistance if needed

The late May spring rally in Lancaster is quickly approaching. Eighteen coaches are registered. Other than the Friday night outing to Sight and Sound theater to see Queen Esther, the detailed schedule is still in progress. Typically, we have a pot luck dinner, several dinner outings, golf, technical and non-technical discussions, shopping, a chapter meeting, and social time around the campfire. The golf outing is tentatively scheduled for Friday morning. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Let me close by saying, our chapter is in great shape and we are financially sound with many active members. Chapter membership is a big part of your DOAI experience. It allows you to form close friendships that go well beyond the RV connection.

See you down the road..... ❖



Marshall Godwin and Dick Tracy



Mason Dixon Discoverys - January 31, 2020



Jerry Pruyne, Carol Newbury and Dick Tracy are hypnotized!

Coronavirus

In light of the ongoing Coronavirus spread, the DOAI board and Chapter Presidents are keeping abreast of the current situation and making decisions on how to keep our membership safe. Their top priority is the well-being of all our members. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed from person-to-person contact or through respiratory droplets. Clean your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you have been in a public place or have been blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, wash your hands immediately or use a hand sanitizer that contains alcohol. Clean and disinfect surfaces daily.

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Randy Conklin

### Ozarks Discovery chapter

Four Discovery coaches represented the Ozarks Chapter at this year’s rally in Seffner, Florida. Although it was a small group, everyone had a great time! Nearly half of the rally attendees were first timers so there were many opportunities to meet and make new friends! Great seminars, food, entertainment, and friends. We look forward to seeing many more of you at upcoming 2020 rallies!

Additionally, the Ozarks Chapter has rallies planned for 28 through 31 May at St. Peters, Missouri, and 22 through 25 October at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas. ❖



Ozarks Discovery. Left to Right: Ruth and Phil Skiff, Randy and Karen Kemp, Chris and Don Muskopf, Ken and Renee Diaz. (courtesy of Chris Muskopf)

## Join us for the Ozarks Discovery – 2020 Spring Rally!!

**Dates:** May 28, 2020 - May 31, 2020 (Arrive Thursday / Depart Sunday)

**Location:** [370 Lakeside Park](#) - Located on a 140-acre lake inside a 300-acre park. Campground is at 1000 Lakeside Park Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376

Reservations: 636-387-5253 – Ask for Stephanie

We have reserved Sites 201-212. Rate is \$38.70 per night (before tax).

There are plenty of things to do in this and surrounding STL area. If you choose to stay longer, the website indicates “stay 6 consecutive nights, you get the 7th night free”. Local attractions, popular destinations, and shopping within 30-45 minutes from 370 Lakeside Park.

- [Historic downtown St. Charles](#) – approx 15 min drive
- [Ameristar Casino and Restaurants - St. Charles, MO](#) – approx 15 min drive
- [Bass Pro - St. Charles, MO](#) – approx 15 min drive
- [Fast Lane Classic Cars](#) – approx 15 min drive
- [Holocaust Museum & Learning Center](#) – approx 25 min drive
- [Chesterfield Outlets - Chesterfield, MO](#) – approx 30 min drive
- [St. Louis Premium Outlets - Chesterfield, MO](#) – approx 30 min drive
- [St. Louis Zoo](#) – approx 35 min drive
- [Cathedral Basilica - One of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere](#) – approx 35 min drive
- [Gateway Arch, Tram ride to the Top, Museum](#) - approx 40 min drive
- [Old Courthouse - St. Louis, MO](#) – approx 40 min drive
- [Anheuser Busch Brewery Tours](#) – approx 40 min drive
- [STL Cardinals - Stadium, Tours, Ballpark Village, Hall of Fame & Museum](#) – approx 40 min drive
- [Missouri Botanical Garden](#) – approx 40 min drive
- [St. Louis Union Station](#) – approx 40 min drive
- “The Hill” for some of the best Italian Restaurants in the St Louis area – approx 40 min drive
- [Ted Drewes Frozen Custard](#) – approx 40 min drive
- [Wine Country](#) – approx 45 min drive
- [Camping World - Wentzville, MO](#) – approx 20 min drive







