



## Fifteen years and counting...

Can it possibly be fifteen years since **Jim and Dorothy Devine** were inspired to gather Discovery owners together and form a club? Yep ... fifteen years. A lot has happened in the RV industry over those years ... and much has happened within our club, as well, including many excellent rallies. In that vein, please check out **John Baker's** call for help (**page 2**). We're looking for a willing history-loving person to document what this club has done since its inception. There is a lot of informative material available, including photos and all back issues of this newsletter.

### Features this quarter...

Photos from the 2012 national rally are included (thanks to intrepid rally photographer **Don Crowell**), and what a great time it was. Sixty-one coaches gathered for a week of fun, food, friendship, and sharing – sharing of experiences, hints, tips, ideas – and so much more. Below is the group photo (a whole lotta good lookin' people!). More photos are scattered throughout this issue. Don't miss the two extra pages in this electronic edition!



There's a special **Fleetwood** announcement on **page 12**. It's an opportunity for you to receive factory parts credit or an American Express gift card during their *Winter Service Savings Event*. **The event has been extended through March 31, 2013!**

Check out **Bob Cook's** helpful article on IE 10 (**page 11**). Also see the last installment of **Mike Sokol's** No~Shock~Zone series (**page 15**). DOAI thanks Mike for sharing his expertise so generously over the past two-plus years. There's a cautionary tale of theft (**page 17**) provided by **Mavis Coley** which should serve as a warning for all of us.

Last, but not least, don't miss **John Ricciardi's** report (**page 3**) as he gives us a first glimpse of the 2013 national rally set for Virginia next October. The registration form is on **page 22**, with more information on **page 23**.

Stay warm, and we'll see you down the road. **Happy New Year!** ❖

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President  
John Baker

## President's message

The 2012 elections are finally behind us. Regardless of your political persuasion and whether your candidates won or lost, you should be proud of one specific aspect of the campaigns. I am not talking about the innuendoes, half-truths, and outright lies that came out of both parties' paid guns who wrote and produced the ads. I am not talking about the paid campaign workers who simply backed the source of their paycheck. I am not even talking about the candidates. I am talking about the thousands of true Americans who volunteered millions of hours in support of principles in which they believe. While we might agree or disagree with any one of them, they represent the real American spirit; they are willing to go out and work to support what is important to them.

From the previous paragraph, my thoughts moved to the volunteers who support DOAI and how we can always use more of them. Everything that happens at DOAI is because someone stepped up and said, "I'll do it." Volunteers range from those, like **Bruce Plumb**, who organize new chapters, to chapter officers and national directors, to members of the board of directors. Each of those folks agreed to do a specific job to support and improve our association. The newest is **Beverly Kaiser**, who has agreed to serve as north central region vice president. Thank you, Bev.

Just look at the tremendous voluntary job **John Bujnovsky**, **Gary Velasquez**, **Nina Soltwedel**, and the D'Zonas and Desert Rats did putting together and executing the national rally at Tucson. Several non-Zonas and non-Rats such as **Don and MaryAnn Crowell**, **Leroy and Gwen Churchill**, and others, stepped up with specific experience from past rallies to complete a winning team. Thanks to all who played a part in that successful project.

All of our local chapters have places for you to serve. Unfortunately, in our history, we have had chapters dissolve simply due to folks not being willing to step up and lead. Please don't find yourself in this position. You don't have to be qualified for Congress or to fly the space shuttle; just be willing to take on a little responsibility and execute it.

Early in 2013, the DOAI nominating committee will begin searching for folks willing to serve on the board of directors and as national officers. We need your help to be assured we can present a full ballot to fill all the positions. Most of the offices really don't take lots of time and to serve is very satisfying.

Begin now to think about raising your hand. Decide to volunteer and make your decision known.



1998 Discovery

### A more specific call for help

In 1998, DOAI was organized by a small group of proud Discovery owners to share information and fellowship with one another. (There was concern among some that the \$5 rally fee might be too steep!) This was the brainchild of **Jim and Dorothy Devine**. Dorothy

believed enough in the concept to lend the group \$100 or so as start-up capital. I hope she got repaid, but I'm not sure; maybe we should ask Jim. This account is not documented; it is true but might not be exact in all details. Wouldn't it be great to have it correctly documented?

From that humble beginning, our association has developed into the premier independent branded RV association in America. How did we get from there to here? Much of the story is preserved in minutes and back copies of the *Discovery Express*. It would be tremendous if it was preserved in a more concise storybook form compiled and kept current by a volunteer serving as historian.

Will you step up and volunteer to become our historian? Nina and MaryAnn will make records available to you. Our members will happily respond to inquiries aimed at documenting our history. This would be a tremendous opportunity for one who appreciates stories as they develop, or someone who has a bent for genealogy or scrapbooking.

If this idea interests you, please contact me. I would like to visit with you and develop the concept more fully with your help. ❖



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## Region reports



Region vice prez  
John Ricciardi

### Southeast region

I thank and congratulate everyone involved in our 2012 national rally in Tucson. They put together a great time for all who attended.

The southeast region is **real busy** right now: the Florida Discovery Sunshiners are working on the 2013 southeast region rally at Lazydays in Seffner, and every chapter in the southeast region is working on the 2013 national rally.

I am pleased to announce that the 2013 national rally – *From the Mountains to the Ocean* – will be at Bethpage RV Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Va. This resort offers many amenities and will be able to accommodate all of our needs.

Urbanna is located on the Rappahannock river near Chesapeake Bay. It is an area that is noted for its fishing, crabbing (the seafood type), oyster industry and history that dates back to the Jamestown colony.

We have arranged a group rate for a tour of Colonial Williamsburg, a golf outing, and a fishing excursion to help keep you occupied. If that is not enough, there are numerous other attractions in the area to keep you busy. See **page 23** for highlights of things to do in the area.

We have also arranged for you to arrive up to three days early, at the same campground rate as the rally, for your convenience. The registration form is on **page 22** and we're ready to accept your registration!

Happy New Year, and safe travels to all. ❖



Region vice prez  
Jack Romeyk

### Northeast region

Hello from the land of Superstorm Sandy! I had the “good” fortune to arrive home on the night that Sandy struck Long Island. I couldn't park my D at home (too many trees which could have blown over), so I parked in the open area of the bank parking lot – no trees and it's on high ground. I was there three days and had no problems at all. The refrigerator was full and working; the generator kept me comfortable, and I was thankful for the Discovery. There were lines and trees down all over. My three sons live locally, and thankfully, they came through the storm okay as well.

I had a great time at the national rally. In fact, it appeared that everyone there enjoyed themselves very much. I extend thanks to all the rally planners and workers.

From Tucson, **Chris** and I headed to San Diego, and then back to New York (a round trip of about 7,500 miles). We left New York originally to go to the Midwest Discoverers rally in Canada; from there we traveled slowly to Tucson. We saw a lot of wonderful things as we traveled from one coast to the other and back again. But it sure was good to get home.

If anyone “out there” would like to lend a hand to help get the Nor'easters chapter resurrected, please contact me. I'd

really like to get that chapter going again, and I know we can have a great time together. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will have a wonderful new year. ❖



Region vice prez  
Bob Williams

### Northwest region

The DOAI national rally at Lazydays in Tucson, Ariz., this past October was a great success with good food, entertainment, seminars and many other activities. The southwest region chapters, Desert Rats and D'Zonas, did an outstanding job with the rally. Attendance was small, but provided an opportunity to meet many Discovery owners.

Members from the northwest region are looking for a suitable location for the 2014 DOAI national rally. Many sites are being considered, with some being outside of the northwest region. A location more central in the U.S. may be selected to encourage more DOAI members to attend. We are hoping to select a location as soon as possible and let the DOAI members know, so they can plan their travels in 2014 to include the rally.

The Northwest Adventurers chapter is again planning a chapter rally in Blythe, Calif., for the annual Blythe bluegrass festival, January 18-20. After the festival, some of us will move over to Quartzsite, Ariz., to attend the annual RV show inside the big tent, January 19-27. If you are in the area, come and join us. ❖



Region vice prez  
John Bujnovsky

### Southwest region

I can't believe we are already into 2013. Where did 2012 go?

I thank **Gary Velasquez** for the outstanding job he did as rally master for the DOAI national rally in Tucson, Ariz. Gary, who is also president of the Desert Rats chapter, did an outstanding job of putting the rally together, as well as shepherding it through all the events during rally week. I know he couldn't have done it this well without the help of his wife, **Patty**, who had to live with him through all the turmoil.

Accolades also go to all who assisted in keeping everything moving in the right direction; the Desert Rats membership, **Mike and Judy Scott** (Mike is president of the D'Zonas) and the D'Zonas chapter members, and all those many volunteers from DOAI who just love getting involved and helping us, who had no idea what to do and when to do it. President **John Baker** did an outstanding job as emcee, keeping everyone informed of the changes from the original schedule.

**Nina Soltwedel**, the registrar, was just amazing. I couldn't believe that all of the bills would be taken care of before leaving the rally. I thought it would be weeks after until everything would be closed out. She had all of the numbers that balanced with Lazydays that Sunday morning; in a matter of minutes we were on our way.

