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OUR CLUB'S 17TH YEAR BEGINS!

Happy New Year! Your DOAI Board sends wishes to each of you for a successful year, filled with safe and happy travels as you venture down the highways and byways of this great land of ours.

Southeast region rally deadline approaches

There's little time left to register for the southeast region rally at Lazydays RV Campground in Seffner, Fla. The reservations were due at the campground by December 27, and the registrations are to be in the registrar's hands by January 10. If you are reading this after these dates and have yet to register or reserve, contact **Ron Wacker** (see page 23). ❖



2015 national rally location and dates set

This year's national rally gathering is slated for September 21-26 (depart September 27) at Amana Colonies, Iowa. Plans are being formulated now, and full details will be in the April 2015 issue of this newsletter, along with the registration form. For now, mark your calendars and plan to come to America's Heartland for a magnificent week in September! ❖

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What's happening? Who's in this issue?

Check out the 2014 national rally roundup, recaps of chapter events, officer reports, a tale of what two DOAI members did to make a major move, an anniversary recognition, a search challenge (hopeful recurring feature), and more. Curious? Begin your voyage of **Discovery** inside. Happy reading! ❖

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John Baker

President's report

Happy New Year! During 2014, each of us probably experienced both joy and tragedy in our personal and corporate lives. We have seen victories and losses in politics and economics. We made trips to remember for a lifetime; on some of them, the D ran like the proverbial "sewing machine" and on others, there were minor or major hiccups along the way. Such is life. I hope you had more positive experiences than negative ones in 2014 and will have an even better edge in 2015.

DOAI had a very good year. We met twice in successful rallies, our finances are in great shape, and our website was successfully moved to new servers. See **Bob Cook's** detailed report beginning on the next page. **Bob** rightly gives all the credit to **Al de Haas** for the success of the transfer. However, **Bob** fails to mention his own foresight and preparation. Let's give both of them a big "Thank You" for their planning and technical prowess. Our website is, without a doubt, our most valuable asset and we must continue to protect it. As **Bob** and **Al** say, it is getting "long in the tooth." Significant revisions will be required in coming months.



Next up: Camp Discovery at Seffner, Fla. The Florida Discovery Sunshiners are getting everything in place. **Marshall Godwin** and **Gary Osburn** are dusting off presentations and preparing new ones. After 16 years with my D, I continue to pick up some nuggets of wisdom there. It is always great to see my DOAI friends and eat strawberry shortcake in (hopefully) sunny, warm Florida. I hope to see you there.

DOAI survives on volunteers. Elections are just around the corner when all officers and directors are to be elected. Many of your officers (including yours truly) will be unable to serve again due to term limits. I will be appointing the region vice presidents to serve as the nominating committee under the leadership of **Marshall Godwin**. Please let any of them know in the next couple of months that you would be willing to serve (we already know you are able – if I can, anyone can!).

Wishing each of you safe travels! ❖

Caring for our DOAI family

Please pray for these club members who have lost loved ones: **Denny Kendrick**, whose wife, **Lollie**, died in September; **Jerry Brown**, whose wife, **Shelby**, died in November; and **Eileen Haden**, whose husband, **Hank**, died in November.



Please pray for healing and a return to good health for: **Justine Stewart**, hospitalized in September; **Felesa Baker**, struck with an intestinal virus in September; **Ray Martin**, hospitalized in October; **Carol Ann Martin**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery in November; **Jim Todd**, recovering from carotid surgery in November; and **Gary Livingston**, who continues to battle cancer, and has had good progress reports from his doctor.

Remember to send an email to **Nina Soltwedel** at doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com when a club member is ill or hospitalized, or when a death has occurred in a member's family. Many thanks. ❖

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Bob Cook

Webmaster's report

Looking toward the past

The first Fleetwood Discovery, in its present form as a diesel pusher, debuted in earnest as a 1997 model. That was the year that DOAI founders, **Jim and Dorothy Devine**, purchased their D. In 1998, they founded DOAI.

In early 1999, at an FMCA gathering, I met **Jim** and we talked about DOAI and discussed the need for a website. In spite of my knowing very little about it, **Jim** talked me into making a website for DOAI. I had absolutely zero training or experience, but I had some ideas. My first premise was that the website should not be a financial drain. In August 1999 the DOAI website was born, hosted by Byethost, a free web hosting company. In exchange for free web hosting, Byethost inserted ads on each of our web pages, and the web address was discoverymotorhome.byethost.com. **Jim** had some contacts at Fleetwood and convinced them to host our site on their server. Fleetwood's advertising agency was also in charge of their corporate website, and Fleetwood footed the bill for website hosting, the initial purchase of the discoveryowners.com domain, and establishing the Bulletin Board. We went "live" on October 22, 1999!

The next big surprise for me was that the DOAI website would be hosted on a Windows server. Great ... I knew even less about a Windows server. Fortunately, **Kevin Boudain**, who worked at the advertising agency and was in charge of Fleetwood's website, got everything up and running.

My second basic premise was that the website should be designed so that it could be maintained with a minimum of technical expertise. Along the way, the DOAI Board decided to make most pages of the website members-only. Fortunately, I was able to find a free program that ran on a Windows server to address the members-only issue and it wasn't so complicated that I couldn't get it to work.

We had a working website, but also one that took a lot of manual effort to keep going, with no help or backup until **Toni Calzone** (no longer a member) came along to assist during times I was not available. There were commercial programs that would have addressed this, but they were costly. Hiring someone to write a software package to meet our unique needs was even more out of the question. So, we had a website that used 1999 technology, which was fine back then, but also no one with the expertise to move it forward as server technology changed.

Back to the present

I always feared that some day our website would not be compatible with a new Windows server release. That day came last September when **Kevin** informed me that Fleetwood had purchased a new server and the DOAI website would also be transitioned to the new server. He was sure that this would be a real simple transition for the DOAI website. However, he apparently overlooked the compatibility issue with our old software. Our website was on the new server, and I had access to it for testing purposes, but it didn't work!

Fortunately, we have a member, **Al de Haas**, who is expert in everything Windows and web servers. **Al** had helped us out earlier with custom programming for national rally registration forms, so I knew he would be able to figure out what was causing the problem ... I certainly had no idea. In short, we had to find a new web host. **Al** knew what we needed as well as the technical details to work with a new web host to

get the DOAI website transferred. Recently, **Al** had to again work with our new host to get some things working on the website due to the new server's configuration. After **Al** told them step by step what was wrong, they fixed it.

Meet Al de Haas

Al grew up in Boulder, Colo. After breaking off studies in computer sciences at the



Al de Haas

end of the 1960s, he spent eight years in the Army, of which the last six were in Germany. Upon being honorably discharged in 1978, he spent the next 20 years in Germany getting married to **Karin**, helping raise their wonderful children, fulfilling the German requirements for a Master Automotive Technician, running a shop with several employees, and, on the side, developing a software solution for the parts and sales of the business. His health required him to give up the shop in the 1990s, and he decided to return to programming and computer sciences. He has spent the last 14+ years working for the German government doing programming, database administration, and systems integration work. He and **Karin** are preparing for early retirement about the middle of 2015, and will become full-timers in their Discovery.

Many of you know **Al** from the eGroup as one of the more knowledgeable and helpful contributors. Some of you had the pleasure of meeting **Al** and **Karin** at the national rally in Gillette, and **Al** was instrumental in making the rally internet seminars a success.