Nina Soltwedel

## Arizona gathering successful

Bob and Nina Soltwedel hosted the ninth annual DOAI gathering at their place in Yuma's Fortuna Foothills on 25 January. This year's event was a bit smaller than previous years, due to illness for some, traveling to the Southeast Region Rally for others, or because of other commitments. However, we were fortunate to have first-time attendees (and it was great to meet them) Bill and Sandra Babcock, Bill and Connie Johnson, and Ken and Janet Wahl. Others present were Gale and Linda Culbertson, Larry and Cathy Hawkins, Pat and Mo McClurg, Bruce Plumb (Nancy was recovering from the flu), and Wally and Annie Wallington. We welcomed former DOAI-ers Becky Hazen and Lonnie Hodge. Participants bring a dish to share, and the event is underwritten by a generous donation from RV World Yuma, via their general sales manager Greg Svalstad. As the old saying goes, "A good time was had by all." The photo does not include everyone; some had to leave before Nina was able to take the annual group picture. ❖

*Yuma Drifters*

Nina Soltwedel

## Caring for our DOAI family

We are sad to report that Loretta Spencer, wife of Harry, died suddenly in early February. She was undergoing surgery when an aneurysm burst. On another note, Jay and Lorrie Keneson, longtime members of DOAI, could no longer travel when Lorrie's health deteriorated three years ago. Lorrie is battling a serious staph-related infection near her heart valve and the prognosis is not good. Please keep Harry Spencer and Jay Keneson and their respective families in your prayers.

DOAI Founder Jim Devine has been dealing with cancer the past few years. Recently, his doctor determined that the regimen Jim had been on was not working, so a different method is being utilized. Jim's spirits continue to be good, and he appreciates our kind thoughts and prayers over the years.

We ask you to keep these good folks in your prayers that their health improves: Paul Smith is battling nerve problems in his back and feet which keeps him from being as mobile as he'd like; Gwen Churchill is healing well from knee surgery last November; and both Pat and Mo McClurg have been experiencing health issues in recent months. On a positive note, we are glad to report that Felesa Baker underwent back surgery in January that has a most positive anticipation of being completely successful. She and John are hoping to begin traveling again later this year.

I am glad to report that Richard Money was released from rehabilitation after two surgeries and was doing well enough to attend the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, Florida.

Harry Bruton is in the hospital and had a pace maker installed, He will be having an angioplasty procedure shortly. Al Welch is recovering from a shoulder replacement. In these uncertain times, my prayer for everyone is to stay safe; keep gatherings very, very small; and follow the guidelines published by the WHO and CDC.

Once again, I ask you to let me know whenever a member of your family or another DOAI-er you know is ill, or is hospitalized, or has had surgery, or has died. We are here to pray for them and their families, and to let them know they are in those prayers. Send me a note at [nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com). Thank you! ❖



Pete Shaffer

## ONE MAN'S LIFE When Nature Calls

Just imagine being on a hike up a mountainside, enjoying the glorious views, with the love of your life and your two canine buddies when suddenly nature calls. Not hard for my buddies – they just wander over to the trail edge and let loose. Me, not hard at all – just look for a tree, pretend I am looking out at the beautiful sights, open the door and let loose. But for my lovely bride, Sharon, things get more complicated.

First, wives hold it for as long as they can. Only when they are about to bust do they make the announcement – “I gotta go! – loudly enough to startle any nearby wildlife. Then the hunt begins for the perfect spot. A large rock, sheltered by some bushes slightly off the trail usually works best – but then there are those trees over there that could work – but no, maybe those bushes and trees way over there off the trail – no, maybe between those two rocks way over there. Finally, a spot is chosen. Probably not a spot I would have selected, but after 46 years of married bliss, I have learned to never contradict a female decision like this one! I normally stand on the trail and keep a lookout. Next comes the hard part for a female: off with the backpack, off with the water bottles hooked to the waist, off comes the jacket, hand off the leashes for the dogs – jeepers-creepers, how much more stuff does one girl have to remove just to go pee?

I have to admit that this next part was not my idea. Better put, as Flip Wilson used to say, “The Devil made me do it!” At about the time I knew the ground was getting watered, I yelled out with a loud voice, “Hi, everyone! Great day for a hike, isn’t it?”

Well, if there were hikers around, they would certainly know someone was in the bushes with all the noise that suddenly occurred. Holy Mackerel! It sounded like a big bull moose during mating season thrashing through the woods! Then, out popped my wife, still reattaching everything with the look of embarrassment on her face. That look suddenly changed when she saw we were still all alone in the great wilderness, and I was laughing. I’ll tell you, guys and gals, my wife can sure quickly change her colors from one of “I’ll do anything to please my man” to one of “I’m going to kill you!” I ran.