**MaryAnn Crowell** did an outstanding job with vendors, and **Wally and Annie Wallington** did an outstanding job with

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## Region reports, continued

keeping track of those attending the meals. I am leaving out a lot of names, but there is only so much room in the newsletter. So, thank you, everyone who had a hand in making this rally successful. We appreciate all of you who stepped up and took on jobs to make the southwest region proud of the *Discovery of the Saguaros* in Tucson.

I hear from presidents Velasquez (Desert Rats) and Scott (D'Zonas) that there will be some combined rallies in 2013. That will be nice to get to know each other better and help each chapter with fresh ideas on how we can build the chapters.

**Shirley** and I hope all of you had wonderful and safe holidays. We wish you and yours a very healthy and successful 2013. ❖

## Chapter reports



Chapter prez  
Glenn Camp

### Blue Ridge Discoverys

Our last chapter rally was held in Waynesville, N. C. We were pleased to have 23 Discoverys attend, along with one guest. The outgoing officers were the hosts. We toured the Biltmore House and visited the elk that were introduced back to the Smoky Mountains national park. Our golf winners were **Frances Sullivan, Eric Elya, Buddy Reynolds** and **Charlie Harvell**.

During our annual fall rally, we elected new officers to serve for the next two years: **Glenn Camp**, president; **Pat Stanton**, vice president; **Bob Zumwalt**, treasurer; **Anne Spearman**, secretary; and **Richard Money**, wagon master.

Our 2013 chapter rallies will begin with our spring rally in Chattanooga, Tenn., beginning April 24, and our fall rally will be in Charleston, S. C., beginning October 16. ❖

Report submitted by *Charlie Harvell*



Chapter prez  
Gary Velasquez

### Desert Rats

The Desert Rats chapter conducted its third rally of 2012 in conjunction with DOAI's national rally held in the southwest region this past October at Lazydays RV campground in Tucson, Ariz. The southwest region chapters (Desert Rats and D'Zonas) were assigned the task of staging the national rally. As rally master and president of the Desert Rats, and on behalf of the Desert Rats, I send our heartfelt thanks to DOAI national president **John Baker, Nina Soltwedel, MaryAnn Crowell, Leroy Churchill**, and the many others far too numerous to list, for their sound advice and tireless work over this past year, in helping make the *Discovery of the Saguaros* rally the success that it was. It was a great learning experience for all of us.

While the turnout of coaches and vendors was somewhat short of our goal, a fun week was had by all. The Lazydays staff did an outstanding job of providing meals, facilitating the entertainment and, in general, addressing any concerns we had. Attendees I spoke with expressed their enjoyment of the tours, golf outing, vendors, fashion show, swap meet and the open house viewing of different Discovery coach floor plans and modifications.

The 50/50 raffles and raffles for the two donated handmade quilts at our sponsored dinners were very popular and allowed DOAI to make a healthy monetary donation to a

local children's charity, Casa de los Niños, in Tucson. In the end, we all had fun, met up with some old friends and made some new ones. You can't ask for anything better than that.

Our last rally for the year was held at Emerald Desert resort in Palm Desert, Calif., November 5-9. We had beautiful desert weather. As a matter of fact, it was even a little hot for a couple of the days. Each evening about 4:30, we had our usual cocktails to talk about the national rally and other areas of interest. One day, we drove up to Idylwild in the mountains where it was just perfect weather. We shopped and then had lunch at a nice Italian restaurant.

Another day, one of the couples played nine holes of golf. Then we met for lunch at Daly's Grill on El Paseo Drive, which is the Rodeo Drive of Palm Springs. Another day, we walked Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs and had a nice seafood lunch at Lulu's. Palm Springs and Palm Desert is a beautiful area with plenty of options to keep busy. ❖



Chapter prez  
Claire Weber

### Discovery Texans

Our last rally for 2012 was held November 7-10 at Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery, Tex. Between our May and November rallies, we welcomed two new members to our chapter: **Allen and Judi Miles** and **Paul and June Stracener**.

It was nice getting together again with everyone who could make the trip. The weather was beautiful, but a little windy. Our hosts, **Harry and Judy Jo Bruton** and **Jim and Kathy Pellow**, as well as our greeters, **Pete and Martha Palasota**, took great care of us once again. They fed us very well and found the nice attractions in the area.

During our November rally, a bunch of us caravanned Wednesday to Vernon's Kuntry Katfish in Conroe. On Friday, many of us caravanned for a guided tour of Fernland historical park, memory park and museum in Montgomery. From their website ([www.fernland.org](http://www.fernland.org)): "Fernland historical park is a unique hands-on educational park, bringing samples of early Texas architecture together with examples of early Texas life. The log homes and cabins presented within the park are some of the oldest remaining structures within Texas." You can learn more about the memory park at [www.lakeconroerotary.org](http://www.lakeconroerotary.org). Our guide, **Jack Shepherd**, was excellent, knowledgeable (obviously loves his Texas history), and fun. We also were in time to line up on the bridge and "feed the fish."

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## Chapter reports, continued

We held elections for positions to be held the next two years 2013-2014. The results are: Secretary, **Elaine Holley**; Treasurer, **Leroy Churchill**; and Rally Master, **Pete Palasota**. Our next rally will be at Rayford Crossing RV resort in Spring, Tex., January 16-19, 2013. Hope to see y'all in the near future. Safe travels everyone. ❖

*Report submitted by Elaine Holley*



### Dixie Travelers

The Dixie Travelers chapter met at Island Retreat RV park, Gulf Shores, Miss., September 27-30, for our fall rally. Those who attended enjoyed good fellowship, food, shopping and great weather.

Plans are to meet at the Hollywood RV park in Tunica, Miss., December 30, 2012-January 2, 2013, to see the old year out and the new year in. What a great way to start the new year with our friends! Happy New Year

Chapter prez  
Robert Johnson

to all from the Dixie Travelers! ❖

*Report submitted by Martha Wilson*



### D'Zonas

Wow, what a year the D'Zonas have had. We began as a charter last year at the national rally in Shawnee, Okla., when a few of us were sitting around a table at dinner. A couple of us wondered why Arizona did not have an active chapter. We decided to try to start one, and we recruited the necessary five rigs while at the rally and turned in our request. One year later, we have 19 rigs and another considering. We also co-hosted the 2012 national rally in Tucson with the Desert Rats.

Chapter prez  
Mike Scott

The national rally experience was pretty amazing. We met so many new friends and had a great time getting involved with much of the planning and execution. Special kudos to **Nina and Bob Soltwedel**, **Paul and Doris Smith**, and my beautiful wife, **Judy**, for all the hard work they did, and to all the other D'Zonas attendees who pitched in wherever needed. Thank you all so much.

We hope to have a great 2013 as well. We already have three rallies planned and one unofficial event, as well. February 15-17 we will be going to Kartchner state park, Benson, Ariz., and visit the caverns. April 3-7 we will be in Yuma, Ariz., at the FMA rally; and in October (date TBA) we will venture to the Cottonwood, Ariz., area. Several of us are planning to attend the bluegrass festival in Blythe, Calif., January 17-20. Finally, we are discussing a joint rally with the Desert Rats sometime in the fall. A lot going on for such a new chapter.

If anyone would like to attend any of our events, just let us know. We would love to welcome you. ❖

### Random travel thought

Far away is only far away if you don't go there.

— Unknown



Chapter prez  
Bev Kaiser

### Heartland Discoverys

Heartland Discoverys met at Tom Raper HRV for a rally hosted by **Ivan and Carol Manley**. There were nine coaches represented, with three non-members. We welcome new member **Sharon Sanders** to our club. We hope guests **LaVern and Phyllis Heusted** and **Barrie and Dawn Sanderson** will join us again soon. Members also present were **Larry and Bev Kaiser**, **Elfers and Sally Marzahl**, **Curtis and Doris Atteberry**, **Bob and Wanda Simpson**, and **Chuck and Ginnie Burton**.

We had donuts and coffee two mornings at the ranch house, on Tom Raper's property, and dinner at Carvers, all put on by Tom Raper. **Barry Burdette**, a Tom Raper salesman, put on a wonderful lunch for us with his own beef and pork that he raises. Raper's even donated their 14-passenger van for our use during our stay.

We explored the area and went to a candle factory and an Amish cheese shop. There are many things to see and do in the area. On Tuesday night we had dinner at Galo's, a great Italian restaurant. On Wednesday, four coaches went on to Lexington, Ky., to the Kentucky Horse park. This is a great campground to stay in. While we were there, they were getting ready for a Halloween weekend. We explored the area and many of us went to the horse ranch, barns and museum. They showed different kinds of horses and gave their history. We enjoyed dinner out.

Next rally will be held at the FMA and DOAI rallies starting on January 22 at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla. A potluck lunch and meeting of our chapter will be held on Sunday, January 27, at noon, site to be announced. Plans are being made for next summer. ❖



Chapter prez  
Fred Reid

### Louisiana Mudbugs

Our November rally was held in picturesque and historical Natchitoches, La., established in 1714. The rally corresponded to the Natchitoches Meat Pie festival, which was held by the beautiful Cane river. The river meanders quietly through the downtown area of the oldest town in the Louisiana Purchase. Because of a scheduling glitch, we had to share the meeting room with the Louisiana RVer's,

which turned out to be a very friendly group.