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Al de Haas says: "During the 2014 transition, we used the opportunity to upgrade the Bulletin Board to the latest version, to get rid of some known weaknesses in the old version, and we fixed a few small problems with the logins to some areas of the site. A major rewrite and update of the site technology would have been better in the long run. However, **Bob** has repeatedly asked for help on the website and no one has jumped up and said they were able and willing to help do it. Unfortunately, I don't have the time to do a major update/rewrite of the site in the foreseeable future. So, for the time being, we will continue with the site as is and improve/upgrade it bit by bit as we find time for it."

Webmaster's report, continued

Looking toward the future

We all owe a huge "thank you" to **AI** for everything he has done to get the site transferred. Put a better way: *AI did all the work and none of it would have happened without him.* Also, **AI** fully appreciates and understands the needs of the DOAI website for where we would like to see it go in the future.

A reason for the Amazon Affiliate program

Since Fleetwood is no longer hosting the DOAI website, we must pay annual hosting charges. That's why we have implemented the Amazon Associate program. Please use the Amazon link (see **page 1** for details) when you order from Amazon.

We extend thanks to Fleetwood for having hosted the DOAI website for 15 years, all at no cost to DOAI. ❖

More history!

In the preceding article, **Bob Cook** has given us a glimpse of the past, present and a foretelling of the future. Here are a few more facts from the past you may find interesting:

A DOAI held its first official rally in Perris, Calif., November 2-5, 1998.

B The eGroup's first posting was in October 1999. Since that time, more than 57,300 posts have been made (through December 1, 2014) and the eGroup currently has 612 members. To join the eGroup, send an email to **Bob** at cookrd1@discoveryowners.com.

C The first electronic issue of this newsletter was announced in the Fall 2004 edition.

D **Bob Cook** began serving as DOAI's Webmaster in August 1999. He has faithfully served all of us for over 15 years! Congratulations, **Bob**, and many thanks for all that you do for DOAI!

E The map on the right shows the states in which DOAI has hosted national rallies over the past 17 years (including 2015's location in Iowa). In the early years, there were two national rallies annually. There's still a lot of this big country in which to hold a national rally. If you know of a possible site for a national rally, please pass that information on to National Rally Master **Joe Stewart** at retafwx@aol.com.



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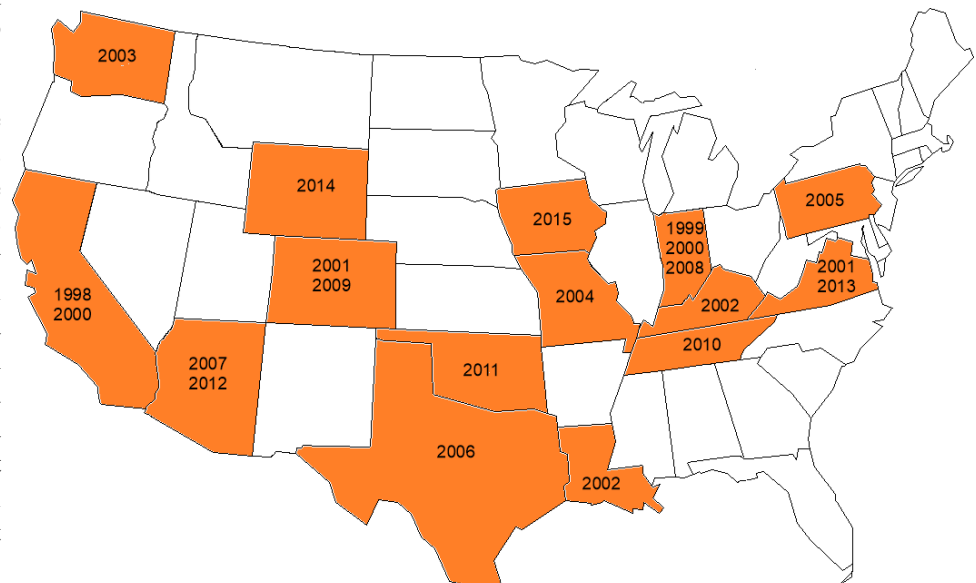
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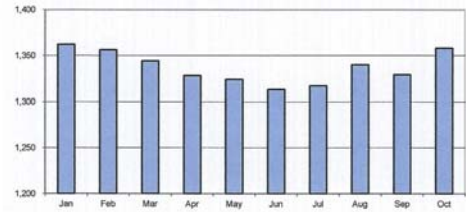


Portia Williams

Membership Coordinator's report

The chart shows the status of our membership numbers for the period January-October 2014. Below is the list of new and reinstated members since the last issue of *Discovery Express*. Please make them feel welcome and introduce them to the many chapters we have in DOAI ... the best places to meet and make new friends. ❖

2014 Month	Member-ship	New Mbrs
Jan	1,362	28
Feb	1,356	25
Mar	1,344	20
Apr	1,328	26
May	1,324	30
Jun	1,313	16
Jul	1,317	31
Aug	1,340	36
Sep	1,329	23
Oct	1,358	65



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Rally Master
Bob Williams

2014 national rally wrap-up

We express our thanks to all DOAI members who attended the 2014 national rally and helped to make it successful. CAM-PLEX is an excellent venue and the staff, led by **Barbara Stugart**, was superb. Mother Nature was kind and we only had rain a couple of nights. At the welcome party, **Stacie McDonald** of CLIMB Wyoming shared information about their work in the state, and later we listened to **Mary Kelley** as she told about the history of Gillette. Both were very informative.

The Durham Bison Ranch tour on Wednesday and the Deadwood/Devil's Tower tour on Thursday were well attended and enjoyed by all. The golf outing had nine players – not many, but they had a good time.

Friday and Saturday seminars were well attended. We thank DOAI members who shared their expertise in guiding the seminars: **Bruce Plumb** (eGroup/Glympse); **Don Crowell** (Escaping My RV); **Bob Cook** (Password Manager, Cloud Computing, and Keep Your Computer Safe/Disk Imaging) via teleconferencing with the help of **Al de Haas** and **Bob Williams**; **Debby Osburn** (Traveling Safely with Pets); **John Baker** (Pilots' Roundtable); **MaryAnn Crowell** (Co-Pilots' Roundtable); **Freddie Perry** (Ladies' Tea/Quilt Trunk Show);

and **Gary Osburn** (Furnace and Refrigerator help). **Don Crowell** also served as the "O'facial Pitcher Taker" and we thank him!

Additional seminars presented by vendors included Thrive Life by **Mary Andersen**, who demonstrated the ease of using freeze-dried food. Satellite Electronics kept busy after their seminar – they did a great job and often worked late on members' coaches. All Pro Water Flo commented what a great rally we had and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Food was catered by Pokey's BBQ and Smokehouse of Gillette, and the meals were excellent. The entertainment was also excellent – **Jack Jensen** performed Friday evening, and **Gordy Pratt** performed Saturday evening.

Our charitable efforts were most encouraging. CLIMB Wyoming was the beneficiary of the fund-raising events. We raised a total of \$1,965 for that organization. This included \$651 from 50/50; \$100 each from D'Zonas and Northwest Adventurers chapters, and \$1,114 from the quilt raffle (quilt won by **Jody Bruce**). The Council of Community Services in Gillette (food bank) received 671 pounds of food, which is the equivalent of \$1,133.99!