The pups were really starting to enjoy all of this. I mean, Dad was running away, Mom was running after him waving that big stick. I swear, I could hear them say, “Throw the stick, Mom, throw the stick! I’ll get it and bring it back.” They wanted in on the fun, too!

I don’t know if the weather suddenly took a chilly turn, but the rest of the hike sure felt a lot cooler between us two love birds. ❖

## Blast From the Past

What would you find if you looked in the “Window into the Past?” Volume 1, Issue 1 of the Discovery Express was first published in January 1999. The header included a photo of a new Discovery which has been included in all issues since then. What was believed to be the first Discovery rally was held at the Camper Resorts of America Campground in Perris, California. President, Jim Devine and his wife Dorothy, who acted as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, organized the gathering. Several Fleetwood representatives attended assisting with problems and repairs – something that is still continuing in Seffner, Florida at the Southeast Region Rally. Jim Devine expressed his anticipation to serve as an umbrella with national membership. Everyone was excited about the new 1999 Discovery motor home displayed at the rally and it has also been a tradition at the Southeast Rally in Seffner to view the new Discoverys each year.

## Remember To Register For The Rally

Rallies, rallies, rallies! Discovery owners love to rally for the fun, fellowship and great seminars - and also the food. The 2020 National Rally will be held in Sevierville, TN, Monday September 28th until Sunday, October 4th. Follow the link below to register for the rally!

[2020 National Rally Registration Form](#)





Chapter prez  
Bruce Plumb

## DOAI Acronyms & Other Bewildering Descriptions

A/C	Air Conditioner	FIN	Fleetwood Identification Number
AC	Alternating Current (household)	FT	Full-Time (live on RV)
ATS	Automatic Transfer Switch	FWS	Full Wall Slide
BC	Brake Controller	GAWR	Gross Axle Weight Rating
BCC	Battery Control Center	GPS	Global Positioning System
BIRD	Bi-directional Isolator Relay Delay	HD	Home Depot
BP	Breaker Panel	IIRC	If I Remember Correctly
BTU	British Thermal Unit	IMHO	In My Humble Opinion
BTW	By The Way	LBCU	Light Bar Control Unit (Freightliner)
BYOB	Bring your own booze (or bottle)	LOF	Lube, Oil, Filter(s)
CAC	Charge Air Cooler	LOL	Laughing Out Loud (We need more of!)
Captain	Mel Price	LR	Living Room
CAT	Caterpillar Engine	NOCold	Norcold Refrigerator (Bruce Plumb's description)
CB	Circuit Breaker or Citizen's Band Radio	OP	Original Poster
CM	Control Module	Pilot	Driver
Co Pilot	Passenger (usually refers to spouse)	PO	Previous Owner
CP	Control Panel	PS	Passenger Side or Power Steering
CW	Camping World (or Crappy World if Kerry Pinkerton)	RPM	Revolutions Per Minute
D	Discovery Motorhome	SO	Significant Other
DC	Direct Current (battery)	SOB	Some Other Brand (of Motorhome)
DE	Discovery Express	SS	Stainless Steel
DEF	Diesel Exhaust Fluid (2010 & Up)	SW	Smith & Wesson
DH	Dear Husband	TCM	Transmission Control Module
DPO	Dastardly (?) or Dear Previous Owner	TOAD	Towed Vehicle
DS	Driver's side	TPMS	Tire Pressure Monitoring System
DW	Dear Wife	TS	Transfer Switch
ECC	Electronic Climate Control	VDC	Vehicle Data Computer (Freightliner)
ECM	Engine Control Module	VIN	Vehicle Identification Number
ECM	Electronic Control Module	VMS	Vehicle Monitoring System
ECU	Engine Control Unit or Module	WM	Wal-Mart or "Wally World"
EPDM	Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (rubber roof)		
EGR	Exhaust Gas Recirculation		
ESN	Engine Serial Number		

<https://www.acronymlist.com/> ❖

### Spring is just around the corner!

And while the cold winds of winter are still at our backdoor, the hope and beauty of spring are not far behind. I hope you are as excited as I am about the wonderful rallies we have to look forward to this year. You will not want to miss upcoming chapter rallies or the DOAI National Rally in the fall. If this is your first time to attend a national rally, this is your opportunity to be warmly welcomed and meet with other first and "old" timers. Thank you to all our members who work so hard to ensure their time and efforts make our rallies enjoyable.





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