The rally began on Wednesday with the arrival of **Howard and Beth Campbell**, along with former members **Alfred and Betty Miller**. **Joe and Glenda Reed**, **Keith and Carolyn Barnes**, along with our mascot, **Lauren**, and **Don and Frankie Caldwell** arrived Thursday morning, and **Fred and Donna Reid** arrived early Thursday evening. **Jerry and Glinda Hussey** arrived Thursday, but could not bring their motor home because they have been hosts at a Corps of Engineers park in east Texas. They had to stay in the next best thing to an RV— a local motel. They were joined the next day

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## Chapter reports, continued

by **Lee and Lanell Breithaupt**, who lost their motor home to a fire about one year ago.

Arriving on Friday was **Jan McIlvaine**. By the way, the McIlvaines are DOAI charter members. Sadly, Jan has had to place **Mac** in a nursing home in Shreveport at the VA hospital. He initially was doing well, but has declined over the past few months.

Thursday night, we went to the Trail Boss steakhouse, which is one of our favorite places to eat in Natchitoches. The food was excellent, as was the service. Friday, some of the members went to Lasyonne's, which is famous for their meat pies. Friday night, we went to Sam's seafood restaurant, which was next door to the place we ate the night before.

Saturday started with one of Joe Reed's famous breakfasts with the help of Frankie. After the breakfast, we held our usual club meeting, after which we placed a call to **Buddy and Evelyn Sykes**. Each one in attendance had a chance to say hello to Buddy, who is battling lung cancer. Until his recent battle with cancer, they never missed a rally that I could remember.

Saturday night, we had our usual potluck dinner with the main entrée being cooked by Joe. The brisket was cooked just right and as usual, seasoned to perfection. I must say, because of the glitch in the scheduling of the room, Joe and Glenda had to miss the Louisiana Tech football game. If you haven't heard, the team is 5-0 for the year. Joe and Glenda have had the pleasure of entertaining some of the team members in their home. I think the team is doing well because of the coaching that Joe is giving them. At this point, I think they could beat LSU.

Sunday wrapped up the rally with each family going their separate way with the idea of keeping Buddy and Mac in their prayers. ❖



Chapter prez  
Dick Tracy

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys

This past year found our Mason-Dixon chapter with a full schedule, and 2013 is shaping up to be just as much fun as we share the world of RVing in our Ds.

Our second 2012 rally was at the Lake Norman Motor Coach resort in Sherrill's Ford, N. C. in June. It was another great success. We had ten coaches, including former members, **Rex and Peggy Shuping**, who joined us for the all the fun.

Our third rally for 2012 was at Gettysburg, Pa., in August, and we had nine coaches. We all had a great time and the food at our potluck was better than fantastic. We, in the Mason-Dixons, know how to party hearty!

Our chapter was very well represented at 2012 national in Tucson, Ariz., by five coaches. We added coach number six with the addition of new members **Leon and Susan Flemming**.

Our final rally for 2012 was at Myrtle Beach, S. C., and we've dubbed it our "Hurricane Sandy" rally. It was held safely away from the storm at the newly-opened Cypress camping resort, where we had campsites right on the intracoastal waterway. It's a new campground that had only

been open about six weeks. We had just four coaches, as some folks had to cancel at the last minute due to the hurricane.

We had a great time sitting around the campfire, making s'mores, telling stories, and laughing a lot. The food, as always, was great. The campground was good, and everyone enjoyed watching the large boats going up and down the intracoastal waterway. We especially enjoyed meeting our new members, **Barbara and Larry Renegar**, as this was their first Mason-Dixon rally.

Our chapter is always welcoming new members. Many of us will be at the southeast region rally, and we look forward to helping to host the 2013 national rally in Virginia. ❖



Chapter prez  
Jerald Call

### Midwest Discoverers

The Midwest Discoverers are well and growing. We had our rally in Ottawa, Canada, in September. **Maurice and Joan Fairweather** were rallymasters. The city was very nice, and the campground was great. All had a good time, and we thank the Fairweathers for all their hard work in putting this rally together.

Our spring rally will be in Marshall, Mich., June 6-10. **Virgil and Donna Diver** will be the rallymasters. We will have a few things different at this rally: a flea market, antique show, casino, dinner show and much more.

The fall rally will be on the shores of Lake Erie at Port Clinton, Ohio, September 3-8. **Jim and Sharon Mills** are the rallymasters for this rally. This year is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, a turning point in the War of 1812. The tall ships will be located around the western basin of Lake Erie; the actual battle will be re-enacted, but that will be a ways off shore. People have been signing up, taking the name of an actual participant. Private boats will be permitted to observe, we understand.

We will have a boat ride to Put-In Bay, and we will visit Perry's Memorial. After the ferry ride, you can rent golf carts or bicycles to tour the island; there is a downtown with numerous places to eat. We will be walleye fishing on Lake Erie and much more. We will have the election of officers at this rally.

We welcome our new members and hope to see all at the next rally. ❖



Chapter prez  
Wally Wallington

### Northwest Adventurers

The chapter held its semi-annual meeting in conjunction with the DOAI national rally at Lazydays RV park. Present were **Wally and Annie Wallington, Bob and Portia Williams, Del and Freddie Perry**, and new members **Lonnie Hodge and Becky Hazen**. After the business meeting, we had a potluck dinner. We were joined by guests **Bob and Nina Soltwedel**, and **Paul and Doris Smith**. On another day, we all went out to dinner at Golden Corral.

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### Chapter reports, continued

The next scheduled event will be our annual rally at the Blythe, Calif., bluegrass festival January 13-20. Guests are welcome. For information and details, contact Wally at [gwallington@juno.com](mailto:gwallington@juno.com). ❖



Chapter prez  
Carol Sturm

#### Texas Disco Road Runners

While I have not attended all the national rallies since joining DOAI some 11 years ago, I found the 2012 rally to be one of the most informative, mainly because of the fire safety seminars. My husband and I discovered just how difficult it is to open the fire exit window. All of us should make this a regular maintenance item.

After the national rally, a group of nine coaches caravanned through west Texas,

with a final destination of Bentsen Palm Village RV resort in Mission, Tex., for a chapter rally. The Rio Grande valley is one of the prime birding and butterfly migration areas in the U.S., and this RV park maintains a lot of natural vegetation, so you can bird- and butterfly-watch sitting outside of your coach.

Another year came all too quickly to an end and our last gathering of the year was at Road Runners RV Park in Johnson City, Tex., November 26-December 1. There was five days of visiting, touring and eating.

The first rally of the new year will “let the good times roll” at Mardi Gras in Lafayette, La., at the Bayou Wilderness RV resort, February 8-13. Lafayette has the second largest Mardi Gras in the U.S. If you are interested in attending, contact the rally master, **Robert Martin**.

Have a well traveled and safe new year. ❖

### DOAI photo album, part one



Mason-Dixon Discoverys rallied in North Carolina, then...



...they gathered in Pennsylvania, and then...



...they trekked to Arizona. Finally, it was on to...



...Myrtle Beach, to have fun in spite of Hurricane Sandy. This is a well-traveled DOAI chapter!



Heartland Discoverys members gathered first in Indiana, then...



...some went on to Kentucky for more fun.





Membership dir  
Portia Williams

## Membership director's report

We are just under 1400 members as of the end of October, 2012. The numbers reflect a slight downward trend. We encourage all members to 1) get involved and contact a Fleetwood dealer in your area to become a DOAI membership sponsor (I have packets available to help); and 2) to also make contact with Discovery owners you meet while traveling. If they join DOAI, you,

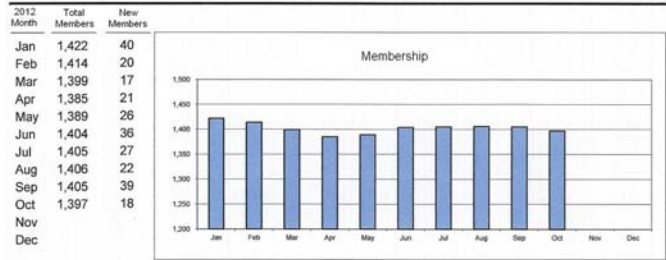
as a referring member, will receive credit. After three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership.

The following are our new members since the last issue of *Discovery Express*. Please welcome them to DOAI and encourage them to join one of our many chapters, where they can meet and make new friends. ❖

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Merchandise dir  
Dick Tracy

## Merchandise director will have great items at Lazydays East

Thanks to the great folks who were at the national rally in Tucson who helped me in setting up and relocating the merchandise, and to those who helped work the DOAI merchandise sales booth. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I will be adding to the breadth of the merchandise offered when I set up shop at the 2013 southeast region rally at Lazydays in Florida. We will have jackets (both fleece and windbreakers), ladies' tops, a variety of sport shirts and, of course, chambray shirts for both men and women in short and long sleeve, as well as a selection of other merchandise. I look forward to seeing you at Lazydays. ❖

## Speaking of Lazydays...

The deadline for reserving your spot at Lazydays in Florida for the southeast region rally is past. The deadline to register for the rally is approaching: **January 10**. If you registered using the form in the October issue, you will receive a refund at the rally for the rally fee and seminar notebook fee (prices were lowered).