The 2014 rally team consisted of **Bob and Portia Williams**, **Bob and Nina Soltwedel**, **Wally and Annie Wallington**, **Freddie Perry**, **Paul and Doris Smith**, and **Ken and Neva Jardine**. ❖

Comments from 2014 national rally first timers

We polled the eighteen couples attending their first DOAI national rally, asking these questions: What did you like most? What is your favorite memory? What would you say to someone who has never attended a major DOAI rally? Here's a sampling of the responses:



- ☆ "We had not been there 15 minutes when some members helped diagnose a problem with our leveling jacks. The education provided will easily save us thousands of dollars in the future, and more than returned the cost to attend the rally." – **George Daunis and Diane Fleming**
- ☆ "It was the single most helpful thing that has happened to us in the two years we have owned our coach, and it was fun, too! We loved the extreme generosity of the group in giving to CLIMB Wyoming and the food bank. It made us proud to belong to such a kind, caring group." – **Gerald and Carolyn Kennedy**
- ☆ "We didn't know what to expect. We were pleasantly surprised and greatly enjoyed ourselves. We met a lot of people who went out of their way to make us feel welcome." – **Al and Donna Etue**
- ☆ "We used the services of two of the vendors and were able to correct some long-standing issues with our coach. The seminars were useful and we gained numerous nuggets about our coach." – **Don and Shirley Wilson**
- ☆ "Our best memory was meeting other owners from all over. We would say, 'You need to go and join the fun, meet really nice people, and learn a lot about your coach.'" – **Jerry and Betty Aschoff**
- ☆ "For **Al**, the most important benefit was putting faces to the names of eGroup participants, and the seminars given by **Bob Cook** and **Gary Osburn**. **Cindy** loved all the helpful hints from the co-pilots' seminar and seeing the quilts at the ladies' tea." – **Al and Cindy Welch**

And that's just the tip of the iceberg, folks. If you have yet to attend a major DOAI rally, do yourself a favor: attend the first one you can. You'll not regret it. If you miss the southeast region rally coming up later this month, be sure to attend the 2015 national rally in Amana Colonies, Iowa, this coming September. We look forward to welcoming you! ❖

2014 national rally photo album



A view of Discoverys at the beautiful CAM-PLEX in Gillette, Wyoming.
Don Crowell climbed to Energy Hall's roof to get this shot. Thanks, Don!



DOAI members gathered for a week filled with informative seminars, excellent food, terrific tours and golf, and the opportunity of being together with old and new friends. RVing doesn't get much better than that!



Eighteen couples attended their first DOAI national rally. A great looking group!

Photo album continued on next page...

2014 national rally photo album, continued



The general meeting gave everyone an opportunity to participate in the operation of DOAI.



President **John Baker** was pleased to recognize the formation of a new DOAI chapter – Discovery California – and presented the charter certificate to chapter representatives, **Jim and Susan Sullivan**.



Becky Hazen did a grand job selling tickets for 50/50 and the quilt raffle. **John Baker** bought a ticket or two ... thanks for contributing!



The tables were loaded with more than 670 pounds of foodstuffs. Thanks to everyone for being generous!



Jody Bruce was the excited and proud winner of the beautiful quilt stitched by DOAI members.

Rally opportunities

We invite you to attend any of the following rallies. Contact chapter president for details (see page 10). See also the consolidated rally schedule at www.discoveryowners.com.

January 2015 –

- 20-25 Florida Discovery Sunshiners, Seffner, Fla.
25-29 **DOAI southeast region rally, Seffner, Fla.**

February 2015 –

- 4-7 Discovery Texans, Waco, Tex.
13-15 D’Zonas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

March 2015 –

- T/B/A Discovery California, Paicines, Calif.

April 2015 –

- 8-11 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A
9-13 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Port Aransas, Tex.
20-26 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Nashville, Tenn.
23/5-4 D’Zonas, Death Valley/Las Vegas/Grand Canyon

May 2015 –

- 11-15 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Amarillo, Tex.
13-16 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A
28-31 Ozarks Discovery, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.
T/B/A Discovery California, Lotus, Calif.

June 2015 –

- 3-7 Heartland Discoverys, Decatur, Ind.
18-22 Midwest Discoverers, Delaware, Ohio

September 2015 –

- 12-19 Midwest Discoverers, Shipshewana, Ind.
14-17 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Granbury, Tex.
21-26 **DOAI national rally, Amana Colonies, Ia.**

October 2015 –

- 2-4 D’Zonas, Lake Powell, Ariz.
28/11-2 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Canton, Tex.
30/11-1 D’Zonas, Lake Pleasant, Phoenix, Ariz.

November 2015 –

- 11-14 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A

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Ron Wacker

Saint Ignace, Michigan, and the "Captured Spirits"

Whenever possible, **Donna** and I enjoy traveling the back roads of America with our Discovery, rather than the interstates. By traveling these back roads, we often find unique and interesting treasures ... treasures we would like to share with you.

One of the treasures we found is on the north side of the Mackinac bridge in the town of St. Ignace, Mich. – little-known Fort De Buade Museum. You wouldn't give it a second look if you drove past it. The museum contains antiques and collectibles from well before the Civil War, all the way up to current day.

Thanks to a generous donation, the museum contains a unique display, one of a kind and one of historical significance.



From 1816 to 1830, **Thomas L. McKenney** served as superintendent of Indian trade and later became head of the Office of Indian Affairs in the Michigan area. As Indian chiefs, warriors, and princesses would come to town to handle their various business, he would have their portraits painted, many times by masters like **Charles B. King**. By the end of his term, **McKenney**, in collaboration with **James Hall**, published "Monumental History of the Indian Tribes of North America" – three folio volumes which included biographical sketches and hand-colored lithographs of 120 of the original oil paintings.

The paintings were later displayed in the Smithsonian Institute; however, a fire in 1865 at the Smithsonian destroyed the paintings.

The gift to the museum was the three folio volumes with the color lithographs of the 120 paintings. The museum made copies of the lithographs, framed them and created the "Captured Spirits" display. This excellent and historically

valuable treasure preserves for future visitors and researchers material that could have been lost forever. We may have never known what these chiefs, warriors, princesses and common people looked like, except for the folio volumes with the lithographs, the generous donation, and the creation of this superb display.



Wa-baun-see, a Potawatomi chief (spelled Wabansi in contemporary Potawatomi language)

The museum operates on donations only and has no other funding. To view the Captured Spirits display, however, the fee is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. – well worth the price! The museum is currently closed for the winter, to re-open in the spring. If you find yourself in northern Wisconsin or in Michigan UP, take time to travel the back roads to see the exhibit. For more information contact:

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Editor's note: If you, too, like to take the roads less traveled and find hidden treasures others might like to see, please let us know. RVing, as **John Curtis** says, is all about fun-fun-fun, and steering you toward hidden treasures is all about that fun! For details on submission requirements, please email the editor at doaixpress@discoveryowners.com or call 303.570.2736.



John Baker

A loss and an inspection suggestion

In September, DOAI members **Keith and Jenifer Switzer** lost their 2004 39L to fire. **Keith** informed us and was kind enough to share pictures of the results.

First and most importantly, no one was injured. It is hoped that all of us will learn something that will prevent a repeat in the future.

Keith and Jenifer had just returned from a wonderful trip (aren't all D trips wonderful?) and decided to unload the next day, so the D was in the driveway and not connected to shore power, and the refrigerator was on propane.

Later, inside the house, **Keith** smelled smoke, so he went searching for its source. Smoke was pouring out the refrigerator vent! He opened the rig door, but the fire was so advanced, it was not safe to enter. He wisely retreated and called 9-1-1. You can see the tragic results.

Keith thought he had a refrigerator fire, but the insurance inspector ruled that out. The inspector determined the point of origin was under the bed. His opinion was that electrical wiring frayed where it enters the rig, causing a direct short. I have never considered inspecting this point, but I will do so before the D moves again and at least annually. I hope you will do so, too! ❖





Roger Marble

How to inspect tires

Got an email the other day asking about inspecting tires. My blog, as well as many others, will tell you that you should do a thorough inspection annually, and doing the inspection becomes more important as time goes on.