**Late news:** Fleetwood techs will be at the rally! See the link on the DOAI website, and the registration form is there as well. Don't delay! This is your chance to be **Flip-Floppin' Through Florida** when it's brrrrrr cold up north! Don't be just thinking about Florida – join your friends and BE in Florida! ❖





## Rally opportunities

You are welcome (and encouraged) to attend any of these rallies! Contact chapter president (see **page 10**).

### January 2013 –

- 12/30-1/2 Dixie Travelers, Tunica, Miss.
- 16-19 Discovery Texans, Spring, Tex.
- 17-20 Northwest Adventurers, Blythe, Calif.
- 22-2/1 Heartland Discoverys, Seffner, Fla.
- 27-2/1 **Southeast region rally, Seffner, Fla.**

### February 2013 –

- 8-13 Texas Disco Road Runners, Lafayette, La.
- 15-17 D’Zonas, Benson, Ariz.

### March 2013 –

- 20-23 Discovery Texans, Johnson City, Tex.

### April 2013 –

- 3-7 D’Zonas, Yuma, Ariz.
- 3-7 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, St. Helena Isl., S. C.
- 10-15 Texas Disco Road Runners, Marble Falls, Tex.
- 24-? Blue Ridge Discoverys, Chattanooga, Tenn.

### May 2013 –

- 15-18 Discovery Texans, Kerrville, Tex.

### June 2013 –

- 6-10 Midwest Discoverers, Marshall, Mich.

### September 2013 –

- 3-8 Midwest Discoverers, Port Clinton, Ohio

### October 2013 –

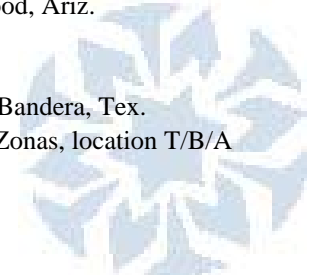
- 8-12 **National rally, Urbanna, Va.**
- 16-? Blue Ridge Discoverys, Charleston, S. C.
- T/B/A Texas Disco Road Runners, Rolling Rally
- T/B/A D’Zonas, Cottonwood, Ariz.

### November 2013 –

- 13-16 Discovery Texans, Bandera, Tex.
- T/B/A Desert Rats and D’Zonas, location T/B/A

### Looking down the road –

- 2014 DOAI national rally, Northwest region
- 2015 DOAI national rally, North Central region
- 2016 DOAI national rally, Northeast region



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## Computer corner

Internet Explorer 10 is here ... and a comment about passwords

By the time you read this, Microsoft will have announced Internet Explorer 10 (IE 10) which will also be available for prior Windows versions. However, some websites will not display correctly in IE 10. The solution is to enable “compatibility mode” in IE 10 which is done in your browser’s URL/Search bar. In the picture below, the symbol within the green circle will be grayed out – click it to invoke compatibility mode and it will turn blue and the DOAI website will be displayed correctly. (Windows 8 users should read the next paragraph.)



In Windows 8, there are two versions of IE 10 – the Tiled version and the Desktop version. The Tiled version is more secure, but the Desktop version is more compatible with existing websites requiring plug-ins such as Java and Flash. If you encounter a website where a feature is not working, just use the Desktop version and install any necessary plug-ins. To enable the compatibility mode for IE 10 in Windows 8, you will need to go to the Desktop version of IE 10 to set compatibility mode for the Tiled version. To do this, go to the Desktop version of IE 10 and go to tools → Compatibility View Settings → Check “Display all websites in Compatibility mode.” This setting will apply compatibility mode to the Tiled and Desktop versions of IE 10. (Interestingly, if you install another browser such as Firefox or Chrome, your IE 10 shortcut on the Tiled interface will take you to the Desktop version instead.)

Since the last newsletter, Windows 8 was officially announced along with a slew of new tablets, laptops and accessories.

If you purchased a Windows PC with Windows 7 after June 1, 2012, you can upgrade it to Windows 8 for only \$15 – but you must do this by January 31, 2013.

Also, Microsoft has a special upgrade even if you didn’t purchase a new computer. You can upgrade any Windows XP/Vista/7 computer to Windows 8 Pro for only \$15, but you have to do this by January 31, 2013.

Should you upgrade? That is up to you. I recommend you get a demonstration at your local computer store. Although having a touch-screen display is fun, it isn’t really required. You can use your mouse, but I like to use keyboard shortcuts since they are easy to memorize and much faster. *PC World* published a great article to get you started at [www.pcworld.com/article/2012885/20-must-know-windows-8-tips-and-tricks.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/2012885/20-must-know-windows-8-tips-and-tricks.html). In no time, you will be using Win8 like a pro. Also, there is a free ebook courtesy of Dell at

[www.marketing.dell.com/windows-8-ebook](http://www.marketing.dell.com/windows-8-ebook) (email me privately for a copy if the offer has expired). Lynda.com also has a good Windows 8 video tutorial at [www.lynda.com/Windows-tutorials/Windows-8-Essential-Training/84572-2.html](http://www.lynda.com/Windows-tutorials/Windows-8-Essential-Training/84572-2.html) (as of late November). Armed with this information, you will be using Windows 8 like an expert in no time.

### Other options

There are other options available if you don’t want to memorize keyboard shortcuts. If your computer came with Windows 7, check your manufacturer to see if they have updated touchpad drivers that will enable the Windows 8 touch gestures. If not, Google Synaptic or Elan drivers and try them. Another very good alternative is the Logitech T650 Trackpad. You can find it on sale for \$60. However, it has two drawbacks. Unlike the Apple Trackpad, it requires a physical push to enable a tap and right-click is invoked by a physical push on the bottom right of the pad. For a few dollars more, Logitech also makes a wireless keyboard with integrated Win8-compatible trackpad that is really nice.

If you are buying a new computer or display and really want to have the touch interface, make sure the interface is capacitive 10-finger capable. This will add about \$100 to the cost of the display or laptop. Personally, I am just fine with keyboard shortcuts.

### One last thing

Email account and passwords have reportedly been stolen for users of Yahoo, Gmail, and Hotmail. Also, some ISP’s contract their email to Yahoo, so you may be affected even though you don’t have a @yahoo.com email address. Check if you are affected here: [www.labs.sucuri.net/?yahooleak](http://www.labs.sucuri.net/?yahooleak). If you are affected, change your password for every website that uses that password. *But, you would never reuse a password, right?* ❖

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- \* Receive a \$300 factory parts credit or a \$200 American Express gift card when you spend \$2,000 or more.
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- \* Receive a \$3,000 factory parts credit or a \$2,000 American Express gift card when you spend \$20,000 or more.

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## Good for you!

Occasionally, DOAI members have a great experience dealing with a company or an individual as they seek service or assistance for their Discovery. This is their opportunity to say "thanks" for good work. You, too, can give a thumbs up for good service. Send an email to [doaexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaexpress@discoveryowners.com)



**Curt** does good work and charges a fair price. It is not a big place – he works alone. His shop can get two D's inside at a time. It is just north of Eagle Freightliner and the Flying J in LaGrande. His phone number is 541.962.1020."

**Keith Lindholm** writes: "I have to praise the customer service at **MCD Innovations** for exchanging one of the shades in my new coach that was inoperative. I called them on the phone, and in lieu of sending me 200 miles round trip to my dealer for verification and a warranty claim, they simply mailed me a new shade under the honor system, with return postage to send the other shade back. Great company to work with!"  
(*Editor's note: MCD Innovations is one of our valued advertisers!*)

**Larry Carstensen** writes: "If anyone needs service in the LaGrande, Ore., area, I found **Curt's RV** to be a good outfit.

**Joe Stewart** writes: "While driving to Arizona, I experienced overheating. Since this was a recurring problem, I went to **Freightliner of Arizona** in Chandler. The service manager immediately assigned a technician, who questioned me about the problem and what, if anything, I had done. He then ran several tests, and determined that both radiators would have to be removed and sent for major cleaning. This was going to take several days, but it didn't take as long as I had feared. We were able to stay in the D, which gave me a chance to observe **Randy's** work. He was very efficient and capable, and double-checked his work as he went along. I am totally happy with the results of his work, and I wholeheartedly recommend Freightliner of Arizona to anyone needing service or repair work on their RV." ❖

## Thoughts and prayers

Please keep these good people in your thoughts and prayers:  
...**Shelby Brown**, recovering from a broken pelvis, and her husband, **Jerry Brown**, recovering from abdominal surgery. Both are recovering well.  
...**Mac McIlvaine**, diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and now in a nursing home. His wife, **Jan**, reports: "Mac is not doing well and is bedridden. He is in his own world and in stage six (severe) of this horrible disease. Please pray for increased research and an eventual test to diagnose Alzheimer's at an earlier stage, when something (drugs or life-style changes) will still help."

...**Dot Yovino**, experiencing bone fractures in her lower back and suffering from muscle fatigue.  
...**John Curtis**, recovering from a blood clot in leg.  
...**Leroy Churchill**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.  
...**Mary Cook**, undergoing several facial surgeries and removal of dental implants.  
...**Gordon Sims**, recovering from kidney cancer surgery.  
...**Tom Nail**, whose wife, **Donna**, died in late October.  
...**Buddy Sykes**, continuing his battle with lung cancer.

Please remember to send the newsletter editor an email whenever one of our members needs a care card or sympathy card (see email address on **page 2**). Many thanks! ❖

## Synopses of meetings

This is a brief recap of the official meetings that took place during the 2012 national rally in Tucson. If you have questions, or would like to read the full accounts, please contact **MaryAnn Crowell**, DOAI secretary (see email address on [page 10](#)).

### Board of Directors, October 12, 2012

Meeting took place at Lazydays RV campground, Tucson, Ariz. Present: **John Baker, Bob Soltwedel, MaryAnn Crowell, Pete Palasota, Joe Stewart, Jack Romeyk, Bob Williams, Jay Keneson, John Ricciardi**. Guests: **Portia Williams, Nina Soltwedel, Dick Tracy**.

- ✘ Membership director reported that the Internet is the major dollar source for new members and renewals. Dealer campaign is struggling, but member referrals are doing well. The DOAI brochure has been updated. The ad in the FMCA magazine is worth the cost; it is recommended we continue it. The dealer campaign has not been a success. Two commercial members joined in 2012. She explained the working of the complimentary membership program.
- ✘ Treasurer gave a report of the financials. We are doing well on our own without the support of Fleetwood. More people are using PayPal. Expenses are down and receipts are almost the same as 2011. The newsletter expense is much less due to more people taking the electronic edition. The IRS audited the books and was complimentary of the club. Two minor changes need to be made, including the requirement that all DOAI chapters must have their own ID number; they cannot use the DOAI number. The internal audit, to be performed by the club's audit committee, will have three years' worth completed in time for the southeast region rally. After a short discussion, it was decided to not change the dates of the club's fiscal year.
- ✘ Merchandise director reported that having t-shirts for individual events takes sales away from other DOAI-branded merchandise. Many chapters have their own branded clothing which affects sales. Motion passed to not have special shirts for the southeast region rally.
- ✘ Vice president for development (standing in for executive vice president) reported on presidents' council meeting. Primary topics included retaining members, getting members to volunteer for officer positions, and the relationship between chapter and DOAI bylaws.

- ✘ National rally matters: The possibility of the national board being more involved as a group in organizing a national rally was discussed. It was agreed that national rallies do not have to be physically within the region that is hosting the rally. Any site proposed by the sponsoring group will be considered. The budget for the 2013 rally was accepted. The 2012 national is projected to have a possible small loss (**Note:** After conclusion of rally, a small profit was realized.) ❖

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- ✘ Budget for 2013 southeast region rally topic of discussion. The board had not previously approved budget and the form in the October edition of the newsletter reflected inaccurate figures. Adjustments made and approved. Deadlines were established for future budget approvals.
- ✘ Northwest region vice president discussed timing of 2014 national rally, taking into account that many RV parks close by October 1 due to cold weather. ❖

### General Membership, October 13, 2012

Meeting took place at Lazydays RV campground, Tucson, Ariz. Quorum present.

- ✘ Minutes of last year's general meeting approved as read. Financial report approved as presented. Membership report presented.
- ✘ Southeast region vice president announced location and dates for 2013 national rally. He also provided information about the 2013 southeast region rally.
- ✘ National rally master thanked everyone for coming, and thanked the group hosting the rally. He asked for site suggestions if anyone knows of a great place to hold a rally. ❖



Editor  
Nina Soltwedel

## Do you own an e-reader?

If you do, you might enjoy reading this newsletter on your unit. I have recently upgraded the software used to create *Discovery Express*. Once I become comfortable with the "how to," I plan to create a digital version (.mobi) of each future issue, which can then be read on a Kindle, Nook, or other e-readers. This format **will not replace the print version, nor the electronic version.**

If you would like to give it a try, let me know via an email. When I have mastered the technique and have created the first issue (I am aiming for the April 2013 edition), I'll email it to you. You can then decide if you want to continue to receive that format **in addition** to whatever format the newsletter reaches you currently. If you have questions, you can reach me at [doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com). ❖





## Calling all quilters!

Now is the time for all quilters to sign up to help create the 2013 rally quilt to benefit a local charity in Urbanna, Va. The theme of the quilt will echo the theme of the rally.

For those of you not familiar with a round robin quilt, this is how it works: It begins with a center block, then the block (and any extra fabric) is sent to the next person on the list. That person adds a four-inch to six-inch border of her choosing. The in-progress quilt is sent to the next person on the list (along with any extra fabric) to add another border, and so on. The last person on the list sends it back to **Judy Jo Bruton** for finishing. (If someone in the group has a long-arm quilting machine, and would be willing to do the quilting, that would be great.) Each border can be pieced and/or appliquéd. If you need to add fabric for your border, please feel free to add the leftover fabric to the 'stash' that is sent on to the next quilter.

There are a lot of talented ladies out there, and the entire quilt will be much more beautiful than the individual borders! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Judy by phone or email or snail mail: 361.537.8986; [harry@bruton.com](mailto:harry@bruton.com); 7212 61st St, Lubbock TX 79407-8224.

**Mary Anne Weinberg** will be at the southeast region rally in Seffner, Fla., in January, and will be able to answer any questions you may have. However, you do not need to be at that rally in order to participate in the quilt. ❖

*Report submitted by Judy Jo Bruton*

## Winners of the 2012 national rally quilts

Two lucky ladies were the winners of the lovely quilts created for the 2012 national rally in Tucson. **Doris Smith** won the saguaro quilt, and **Nina Soltwedel** won the coyote quilt.

In an extraordinarily generous move, Doris sent her quilt to **Shelby Brown**, who worked on the saguaro quilt and who has been hospitalized. Shelby and her hubby, **Jerry** (also hospitalized), were very surprised with the gift. Jerry writes: "The thoughts, prayers and well wishes for Shelby and me were overwhelming. Shelby is off the walker and my abdominal surgery is healing well. Thanks to all who took a moment for us. We express our thanks and appreciation to Doris Smith and all who worked on the 2012 DOAI cactus quilt. We were so happy when we received it. The quilt is truly a great work of art. The DOAI family is a very special group of caring people. Hope to see you all down the road."

The raffle proceeds (coupled with the 50/50 proceeds) enabled DOAI to give a check for \$1,371 to Casa de los Niños in Tucson.

The 2012 quilts were created by **Kathy Baker, Donna Barker, Mary Anne Weinberg, Barbara Brady, Anne Spearman, Judy Cumbie, Shelby Brown, Hazel Allen, Judy Jo Bruton, Pat Tracy, Jana Davis, Linda Zilinski, Sarah Hallum, Doris Smith, and Della Quinn**. Some of the ladies worked on both quilts. We extend heartfelt thanks to each for their generous sharing of time, talent and treasure! ❖



## A letter of thanks from Casa de los Niños

Dear Friends: On behalf of the thousands of families and children we serve each year, please accept my thanks for your gift to Casa de los Niños. There is a tremendous need for our services and your gift is critical to the health and welfare of children and families in our community. We strive to offer a full continuum of high-quality care for the prevention, intervention and treatment of abuse and neglect. By focusing on the whole family, our services help everyone become stronger, more resilient, and able to thrive.

We could not provide these crucial resources without the generous support of our donors. We are grateful for every contribution we receive, and work carefully to put these funds to optimal use.

Every gift we receive allows us to educate and support parents, offer assistance to families when problems arise, and restore health and stability. With your support, Casa de los Niños will continue to be a voice for children, advocacy and change for another forty years – and beyond. Together we will work to change lives ... for generations.

Thank you so much for being a voice for children and families!

— Susie Huhn, Executive Director



Mike Sokol

## No~Shock~Zone™

Understanding and preventing RV electrical damage, part ten

### The lowly extension cord

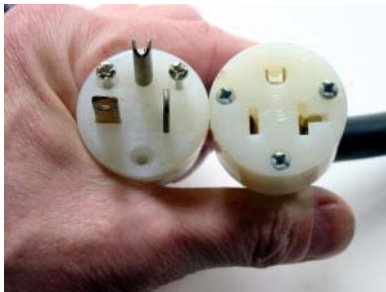
This series of articles is provided as a helpful educational assist in your RV travels, and is not intended to have you circumvent an electrician. The author and the HOW-TO Sound Workshops will not be held liable or responsible for any injury resulting from reader error or misuse of the information contained in these articles. If you feel you have a dangerous electrical condition in your RV or at a campground, make sure to contact a qualified, licensed electrician.



Few objects in an RV get less respect than the lowly extension cord. They're kicked around, stepped on, run over, and dragged through the mud. And, most of the time, they don't even get wrapped up neatly. No, they're often thrown

unceremoniously into a tangled heap, then plugged in and expected to pass more current than they were ever rated for. If you don't know how much current your extension cord can safely pass without overheating and catching on fire, please re-read part five of this series, "Amperage" (*Discovery Express*, October 2011, **page 20**).