The problem is, few know even the basics of proper tire inspection. For some, it's only looking at the tread to be sure there is some tread pattern available. Others will bend at the waist and look at one sidewall to inspect for large cracks.

Well, sorry to say that doing a proper tire inspection is a lot more involved. You will need to get down on the ground, you will get your hands dirty, and you will need a good bright work light. A dim, old style flashlight doesn't provide either enough light or uniform lighting to allow a good visual examination. So let's start with the tools you will need:

- ☞ I suggest a rug or old blanket so you can lie down and even scoot partway under your RV to see the back side of the tire.
- ☞ For lighting, a work light with at least 75 watt rating. As low cost alternatives, if you don't already have a work light, are the inexpensive LED lights similar to those shown here.
- ☞ A pair of thin gloves. You need to be able to feel bumps and bulges on the tire, so thick leather work gloves will not do. I know that many RVers have disposable thin, latex or nitrile gloves they use when handling their holding tank hose. That type or similar will work fine to help keep your hands cleaner, as tires are very dirty and rubbing your fingers across the sidewall will transfer oils, waxes, dust and dirt to your fingers.
- ☞ Finally, don't forget safety glasses. Dirt can drop from under the RV onto your face or, when you are removing objects from the tread, they can pop out and hit you.



You need to be consistent and thorough in your inspection, as you need to cover 100 percent of both sidewalls and 100 percent of the tread. This also means that after you have inspected all your tires, you will need to move the RV a couple of feet so the portion of the tread that was on the ground can be seen. Depending on your RV, there may also be areas on the inside sidewall where the tire is too close to the frame or other component, preventing a clear view of that part of the tire. This may require a couple of small moves. When going under your RV, be sure the engine is off, the transmission is in **Park** and you have blocked the wheels from moving either direction.

The following applies to all tires. If you have a towable, there are some extra steps you **need** to do and I will cover them later in this article. On to the inspection!

1. **Tread:** You are looking for nails, screws and other items lodged in the tire. Sometimes you will find rocks wedged in parts of the tread pattern. It doesn't hurt to remove them using a screwdriver, as sometimes stones can "drill" into a tire, causing damage. I would not use a knife or other sharp tool. If you find a nail or screw in the tread, it is

possible that the object goes all the way into the air chamber and if removed, may cause an air loss. If, for example, you find a screw, you might start to remove it, but if you get more than 1/4" to 1/2" loose and the screw is still in the tire, I suggest you screw it back in and seek service. You don't want to lose air by completely removing the screw if you are not in a location where your tire can be easily be changed. Making this decision takes some thought to avoid making the problem worse.

While looking at the tread, see if the pattern looks uniformly worn both across the tread and around the tire. Non-uniform wear may be a sign of an alignment issue and in some cases can be an early sign of a structural problem internal to the tire like shown here, or it may not be serious and is just cosmetic.



If you see some localized wear and want it looked at by a tire dealer, it helps if you make a notation using the letters and numbers on the sidewall for reference. An example might be "Local wear on right front, inside shoulder of tread, starting at number 3 clockwise to letter G." Giving a dealer this guidance will do two things: 1) it will save them time in locating the area of concern and, 2) it will let them know you have done a thorough job of inspecting tires, so they will be less likely to ignore you and more likely to treat you as a knowledgeable customer who knows something about tires. This is a lot better than telling the dealer, "The tread on the front tire looks strange."

While you are still looking at the tread, also note, for more detailed inspection, any cuts that are deeper than 1/16" in the grooves.

2. **Sidewalls:** This applies to both inner and outer sidewalls. First, do a general inspection for cuts or punctures. Punctures in the edge of the tread and down to the wheel **should not be repaired**. Some people may claim to have done a satisfactory sidewall repair, but there is just too much flexing for a repair to last. There are published guides (see Rubber Manufacturers Association website at www.rma.org/tire-safety/tire-repair/) that show the only location (in the tread) where a repair is acceptable. This applies to **all brands** of tires. Any cut where the body cord is visible means the tire is scrap and should not be used. Next, find any bulges. You need to feel for bumps and bulges using your fingertips, and gently slide around the complete surface of both sidewalls of the tire. If the frame prevents this, then you need to identify where you could not feel the sidewall so you can finish that part of the sidewall after moving the RV. Bulges can be a sign of broken body cord. I recently did a post on broken body cord on one of my personal tires (www.rvtiresafety.com/2014/04/tire-blowout-china-bomb-or-pothole.html).

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How to inspect tires, continued

Depressions, however, are probably okay because, for tires with multiple ply such as most LT and ST type tires, this is just a small overlap where extra material is located. If in question, just note the location as mentioned above and ask a dealer to confirm.

3. **Trailers:** Tires on towables seem to have a much shorter life than tires on motorized RVs like Class A, B or C. Part of the reason for this is the unique and higher structural loading placed on these tires during any turning. The sharper the turn, the higher the stress is on the tire ply. This loading is working to tear the tire apart. These forces can lead to separations which ultimately can lead to tread and belts being thrown off the carcass and, in extreme cases, a rapid loss of air when the belt separates. TPMS will not provide warning of a tread separation, so the only tool available to RV owners is a thorough visual inspection.

The good news is that many times these separations can be discovered by doing a "free spin" inspection as seen in the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzbM5Nj6y0k. At the beginning, you see that the wheel is round and shows no side-to-side movement. Then you will see the tire as it wobbles side to side and even is out of round. This tire has



failed and must be replaced at once. The photo here illustrates when I did an "autopsy" and we discovered the belts were almost completely separated on this tire. To do a "free spin," you must get the tire up in the air so it rotates freely. This can be done with a jack or even one of the ramps that will raise one side of the trailer high enough, as seen in the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8H3ZN43Ehn0. This is just one example.

In closing

As you can see, there is some work involved, but doing a thorough inspection may prevent serious problems later on down the road. You will also find that after doing a few tires, you will have become more knowledgeable about this important safety item on your RV ... your tires. ❖

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The case of the squeak that wasn't a mouse

DOAI shade tree repair shop: A column saluting those who, through stubbornness and innate intelligence, concoct solutions to repair problems connected with their Discoverys, or who come up with creative solutions to challenging situations to make life better. – **DOAI Dictionary**

Keith Lindholm shares: "When I first bought my coach, I had this constant squeaking noise coming from up under the dash somewhere, and it was driving me normal ... 'cause I'm already crazy!"

"Anyhow, to make a long story short, turns out it was

coming from under the firewall hood where it closes against the rubber stops affixed to each end.

"The inside of the Fibreglass hood was chafing against these two adjustable rubber tips as we drove down the road. It was cured by rubbing some white lithium grease on the end of each one." ❖

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Gary Bunzer

The RV doctor is in!

A safe LP system

Safety, safety, safety! Is it really such an issue with recreation vehicles? Yes, yes and yes! If I were to pick just one “Golden Rule” to encompass the entire RV spectrum it would be, **NEVER COMPROMISE THE SAFETY FACTOR**. And in no system is that maxim more important than in the Propane System.

All RVers know (or should know) that LP is one of the most volatile of all products carried in our RVs. Its adaptability to the RVing form of travel is most significant. It can be compressed tightly into a relatively small container and yet it holds within enough energy to truly allow us to be “self-contained.” However, one must not view the LP system with a cavalier attitude. Conversely, respect for and the acceptance of certain LP related realities make the LP system a valuable asset. Ignore them and ... well, let’s not even go there.