That being said, please check that your extension cords are heavy enough to supply the amperage needed by your RV before proceeding with any testing or repairs.



### The ends

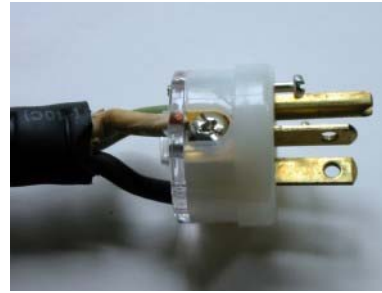
Here's what the ends of a typical 20-amp extension cord looks like. Notice there's a male plug on the left side of the picture, and a female plug on the right side. Most everyone should already know

that the female plug is the power "output," while the male plug is the "input." That is, the bare metal pins of the male plug on the left should never be electrically energized while it's out in the open, but the female plug can be electrically "hot" at any time.

Also note the orientation of the plugs. While holding them both facing you, the sideways "neutral" blades are reversed on the left and right side of the picture. That is, the male plug has its neutral blade on the left, while the female plug has its neutral blade on the right. That's because they're designed to be rotated 90° to mate when making a connection, in which case the neutral, hot, and ground blades will match up. This single idea is what gets lots of RVers in trouble when putting a new plug on an extension cord.

### Exploratory surgery

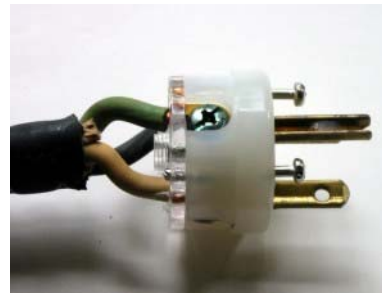
If you're not comfortable looking inside an extension cord plug, then please find someone with an electrical background before proceeding. And please make sure that both ends are unplugged from power before taking anything apart. Even 120 volts can be deadly, so be careful.



### White is neutral

In previous NSZ articles, you've read about different color wires and screws, so here's a close picture of what it looks like. Note that the extension cord wire itself has a white colored insulation which

is stripped back to let the bare copper go under the white colored screw. That's the neutral connection we're always talking about.



### Green is ground

And here's what the green ground wire look like properly placed under the green screw. Note that in extension cords, that wire will actually have a green insulation layer as shown, but installed

Romex wiring within your home or RV electrical panels will have a completely bare copper wire that's the ground connection.



### Black is hot

Finally, here's the black "hot" wire under the brass colored screw. If you've read any of the previous NSZ articles, you'll know how important it is to follow this color code.

Anything different is not only illegal, but can cause a dangerous hot-skin condition on your RV.

### Measurements

If you don't remember how to use a digital meter, please go back and re-read part two, "Meters" (*Discovery Express*, January 2011, **page 16**). Note that this is the only time you'll set the meter to read "ohms" or "continuity." And you must be certain there is no AC voltage on the plugs before inserting the

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## No~Shock~Zone, continued

meter leads or you'll blow your meter. In this case, I've set my Triplett pocket meter to "continuity test" which will beep when the meter leads are touched together. That indicates a complete circuit, which is what we're looking for in this test.



### Hot test

Notice that when both plugs are facing you, the neutral and hot blades will be on the opposite sides of the plugs. For example, the female plug has the hot blade on the left side, while the male plug has the hot blade on the right

side. Again, that's because when the plugs are rotated 90° to plug into each other, the hot, neutral and ground blades need to line up. You should hear your meter beep when touching both hot blades at the same time as shown above, but for no other combination of connections.



### Neutral test

The same idea holds for the neutral blades. Notice that for a 20-amp plug, the neutral blade is turned sideways. If you see a plug with both neutral and hot in the same direction (parallel), then that plug is only

rated for 15 amps of current. Again, your meter should beep when touching both neutral blades at the same time, but for no other combination.



### Ground test

Finally, check for continuity of the ground blade. It's always the little U-shaped slot or blade and typically has a green colored screw on the back, so the usage is pretty obvious. Green is always ground (in the USA, at least).

### Color code

You'll want to double-check the wire colors of the connections in any repaired extension cord. That's because something as simple as reversing the black (hot) and green (ground) wires in an extension cord will certainly electrify the skin of your entire RV. There are electrical safety systems from Progressive Industries and others that will shut off the power coming into it if wired incorrectly. But be aware that unless they're hard-wired into your RV's electrical system, it would still be possible to defeat their safety function if you then used an

improperly wired extension cord from their output into your RV.

Also, always be aware of any tiny tingles you may feel when stepping into your RV from the wet ground. There should be essentially zero volts from the earth to the frame of your RV at all times. Anything more than a volt or two means that something has been wired improperly, either at the campsite pedestal or perhaps inside your extension cord. So don't proceed if you feel a shock of any kind. Shut down the pedestal breaker and get the campsite electrician to determine what's wrong with the hookup that's causing a shock. The life you save might be your own.

### Wrap-up

There are a number of extension cord wrapping gadgets available, any of which is better than letting your wires become a tangled mess. I think they're a good investment. Also, remember to visually check for any kinks or slits in the outer insulation of your extension cord, and certainly any exposed copper wire is a big no-no. Also, if you notice that the brass colored blades on the plugs are discolored or the plastic is brown due to overheating, it's time to replace the cord, or at least replace the plugs. Once a female plug overheats, the tension of the internal contacts is lost, which causes more heating that leads to more lost spring tension, which eventually leads to a brown-out (low voltage condition) or even a fire. So take care of your extension cords, and they'll take care of you.



### You get what you pay for

In the end, paying a little more money for a quality product is the best way to go. The orange molded extension cords you get from the big box stores are usually not heavy enough for rugged RV

usage and they tend to get hot and catch on fire when pulling any sustained amperage (ask me how I know that). So, heavier and shorter is better when it comes to selecting an extension cord to power your RV. ❖

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## Congratulations!

**Jerry Timberlake and Becky Guilliams** have earned a year's free membership because three couples joined DOAI upon their recommendation. You, too, can earn a free year. Just tell non-member D owners about this great club, and give them a copy of the membership form (a copy of the newsletter is also a great promotional tool). Put your name in the "who recommended" slot. Questions? Contact **Portia Williams**, membership director, at 888.594.6818 or send an email to [doaimembership@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaimembership@discoveryowners.com). ❖





Nat'l rally master  
Joe Stewart

## National rally master's report

The 2012 national rally is over and the cleaning up and storing of some items has been accomplished. I pass on a huge "thank you" and "job well done" to the southwest region members who helped, as well as those from other areas. I thoroughly enjoyed the rally and, from the comments I overheard, the other attendees did, too.

Speaking of rallies, **John Riccardi**, southeast region vice president, at the board meeting in Tucson, presented his proposal for the 2013 national. He had been actively working on this project for several weeks, and selected Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Va., as the rally site. Having lived

in the area for several years during my air force days, I know there are many historical sites nearby, plus other opportunities for fun activities.

Additionally, **Bob Williams**, the northwest region vice president, discussed several sites for the 2014 national rally with the members of the DOAI national board. The 2015 national rally will be sponsored by the north central region. It's not too early to begin thinking about where and when to hold it.

If you have never attended a chapter, regional or a national rally, I invite you to attend any of the scheduled rallies. Check the listing of rallies on **page 9** of this newsletter. If you're going to be in the area when one is scheduled, contact the chapter president or region vice president for details (see the contact list on **page 10**). ❖



DOAI member  
Mavis Coley

## A cautionary tale

**Don't let this happen to you! Be alert and stay safe**

**M**arilyn and I are new to RVing, although we have camped for many years. We bought our Discovery in early 2012 and enjoyed several short trips. In September 2012, we headed to Florida from our home in Georgia, to stay in the Keys for a month, making several stops along the way.

Our second stop was Daytona Beach, where we had planned to stay two weeks in a condo. We had made advance arrangements for secure parking for the D (the condo manager was very accommodating). We were advised that there was room for us to park in the overflow lot across the street – a lot that was almost empty when we arrived, and we had room to maneuver the D and park. The parking lot had no security lighting (danger signal #1). We detached our Honda CR-V and began to use it for getting around town.

On the night of September 15, after having dinner with friends, we decided to stop by the D and pick up a few items we needed. Since it was dark, I pulled the car straight up to the D, shining the headlights on the door. Marilyn got out and stood by the door. I got out and opened the RV door; she went in and moved to the back. I got back into the car. I then saw a car with very dark window tinting turn slowly into the parking lot (danger signal #2). It was loaded with people, as much as I could tell.

The car proceeded to circle the parking lot and drove around the back side of the D (danger signal #3). It re-emerged from the backside of the D after a few seconds and drove out of the lot. Unbeknownst to me at the time, they let someone out of the car and into the shadows behind the D.

By this time, I began to get uneasy. Leaving the key in the ignition, the lights on, and the engine running, I got out of the car and stepped into the D to tell Marilyn to get an item for me and to hurry up. I stepped back out just in time to see someone in our car, putting the car in reverse, preparing to speed away. My total time away from the car – 30-45 seconds! At first, I made a run for the driver's side door to try to stop the him, but since discretion is the greater part of valor, I convinced myself that it was not worth risking my life to stop the thief. He could have had a gun.

I called 9-1-1 and the police arrived in five minutes or less.

They took all our information, gave us a case number, and the waiting began. We went online and started the insurance claim process. From memory we began to inventory our missing belongings. The insurance company gave us a case number and told us to make two lists: one for personal belongings and one for equipment attached to the car. The automotive comprehensive insurance would pay for attached items such as GPS, radio/CD, tire pressure monitor, cleaning, rental car, roof rack, towing, and recovery fees. All other personal gear would need to be reported on our homeowner's insurance.

Three days later, the police recovered our Honda. The trip to the salvage yard was quite an experience. We had to bring cash to pay the salvage yard. They had us prove that the car was ours via registration. It was trashed; it had been smoked in and it stunk. The gas tank was empty and every piece of personal property was gone. The kayak roof rack was unbolted and gone; the trailer hitch was gone; the body had damage to the hood, the right front and the left rear.

Our insurance company has already paid for the body damage, and we are still negotiating for the attached gear. I don't know if we will have a large enough claim for personal gear to meet our homeowner's deductible. We took the Honda to a detail shop and they made it look very nice (but odors linger). I figure we lost about \$3,000 in personal and attached gear, and incurred \$1,500 in body damage.

### Lessons learned

- ☛ Never, ever leave your keys in your car for any amount of time.
- ☛ Be extremely cautious when parking your motor home outside an RV park, especially in an urban area.
- ☛ Make an inventory of equipment attached to your toad and save all receipts (I had most of my receipts stored on my computer).
- ☛ Take pictures of your toad (inside and out) and any attached equipment.

### One last thought

We came away from this experience without being physically harmed, and that's something for which to be thankful. ❖

# DOAI photo album, part two



Top to bottom, left then right: **John Baker** led the first timers gathering. The Discoveryettes entertained on Monday. **Lonnie Hodge** and **Becky Hazen**



enjoyed the great food, as did **Sally and Gregg Schindel** and **Nan and Michael Yurasko**. John was pleased to present DOAI's check for \$1,371 to the representative from **Casa de los Niños**. **VFW Post #10188** in Tucson provided a color guard on Tuesday. Rally attendees donated 508 pounds of food for the **Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona**. Honorary drill instructor **Del Perry** proved all the vets could still follow orders!



## DOAI photo album, part three



models. **Bruce and Jody Bruce** are DOAI members and were also vendors. **Michael and Nan Yurasko** helped sell DOAI merchandise. **John Baker** welcomed **Chris Carter** of Fleetwood, who led two informative feedback sessions.

Top to bottom left, then right: **Bob Soltwedel** led the chapter presidents' meeting. The ladies of the Desert Rats chapter sponsored *A Stylish Affair* with many of the lovely DOAI gals as

## A brief rally wrap-up

It was interesting to wander up and down the rows at Lazydays during the Discovery open house on Saturday. Viewers soon realized that **every single year** of Discovery manufacture was represented – from 1996 (**Richard and Peggy Gwillam**) through 2012 (**Chuck and Marcia Emery, Glenn and Barbara Waterkotte**, and others).

The seminars were excellent, and the vendors had a wide array of high quality goods and services available. The Lazydays facility proved to be a super place to hold a rally, and the staff is top notch. The high quality meals satisfied everyone, and the entertainment (a country/western group, a mariachi group, and a keyboardist/singer) put the finishing touches on enjoyable days and nights in Tucson.

If you weren't there, you missed another great national rally. Plan now to attend the 2013 rally in Virginia. You won't regret it. ♦



The Midwest Discoverers chapter held DOAI's first-ever outside-the-U.S. chapter rally in September 2012.



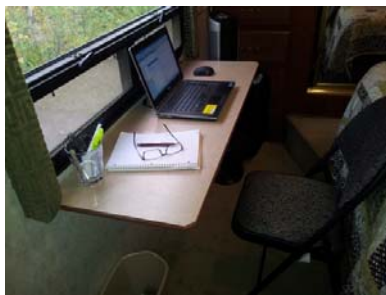
## Discovery modifications

Just like living in our “on the land” brick-and-mortar homes, living in our “on the road” fiberglass-and-motor homes gives us ideas that make our space better, whether it’s adding a drawer under the table, or changing out a dinette for table and chairs, or replacing the carpeting with tile (all these subjects have been covered in this newsletter). Occasionally, *Discovery Express* will feature modifications in an attempt to give others ideas of things that can be done to our Discovery coaches to make them even better. For more ideas, visit the “Hints and Tips” section of [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) and click on “Modifications.” We thank DOAI members for sharing their creative solutions with all of us.

### Skylight cover by Jim Fox

Many shower skylights don’t have a way to block the sunlight and heat from entering the coach. Lynda had a great idea: create an insert that would block the light. We went to a foam and fabric outlet, and upon the advice of the owner, purchased a 40" x 40" piece of 2" high-density gray foam (cost ±\$21.00). With Lynda’s expert supervision, I removed the screws that hold up the inner skylight and removed it. Next, we laid the skylight on top of the foam and, using an Avery Marks-A-Lot®, traced the outline of the skylight. Then we marked a line ¾" inside of that marked outline. This compensated for the lip on the skylight, but still left enough foam to compress when it was reinstalled.

We replaced the skylight, then installed the foam. What a difference it makes to the light in the coach and the cooling. The picture shows the foam in place. ❖



### Fold-down desk by Gordon Sims

I needed a good workspace for my computer, and I realized the area between the bed and window would work well. I proceeded to build a fold-down desk. In typical Canadian style, I scavenged a large piece of ½" plywood and a strip of ¾" thick x 1" wide Brazilian mahogany. I trimmed the top to 48" x 16", and using a biscuit joiner, attached the mahogany to the edge of the plywood (I cut a 45° angle off each corner). I then added 1" x ¾" plywood strips across the bottom to stiffen the top. I scavenged some laminate for the top. First, I used a router table to cut the laminate flush, then a profiled router bit to match the existing trim edge in our Discovery (it milled both the hardwood edge and laminate in one cut); looks perfect. I stained the exposed mahogany edge (had the stain on hand), and coated the whole thing with two coats of varnish.



The four-position brackets were bought online ([www.leevalley.com/US/hardware](http://www.leevalley.com/US/hardware)) and cost \$50. They are very solid, all steel and zinc plated, and made in Germany. These are ideal for fold-away work surfaces, and each pair is rated to hold a center load capacity of 440 pounds. The finger-tip release allows one to set them at 90°, 80°, 70° or fully closed, where they take up 1" and 1¼" of wall space respectively. The purchase source is a

wonderful store – lots of interesting ideas and things (very high quality “stuff”) – a bit pricey, but great value. It’s a Canadian company, but the company sells and ships to the U.S.

This low-cost and high-end project was built in two evenings, then it took three days to slap on the two coats of varnish. It turned out perfectly and looks factory-built. ❖

## DOAI photo album, part four



Northwest Adventurers and Desert Rats chapters held gatherings during the national rally.

## DOAI free-to-members classified advertising

Detailed information about these Discoverys for sale (**including photos**) may be found at [www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.htm](http://www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.htm)

### Discoverys **FOR SALE**

**2000 37G:** 38k mi, clean, no pets/smoke, fully equipped, W/D, one owner. Chic Rideout; 352.598.6248 **\$32,300**

**2002 37U:** 54k mi, clean, with Roadmaster Blackhawk tow package. Sam Hatcher; 850.387.0105; [samhatcher@cs.com](mailto:samhatcher@cs.com) **\$55,000**

**2002 38P:** Low miles, mint condition, always garaged. Ray Martin; 513.777.7507; [franraymartin@cinci.rr.com](mailto:franraymartin@cinci.rr.com) **\$70,000**

**2003 38U:** 51k mi, excellent condition, new paint/repairs, six new Michelin tires. Tom Jones; 918.691.5339; [tajfish@hotmail.com](mailto:tajfish@hotmail.com) **\$63,000**

**2004 39S:** 43k mi, always garaged, no pets/smoke, excellent condition, front bra. Max Beidler; 731.431.3126; [maxbeidler@charter.net](mailto:maxbeidler@charter.net) **\$89,999**

**2005 39L:** 55k mi, new tires/batts, no smoke/kids, very good condition. Sue Garten; 847.366.8888; [sgarten@netscape.net](mailto:sgarten@netscape.net) **\$98,000**

**2005 39L:** 47k mi, new tires/batts, no smoke/pets/kids, custom shades. Carrie Searle; 540.314.1745; [msearler@gmail.com](mailto:msearler@gmail.com) **\$95,000**

**2006 35H:** 15k mi, three slides, washer/dryer, central vac system, good condition, no smoke/children. Eric; 409.625.0200 or 800.459.8851. **\$84,500**

**2006 39L:** 34k mi, new front tires, custom shades, no smoke/pets, all maint. records. Sarah Wallace; 601.467.2933; [wall4481@bellsouth.net](mailto:wall4481@bellsouth.net) **\$90,000**

**2008 40X:** 19k mi, front kitchen, LCD-TV, many options. Gary Hayes; 605.321.0237; [garyhys@yahoo.com](mailto:garyhys@yahoo.com) **\$140,000**