Okay, you agree, the LP system should be kept safe. But just what can you do to ensure your safety and that of your recreational investment? Well, for starters, realize that preventive maintenance can be a good thing – an inexpensive insurance policy, if you will. Each appliance within your LP system requires seasonal maintenance as mandated by the appliance manufacturer. Read through that literature you tossed into the bottom drawer. In most cases, maintenance items are not covered by that new coach warranty, or any extended warranty for that matter. I know that sounds like somewhat of a downer and certainly your RV dealer glossed over it if he even mentioned it at all. Preventive maintenance is simply the responsibility of the RV owner. But as alluded to earlier, view it as a basic insurance policy.

The primary aspect of a preventive maintenance program for your LP system is simply this: **it is a safety issue**. Now, go back and re-read the first paragraph. Back so soon? Read on. This article will list a few important items in the LP system we should all consider. They are presented in no specific order of importance. Keep in mind, they do not represent the sum total of everything that needs to be addressed. Many coach owners perform these tasks themselves; however, if you do not feel 100 percent comfortable doing so, please call your local RV service facility. They will be more than happy to accommodate you.

- ① First on this list, check for LP leaks often. In my seminars, I recommend three different intervals for having your entire RV tested for leaks. Before each and every trip, as necessary (for instance, if you smell the odorant added to the LP), or at least twice a year.
- ② Always use a dual stage regulator and always carry a spare regulator. The regulator is the heart of the entire LP system. If it is rendered faulty, your complete LP system will be useless. If you dry camp often, that means no heat, no hot water, no cooking, and, dare I say, no cold adult beverages. LP regulators come pre-set (close enough), from the manufacturer and are simple to install while on the road.
- ③ Never allow your LP container/s to be overfilled. All are manufactured to be filled to 80 percent capacity only. We store LP as a liquid, but utilize it as a vapor or gas. If liquid fuel enters the regulator and piping system, serious (read, costly), damage can occur.
- ④ Inspect your containers often. Look for rust, dents, dings or other obvious damage to the container, hoses and other devices attached to them. Have a professional technician inspect them if you find something questionable.
- ⑤ Be sure your safety-related detectors are operable, and always carry fresh batteries for each. Regularly test the effectiveness of the LP leak detector, the carbon monoxide detector and any smoke alarms you may have in your RV. Don’t overlook the fire extinguisher, as well. Be sure it is charged and ready to go should you need it.

Once again, the above list should not be considered all-inclusive. It is intended, however, to be key reminders for us all to **never compromise the safety factor**. And remember, RVing is more than a hobby – it’s a lifestyle! ❖

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Chuck Woodbury

Random RV thought

The expectation of acquiring a new possession is often more exciting than the possession itself once you have it. Whether it’s a new chair, video game or newfangled tool, we dream about the item and how it will enhance our life. But once acquired, the product often becomes just another possession.

That’s not true with an RV, which continues to captivate most owners for years and years. Perhaps it’s because an RV is more than a ‘thing.’ It’s a magic carpet that takes us on grand, memorable adventures. RVers, who once traveled with their small children in an RV and then have to sell the RV

years later, can come to tears seeing all the memories drive away. An elderly couple, too old to travel any longer, will likely feel the same. RVs provide an ongoing source of wonder to those who own them. And unlike most of the miscellany in our lives, the passion an owner feels for an RV rarely dims. ❖

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Mark Polk

How to inspect your RV for water damage

If there is a way to get in your RV, water will find it. Water leaks on an RV can cause extensive damage and can be extremely costly to repair. When I worked at an RV dealership, I saw the damaging effects that water can cause to an RV time and time again. I learned the lesson the hard way. I appraised a unit that was being traded in and didn't identify the extensive water damage, which resulted in a thousand dollars' worth of repairs. Hindsight is 20/20 and I quickly learned how to inspect for, and identify potential water damage on RVs. My recommendation is that you inspect for potential water leaks twice a year at a minimum, once in the fall and again in the spring.

On a weekend camping trip a while back, it rained the entire time. Needless to say, we spent quite a bit of time inside our motor home. To my surprise, we noticed water dripping from around the edge of the dome over the shower. I was surprised because I had inspected all of the seams on the roof earlier that spring. I am aware that everything flexes and moves on the RV when you are traveling, and that this leak could have started after my inspection, but that wasn't the case.

When we returned home from our trip, I climbed to the roof, bent over, and checked the sealant around the shower dome the same way I had checked it during my bi-annual inspections. Everything looked fine, so I went back in the shower to look again, wondering if it was condensation that caused the drops of water. I removed the trim ring from around the dome and the entire area was saturated with water. Now, as I stood there scratching my head, I was really confused. I made another trip up the ladder unto the roof. Upon closer examination, **on my hands and knees**, I discovered two small splits through the sealant around the dome.

At that point I realized that I hadn't really, truly been inspecting for leaks; I was just going through the motions. I also realized how fortunate I was to be in the RV when it was actually leaking. If I hadn't caught it when I did, I would be the one paying those costly repair bills.

Every seam on your RV and anywhere the manufacturer cut a hole in your RV has the potential to allow water in. To protect your investment and your wallet take the time to **really** inspect all of these seams and sealants. Water damage on an RV is similar to progressive damage to a tire: the outside of the tire looks fine, but the internal damage over a long period of time causes the tire to fail without any warning. The outside of your RV looks fine, but the internal damage caused by water over a long period of time can result in the entire roof, floor or wall rotting away without you knowing it. Here are a few things to look for during your inspections:

- * Always keep safety on your mind when you are working on the roof of your RV. You can be seriously injured from a fall! One reader suggested that you use two pieces of ½" plywood, 2' by 4', to move around on and spread your weight out over the roof rafters.
- * To stop a leak before it starts, thoroughly inspect all roof

and body seams. Consult with your RV dealer for sealants compatible with different types of materials.

- * Look for any discoloration and feel for any soft spots on the ceiling around roof vents, air conditioners, TV antennas, plumbing vents, and any other openings that were cut in the roof.
- * Look for any discoloration or wrinkles in the wallpaper, and feel for any soft spots on the walls around all windows, doors, vents, slide outs, or any other openings that were cut in the side walls.
- * Identify the location of items like the water heater, furnace, outside shower, potable water fill and city water inlet on the outside of the RV, and then access those areas from the inside of the RV and look for any indications of water damage around these openings.
- * Open all overhead cabinets and look in the top corner where the walls meet the ceiling for any discoloration or feel for any soft spots. This would indicate a leak at the seam where the sidewall and the roof attach.
- * Check in all outside storage compartments for any indications of water leaks or water damage.
- * Check for any soft spots on the roof itself especially around the roof seams at the front and rear of the RV. Thoroughly inspect all sealants on the roof around every opening.
- * Some Class C motor homes are notorious for leaks in the cab over bed area. Look for any signs of discoloration and feel for soft spots. Reach under the mattress and feel for water.
- * Look and feel on the outside of the RV for any signs of delaminating. Delaminating is caused by water getting between the exterior Fibreglass and the sidewall. When this happens the exterior Fibreglass separates from the sidewall of the RV. You can stand at the front or rear of the RV and look down the side for any noticeable ripples or what looks like a bubble. You can also press on the sidewalls. If you feel the exterior Fibreglass move, it is delaminating. Often times, delaminating starts around where an opening that was made in the sidewall.

Don't just inspect your RV for water damage; **really** inspect your RV for water damage! If you do this on a regular basis, you can locate and repair the source of any water damage before it has a chance to do a great deal of damage. ❖

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DOAI Officers' reports



Freddie Perry

Secretary

Board of Directors meeting, August 29, 2014

- Present: **John Baker, John Curtis, MaryAnn Crowell, Jay Keneson, Freddie Perry, Dick Tracy, Jack Romeyk, Joe Stewart, Portia Williams, Jody Bruce**
- Minutes of previous meeting approved electronically.
- Financial report indicates club in good shape.
- Report of committee created to update Bylaws and Standing Rules submitted. Motion made, seconded, passed to accept Standing Rules as corrected effective when Bylaws are approved.
- Discussion on profit from sale of DOAI merchandise. Motion made, seconded, passed that all profits from sale be given to DOAI.
- The 2015 national rally location/dates decided. The Board of Directors will sponsor the rally, and members in the north central region will assist.
- After discussion, motion made, seconded, passed that major presenters at Camp Discovery will have rally and camping fees paid.

General Membership meeting, August 3, 2014

- Quorum present. Minutes of last meeting previously approved and printed in newsletter.
- Membership: As of July, DOAI had 1,317 members. Most new memberships come through DOAI website or referrals.
- Financials: December 31, 2013 financial report published in newsletter. It is too soon to report on income from Amazon Affiliate program.
- Standing Rules approved by Board; Bylaw changes to be approved by general membership at meeting in January in Seffner, Fla.
- Dates and location of 2015 national rally announced.
- DOAI chapter certificate presented to California Discovery.
- Merchandise Coordinator reported new items well received.
- Camp Discovery dates announced.

If you wish to read the complete minutes, please contact DOAI Secretary **Freddie Perry** at fperry3@gmail.com. ❖

National Rally Master



Joe Stewart

We truly enjoyed the national rally in Wyoming. The food, entertainment, and seminars were outstanding. The rally committee is thanked for the effort they put out.

One thing we noticed as we drove around the area was the lack of billboards. **Justine** called my attention to it, and from then on, whenever we left the park, we looked for them and I don't recall seeing any. Occasionally we would see a small locally-produced sign outside a small town, but that was it. The view

of the Wyoming countryside was beautiful and outstanding.

The last two months or so I have not spent too much time on DOAI business because, about 50 or so miles from home we had an accident.

As we topped a long climb up an incline, I noticed a car slammed his brakes on (I was doing 50 to 55 mph); ahead of him a traffic signal had turned red and there were three to five cars stopped. I hit my brakes, trying to stop. As I approached the other cars, I realized I was not going to get stopped. Then I spotted an exit ramp to the right and I took it, thinking I could make it. The Discovery did, however, our tow car didn't. It swung on the tow bar, taking out road signs, turned the Discovery ninety degrees, and then stopped, upside down in a muddy ditch. At this point, there was no apparent damage to the D.

As I was trying get out the motor home to see the damage, another car rammed into the two back bays on the driver's side, destroying them. No injuries, but both that car and our car were totaled.

I found out later (from the insurance company) that the damages were in excess of \$85,000, and they wanted to total the Discovery. However, I owe more than its value, so it will be repaired.

I should stress that the action I took, making that quick turn, prevented many injuries and possibly deaths. The cars stopped at the light were not involved in any way. In fact, the Texas state trooper and the county sheriff took time to thank me for taking the action I did.

This has been a lengthy story, but I want to stress the need for careful attention when on the road. Another and more important point (and I cannot stress this strongly enough): **if you do not have nor use the auxiliary brake when towing, do so!** I have one, but was not using it because it would run down my battery. I have made arrangements for an auxiliary power line from the motor home to the tow car. I can't say it would have stopped us, but it might have. Be safe in your thoughts and actions. ❖



John Curtis

Executive Vice President

It was great to arrive in Gillette and to see the Discoverys arriving and all the smiling faces we had not seen for a while. Sixty rigs were at the rally, and we enjoyed visiting with friends and also first-timers. Many of us went on the Durham Ranch bison tour (60,000 acres) where they raise buffalo for meat products, for breeding purposes to other ranchers, and for hunting activities. At five years of age, the bulls are inspected and many sent to market or sent to the hunting program. Later, we enjoyed buffalo burgers at Pokeys BBQ restaurant. We also enjoyed surprisingly tender buffalo steaks at our chapter cook-out. Pokeys was the caterer for the rally and the food they provided was excellent – many rave reviews.

The Northwest Adventurers were the hosts for the rally and they did a great job. They held two 50/50 drawings and

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one drawing for a beautiful handmade quilt created by talented DOAI quilters. The chosen charity, CLIMB Wyoming, received \$1,965, and our members also provided 671 pounds of non-perishables for the food bank.

At the Chapter Presidents Council meeting, we discussed producing a list of RV service centers that members recommend, facilities near their home or facilities they have used while traveling. If you have a recommendation for such a list, please e-mail it to me at jacurtis3@satx.rr.com and I will see what can be done.

The newly-formed Discovery California chapter is up to 15 rigs as of this date. They are holding eight rallies a year, four in the northern part of the state and four in the southern part for now. We wish them success in their new venture and hope to see them at the next national rally.

Several coaches remained at CAM-PLEX after the rally ended. We enjoyed going to dinner with **Jay and Lorrie Keneson, Don and MaryAnn Crowell, Harry and Judy Jo Bruton, and Dick and Pat Tracy**. A few guys even headed out to the dirt track races one evening.

Looking back to Veterans Day, I know there are many vets in our organization, and I thank each of you for your sacrifice and the security you provided for me, my family, and all Americans. In addition, we hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Don't forget the southeast region rally to be held at Lazydays in Florida, January 25-29. Once again, it will follow the Fleetwood Motorhome Association rally. Remember, RVing is all about fun-fun-fun! ❖



Historian

Attention Chapters, past and present! You are the next area for me to explore! I need write ups telling me about your beginning, and even finish for those that are part of our club's past.

Send me pictures, not just of members, but of places your chapter visited and things your chapter has done. I will make copies and return all originals to you. Just contact me and we will make arrangements for copies and originals to be returned.

I hope some of you had a chance to visit the history table at the Wyoming rally. At Camp Discovery in January, we will have turned all the separate information into books by year(s). It's a start, and only with your help will we make this a true history of our great club. ❖

Chapter prez
Gary Velasquez



Mike Scott

Southwest Region Vice President

It has been fairly quiet here in the southwest. Summer was hot and many of our members traveled north to cool off.

We now have three chapters in our region, which is great: D'Zonas, Desert Rats, and California Discovery. I still want to see if we can stir up interest in New Mexico, but there are few

DOAI members there.

The most activity lately has come from our newest chapter in California. Discovery California chapter has been growing and they have created a pretty cool website. Check it out at www.doai-discoverycalifornia.com.

With the advent of fall, all three chapters geared up for an active rally season. I encourage all DOAI members to check out the rally schedules for the chapters across the country. If you are in the area, consider joining them. It's a great way to get to meet new friends.

I have also been considering having a southwest regional rally; not a typical full-up rally like a national, but more along the lines of a large chapter rally. One thought might be to hold it during the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M., in October. We would have to work well in advance with a local campground to reserve spaces (premium prices during that week), but it might be a good spot. Another idea is at the annual Bluegrass Festival in Blythe, Calif., in January. I would appreciate some feedback on this idea to see if I can stir up enough interest. Happy trails! ❖



Bob Deal

Southeast Region Vice President

Before **Elizabeth** and I prepared our Discovery for winter, we attended the last rally of 2014. A number of our Mason-Dixon chapter members met in Whaleyville, Md., near Chesapeake Bay, for a fun time with friends. We enjoyed great food at local restaurants, breakfast each morning in the park's pavilion, along with one dinner grilled at the pavilion. One night, we helped the local economy by investing in a nearby casino. It was fun, but not very profitable.