**2008 40X:** 27.5k mi, custom built for full-timing; optimal exterior storage; beautiful condition. Murray Hunter; 503.680.8315; [huntermgs@msn.com](mailto:huntermgs@msn.com) **\$139,500**

**2009 40X:** 26k mi, four awnings, ext. TV, in-motion sat., W/D. John Lott; 559.431.6644; [jlott55@comcast.net](mailto:jlott55@comcast.net) **\$160,000**

**2010 40X:** 20k mi, W/D, ext. TV, ceramic tile floor, Ultra-Flex dinette, two recliners. Henk Dekker; 740.358.2242; [henkdekker9@gmail.com](mailto:henkdekker9@gmail.com) **\$155,000**

### RV-related items **FOR SALE**

**Rear wheel cover:** 2001 D, 47¾" wide, 31⅝" high. Robert Wilkins; 419.753.2502; [nkvet@nktelco.net](mailto:nkvet@nktelco.net) **\$250** + shpg

**Washer/Dryer:** Bendix model WDS1043M, never used. Henry Casey; 863.644.8503; [hcasey@juno.com](mailto:hcasey@juno.com) **\$400**

## Paid classified ad

**The Ultimate Hub Tool:** This tool is used to remove Freightliner's chassis hub nuts on coaches with Alcoa rims. It saves the hubs from unforgiving channel locks and pipe wrenches, plus allows you to remove hubs for cleaning and polishing. It's the only molded hub tool that indicates the proper direction for removal of the hubs. Contact Frank Cason, 1917 Stone Dam Rd, Chuckey, TN 37641, 423-552-5257, [cason.frank@gmail.com](mailto:cason.frank@gmail.com). **\$13 incl. s/h.** You can order on the Internet at [www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?\\_trksid=p5197.m570.l1313&\\_nkw=Ultimate+Hub+Nut+To+ol&\\_sacat=0](http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_trksid=p5197.m570.l1313&_nkw=Ultimate+Hub+Nut+To+ol&_sacat=0)

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If you would like to join this elite group or have questions, details are available from DOAI Membership

Director **Portia Williams.**

Call toll-free 888.594.6818

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# From the Mountains to the Ocean



# DOAI 2013 National Rally

## From the Mountains to the Ocean

October 8 through 12, 2013 (Depart October 13)  
 Bethpage Camp-Resort, Urbanna, Virginia  
 Latitude 37.6489 — Longitude -76.5854

### REGISTRATION FORM

Enter information as you want it to appear on your rally name badge

Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact/s \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOAI # \_\_\_\_\_ DOAI Region \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter to be parked with \_\_\_\_\_  
 Need handicap parking? (See note next page)  Yes  No      First national rally?  Yes  No  
 Guest/s Name, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

#### REGISTRATION:

\$350.00 per coach with two adults (October 8 through 12) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$275.00 per coach with one adult (October 8 through 12) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$75.00 each additional person/child (October 8 through 12) × \_\_\_\_ person/s = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$35.75 pre-rally (up to three nights beginning October 5) × \_\_\_\_ night/s = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$45.00 per day golf cart for your rally site (See note next page)  
 Start date \_\_\_\_\_ × \_\_\_\_ days = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### OPTIONAL TOUR, GOLF TOURNAMENT, EXCURSION:

Wednesday, October 9 – **Williamsburg Tour** (includes transportation) . . . . \$50.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday, October 10 – **Golf Tournament** (includes golf cart) . . . . . \$45.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday, October 10 – **Fishing Excursion** (includes equipment) . . . . . \$50.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DOAI** ..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Alice Ricciardi, Registrar, 477 The Gardens Dr, Crossville TN 38555-0301

Questions? Contact Alice (252-619-7198) or John Ricciardi (252-619-6485); [jonal135@yahoo.com](mailto:jonal135@yahoo.com)

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013**

Full refund cancellation may be made up to Sept. 7, 2013 – **AFTER SEPTEMBER 7 – NO REFUND**

**→ → → KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS ← ← ←**

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email.

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## From the Mountains to the Ocean

The 2013 DOAI national rally location offers something for everyone. There is history; entertainment, sports, sightseeing, boating, and the list can go on and on. Plan to spend some extra time and see for yourself.

You can visit Jamestown Colony, the first settlement in what would become America. and be amazed at the way they had to survive and the size of the ships that brought them here. Believe me when I say you will wonder how they ever made it here. Although we have a tour to Colonial Williamsburg, I would not be surprised if you decide to go back for more. You can also experience what it would have been like to be on a plantation; there are three close by.

If you would like, take the ferry to either Tangier or Smith islands on the Chesapeake Bay and spend the day to see what it would be like not to see the mainland.

You can go to Hampton Roads (the name for the area of the harbor), Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Suffolk for the festivals that will be going on at that time. The area is full of museums, including Nauticus (a hands-on maritime museum), the Air and Space museum, the battleship Wisconsin, and many more attractions. In the Williamsburg area, Busch Gardens will be open.

For those who must shop, there are a vast of number malls, outlet malls, and the famous Williamsburg Pottery that will take days to go through. With Hampton Roads to the south and Richmond to the north and Washington, D.C., just a short drive away, I'm sure you can find something that interests you. Please come and join us and enjoy yourselves.

### Special rally notes

🌟 **Handicap parking:** Handicap parking is available, with full hook-ups, but it is a good distance from the rest of the group. If you have questions, please contact **John Ricciardi** ([john.l.ricciardi@gmail.com](mailto:john.l.ricciardi@gmail.com)).

🌟 **Golf cart for your rally site:** If you want your own personal transportation around the rally site area, you can rent a golf cart for \$45/per day. There will be at least one golf cart rented throughout the week by the rally team, which may be all you will need. However, you may want to discuss this with John. See email address above. ❖

*Report submitted by John Ricciardi*

## DOAI photo album, part five



The Lazydays staff went "above and beyond" to ensure that we had a great time, ate marvelous food, and were comfortable. From left to right above: **Becca Kranz, Kati Sanchez, Chef Luis Prieto, Phil Bryant, Catalina Cayeros, Vicki Cordova, and David Taylor.**



**Kathy Pellow, Judy Jo Bruton, and Gwen Churchill** hung the quilts, supervised by **MaryAnn Crowell.**



**Sue**, the keyboardist/singer, was accompanied by DOAI's own **Bud Emmert.**

## DOAI photo album, part six



Some of our great vendors, left to right, top then bottom: Carol's Scarves & Things (**Carol Smith**); Tupperware (**Donna Grijalva**); FoldTuk (**Ron and Kathy Ballard**); M&B Enterprises (**Major Wingfield**); RV Weigh (**Paul and Doris Cunningham**); and SkyMed (**Kody Newland**), who also hosted the delicious ice cream social. Thanks, Kody! The vendors provided excellent seminars.

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### Discovery Owners Association, Inc. membership application

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. is a premier non-profit organization intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among all members.

**Membership classifications:**

*Regular* - a private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** for the first year (includes one-time \$4 administrative fee); **\$16** for one-year renewal; **\$45** (**\$49** new members) for three years; **\$75** (**\$79** new members) for five years.

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**Questions?** Call DOAI Membership Director toll-free 888.594.6818

Mail the form below with your check payable to *Discovery Owners Association, Inc.* to: **Portia Williams, Membership Director, PO Box 95, St. George UT 84771-0095.** You may also join/renew online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name, if joining as Commercial Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (*check box on right for electronic newsletter*) \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Year/Model, if joining as Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_

Who recommended DOAI membership to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ representing (*check one*):  One year  Three years  Five years



### DOAI photo album, part six, continued



Other vendors included (upper left) Pampered Chef (**Kayla Jones**), (upper right) Cookie Lee Jewelry (**Linda Tofaute**), and (lower left) Mac the FireGuy (**Mac McCoy**).



Fire safety is important. So is knowing how to wield a fire extinguisher when needed. With Mac's patient instructions and calm attitude, everyone learned a lot. Then it was the "escape your RV" seminar. Have you ever tried to escape your RV through the exit window? Several tried it at Mac's seminar and discovered that it isn't easy. However, knowing how to do it can potentially save your life.



**Mike and Judy Scott** and others sold lots of tickets to raise funds for charity. Thanks for selling and buying, everyone!

# DOAI photo album, part seven – the final part!



The board at the general meeting – kinda reminds us of DaVinci's "Last Supper" – where's the food?



**Kody Newland** during his presentation, just before we all ate ice cream.



**Chris Carter** during one of his feedback sessions. We are grateful he could be with us.



**MaryAnn Crowell** led the co-pilots' seminar. Lots of great ideas were shared.



**Gwen Churchill** won a 50/50 game, so she and **Leroy** cut a rug.



**Becky Hazen** was tickled to win a gift basket.



The Discoveryettes musicians: **Portia Williams, Les Holloway,** and **Bud Emmert.**



**Dick Tracy** did a fine job getting the rally t-shirts for everyone.



**Judy Jo Bruton** was busy selling quilt raffle tickets to **Alice Ricciardi** and **Mary Anne Weinberg.**



Our valiant rally photographer, **Don Crowell.**