Because of health issues, **Elizabeth** and I didn't travel much in 2014. We have plans to change that for 2015. We will attend the southeast regional rally at Lazydays, then spend all of February in Florida. We hope to expand our travels in 2015 by visiting some of the states in the midwest. We also hope to visit some chapter rallies. ❖

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Desert Rats



The Desert Rats emerged from summer's hibernation to stage a rally on October 31-November 2 at the Avi Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nev. Two coaches were in attendance, and we were happy to welcome our newest members, **Bill and Joyce Fedewa**. Activities included movies, a day trip to Oatman, Ariz., and golf. Due to the holidays, this concluded our chapter rallies until 2015. Desert Rats chapter rallies for 2015 are currently undecided and will be announced in the next issue of the DOAI newsletter. Until then, happy travels! ❖

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Chapter prez
Phill Seaman

Discovery California

Discovery California continues to grow and have bigger and better events as the year goes on. In October, we had our second event at Champagne Lakes, Escondido, Calif., which was huge success with seven coaches in attendance. Everyone had fun with a docent-led walk through old town and a great BBQ dinner. The three-day event was a fun experience for all.

Our November event was even bigger and better. **Jim and Susan Sullivan** did a wonderful job of entertaining everyone, as well as providing a great schedule which included a very interesting omelet breakfast. We are now working on our 2015 calendar; keep checking the website for new and exciting events in California. ❖



Chapter prez
Mike Scott

D'Zonas

Summer was a slow time for our chapter since it is so hot and many of us travel north to cool off. When fall came – yes, I was still in shorts – it was time to get our D out and enjoy the cooler temps.

Our rally season kicked off the end of September with a trip to the White Mountains of Arizona. We went to Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area in Show Low and had a great time despite the rain. This is a great park, high in the pine trees, with a beautiful small lake to hike around. **Judy** and I took three of our grandkids and they had a great time getting out of the desert and exploring the campground. Had a little excitement with some wasp stings, but that was soon forgotten. We planned to visit Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction, Ariz., in November, but decided to cancel with only two rigs signed up. We'll try this place again later.

In 2015, we have several rallies planned and if schedules work out (tentative April/May), we are going to try to have a ten-day rolling rally to Death Valley, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., and the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Our next rally is in February when we will go to Lake Havasu State Park. There are two annual events the weekend we will be there: the annual Rockabilly car show and music festival, and the annual Pyrotechnic show. We took all remaining sites at the state park with eight of us signed up. I invite any others who would like to come to get a reservation at another campground and spend your days with us at one or both events. We would love to have you. Happy trails! ❖



Chapter prez
Doc Simpson

Texas Discovery Road Runners

Our chapter had eight coaches attending the 2014 national rally in Wyoming. We had a rolling rally en route from Texas. Started out to be five coaches, but one broke down in Abilene. There were many things to do and see in the Gillette area, such as the Bison Ranch and open pit coal mines. The last night's meal had the best prime rib I have had in years.

In late September we had a rally in Austin. We visited the state capitol – very impressive (taller than the U.S. Capitol building). We also visited the Vietnam Memorial and our vets had photos taken in front of it. After an excellent lunch we visited the Bob Bullock museum, which is dedicated to the preservation of Texas history. We also visited the Texas State Cemetery. The tour guide was very entertaining. Texas Highway 165 runs through the cemetery, and the visitors center is considered a rest stop. It is the burial place for Texas dignitaries. Of course, we ate at many of the great restaurants in Austin.

In November we had a rally in Fredericksburg. On Veterans Day, we attended a Veterans Memorial at the Nimitz Pacific War Museum. We also visited the museum. Other attractions in the area we visited included Enchanted Rock, Fort Martin Scott, Pioneer Museum and the LBJ Western White House. We welcomed four new members to this rally (two coaches), and nine coaches attended. ❖



Chapter prez
Fred Jecks

Florida Discovery Sunshiners

Our October rally with ten coaches was at Gulf Waters RV Resort, Fort Myers Beach, Fla., hosted by **Ira and Lee Minor**. We welcomed two new couples at the happy hour and cookout on Friday. From then on, the Sunshiners visited the J. N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Captiva and Sanibel islands, and the Ford/Edison Winter Estates and Gardens, to name a few.

At the November rally, ten coaches met at Cypress Campground and RV Park in Winter Haven, Fla., and the hosts were **Mark and Jorie Salomon**. Happy hours and good food at the campground and nearby restaurants were enjoyed by all, especially the end-of-the-day feast at the lakeside home of **Mark's** brother after a marvelous tour of the Winter Haven lakes. These lakes are chained together by a series of canals that were dug by hand by the Civilian Conservation Corps as part of **President Roosevelt's** work program. Seeing Legoland (formerly Cypress Gardens) and the Florida-shaped pool where **Esther Williams** made a famous film were highlights of the boat tour. Other adventures included Spook Hill (where you pull your car up to this white line and put it into neutral and it starts rolling backwards and uphill), Bok Tower National Historic Landmark, and a Mystery Dinner Theater.

In November, the group also elected new officers: **Fred Jecks**, president; **Eileen Mills**, vice president; **Wendy Williams**, secretary; **Lee Minor**, treasurer; **Jim Dykes**, **Lenny Williams**, and **Ron Wacker**, directors.

In January, our group will be at the FMA rally January 20-25 and then the Sunshiners will host the DOAI southeast region rally. Both of these events are at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla.

Additional upcoming rallies will be in the next newsletter. This active, friendly, fun group is one you want to join and experience the best of life in your Big D. ❖

Report submitted by **Ron Wacker**

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Louisiana Mudbugs

Chapter prez
Fred Reid

We just had another successful rally at Breaux Bridge, La. I promised myself that I would sit down and write the note to be included in the national newsletter as soon as I got home. I missed the last deadline for the national newsletter with information on the rally in April.

The April rally was originally scheduled for Easter weekend, when someone realized the mistake and we rescheduled it for the weekend before Easter. The rally was at the beautiful Lincoln Parish Park in Ruston, La. We have had many rallies there and the accommodations are great, with a rustic meeting room overlooking the park and lake. Those attending were **Ricky and Debbie Keen, Donald and Emily Burgess, Don and Frankie Caldwell, Keith and Carolyn Barnes, and Fred Reid. Joe and Glenda Reed** had other commitments for that weekend but was able to join us one evening. **Ricky and Debbie** were the hosts for that rally and the main entree for the pot luck dinner which they prepared was roasted chicken which was out-of-this-world delicious. The side dishes the ladies prepared were great finishing touches.

Our June rally had to be cancelled due to a number of pre-planned trips that the members were taking for the summer. The September rally was held in Breaux Bridge, La., at Poche's RV Park. This was about seven miles from town on the banks of a group of fishing ponds. When the group first started going to the park, only a handful of the pads were concreted. Now the majority of the sites are concreted, completely level, and full hook-ups. When I arrived Thursday at about noon, **Jerry and Glinda Hussey** and **Joe and Sandra Mire** was already there, having arrived a day early to get in some fishing. Shortly after I arrived, **Don and Frankie Caldwell, and Joe and Glenda Reed** arrived. Later that afternoon, **Karl and Tasha Mears** arrived with their coach. On Friday, we were joined by some former Discovery owners in their Boulder as guests of the rally, **Alfred and Betty Miller**.

As usual, a number of meals were had at Poche's Restaurant, where a variety of Cajun food can be had. This is highly recommended for anyone passing through the area. Friday night, the group caravanned to downtown Breaux Bridge, which sits on the banks of Bayou Teche. In the middle of town is rather rustic old restaurant by the name of Cafe Des Amis. When we arrived which was early, we had the place to ourselves, which allowed us to visit while waiting for our meals to be served. I heard no complaints, as there was plenty of food and seasoned just right for Louisiana food. Texas may have its barbeque, but we have our Cajun food and spices. The appetizer, shrimp kidder, was enjoyed by everyone and I would recommend it highly. I have had chicken pie in the past, but the crawfish pie as the main entree was unbelievable.

Saturday brought a much cooler day and the ladies decided to not to cook a potluck meal and opted to go to Prejeans' Restaurant, which is known for its delicious cuisine. I know the men wanted to watch the LSU football game that afternoon instead of cleaning up the kitchen after the potluck meal.

The rally came to an end on Sunday with the cutting of the umbilical cords to the RVs and each going their separate way, except for the **Husseys** who stayed the rest of the week to join another group of RVers. In closing, I say a special welcome to the new members of our club, **Karl and Tasha Mears**. ❖



Ozarks Discovery

Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

Ozarks Discovery chapter met at Beaver Lake in Rogers, Ark., at the Hide Away RV and Campground for our fall rally with seven rigs attending. **Gary and Rita Denning** were our hosts for the rally and what a great job they did. Thank you, both of you.

Those attending were **John and Felesa Baker, Gary and Rita Denning, Steve and Pam Hogg, Ricky and Debbie Keen, David and Beth Tillery, Wes and Altha Toomay, and Martin and Bev Travis. Bruce and Nancy Plumb** were unable to attend due to attending a memorial service of a good friend.

We had a mini-meeting on Saturday to discuss rallies for 2015. **Wes and Altha Toomay** will host a rally at Lake of the Ozarks around May 28-31. **Gary and Rita** will look into hosting a rally in the Kansas City area, dates pending. Dates also pending on a trip to Oklahoma with **Martin and Bev Travis** hosting, including a canoe/kayak float trip on the Little Illinois River. A discussion was held about having a rally in Branson at the Treasure Lake Resort. Dates and details will be emailed to all as soon as everything is confirmed.

We had a great taco dinner potluck on Thursday. On Friday, we went to the famous War Eagle crafts show with thousands of others. Had a hamburger dinner Friday evening, thanks to **Dave**. On Saturday, several ladies went to another craft show at the Rogers Convention Center (while the guys stayed home and watched football). We went to Eureka Springs, Ark., Saturday evening and had a great dinner at DeVito's. On Sunday morning, we said goodbye and headed home. ❖

Report submitted by **Debbie Keen**



Chapter prez
Bev Kaiser

Heartland Discoverys

The chapter met in Rockville, Inc., in October, and enjoyed the activities the hosts arranged for us. It was a very cold weekend, but that didn't stop us! We visited the Ernie Pyle museum, a candy factory, and explored many of the covered bridges in the area. We also went to the Newport Hill Climb – very interesting with lots of neat, old cars climbing the hill. Each night we tried a different place to eat. We were glad to be with good friends for the weekend.

Our next meeting will be held at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla., on January 25 at the DOAI rally. A picnic lunch will be served.

We will gather in Decatur, Ind., June 3-7. FMA is holding a dry camping rally, and our group will attend. More information about a pre- or post-rally will be available after January. ❖

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Chapter prez
Jerald Call

Midwest Discoverers

Midwest Discoverers had a great year. We had two rallies, the last one being at Gettysburg, Pa., with 20 Discoverys in attendance. **George and Bev Kirk** were the rally masters for this rally and what a wonderful job they did. The welcome dinner on Sunday night and the breakfast each day at the campground were just super. We toured the Gettysburg Battleground, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Eisenhower farm, as well as lot of other sites in and around Gettysburg. We had dinner at General Pickets and the Dobbin House and all the food was superb. Our club is growing and many of the members support the club by attending the rallies. We had three new members at this rally and we welcome them to the Midwest Discoverers chapter. ❖



Chapter prez
Glenn Camp

Blue Ridge Discoverys

Our first week-long rally is now in the past. It was held in Lewisburg, W.V., with 16 coaches in attendance. **Gail** and I hosted the rally, which was a "cooks vacation" rally. We planned a busy week and, hopefully, didn't wear everyone out.

Sunday was a pizza welcome party, followed by a campfire, with tales from all on their most embarrassing moments. Monday, a catered breakfast followed with a visit to Beartown and Cranberry Glades Nature center for a talk and demo of snakes in the area. Next was a guided tour of the cranberry glades. After a catered dinner and a campfire, it was time to retire. Tuesday offered another catered breakfast and golfing at the Elks Club. Dinner was a Dutch treat at a local restaurant.

Wednesday morning another catered breakfast and than on to Beckley, W.V., to tour an exhibition coal mine, the Tamarack and on to the National New River Gorge. A catered dinner followed with another campfire. Thursday, after a catered breakfast, it was on to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and a ride on the Cass Scenic Railroad up Whittier Mountain. The foliage demonstrated beautiful colors. It was another Dutch treat at a local Mexican restaurant. Friday was – you guessed it – another catered breakfast and a tour of the Government Bunker at the Greenbrier Resort. After lunch, we toured a local distillery, followed by a business meeting where officers for the next two years were elected as follows: **Glenn Camp**, president; **Mike Lecholop**, vice president; **Margaret Ellen**, secretary; **Becky Reynolds**, assistant secretary; **Bob Zumwalt**, treasurer; **Hank Haden**, assistant treasurer; and **Bob Angus**, rally master. Saturday, we all took a day off to rest and tour downtown Lewisburg. Another catered dinner and, yes, another large campfire.

We welcomed new members **Gene and Pat Howell**, **Jim and Marilyn Brown**, **Hank and Selene Montgomery**, **Tommy and Emily Bailey**, **Terry Merrion** and **Bonnie Worley**, **David and Susan Taylor**, and **Sonny and Helen Blackwell**.

We were extremely saddened to lose another member, **Hank Haden**, who passed away November 17. Hank had been

fighting cancer for over a year and will be missed by all. ❖



Chapter prez
Dick Tracy

Mason-Dixon Discoverys

Our chapter had a great 2014 and we are now looking forward to an even greater year in 2015! We welcome any and all DOAI members who may be in the area to join us at any of our chapter rallies.

As is our custom, we will start off the year with our meeting during the southeast region rally at Lazydays, where we enjoy sharing the fellowship with so many other DOAI friends, and will hold elections. We also plan to finalize our 2015 rally schedule at that time and will post them on the chapter web page.

Our last muster for 2014 was held at Fort Whaley campground in Whaleyville, Md., hosted by **Marilyn and Jim Brown**. We had seven coaches participating and also welcomed a new couple who joined us for some of the meals. Golfing was fun for those who played and everyone enjoyed a fun night at the nearby casino! ❖



Chapter prez
Jim Pellow

Discovery Texans

Since the last newsletter we welcomed **SDenny and René Keller** and **Tony and Lisa Mane** to our chapter.

We held our last rally for 2014 November 12-15 at Cowtown RV Park, Aledo, Tex. Some of us visited Milanos Pizza & Pasta in Willow Park – excellent bread, plenty of food, and friendly service. Some made a trip to Cabela's and Camping World while in the area. Some of the gals went into Arlington to check out the new Sam Moon's and on to TJ Maxx. The entire group went to dinner at Boo-Rays of New Orleans in Hudson Oaks (Weatherford). The food and service, again, was very good. Thursday, the group participated in the free self-guided tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. As per their website, "Visitors can see billions of dollars printed from an enclosed walkway, which is suspended above the production floor."

We enjoyed our hosts' (**Pete and Martha Palasota** and **Al and Cindy Welch**) breakfasts and dinners Friday and Saturday. We got to meet and welcome our new members, **Elliott and Susan Smith**. New to RVing, they have been out four times and this was their first rally. We enjoyed checking out the nearby towns, visiting, playing card bingo, *Jokers & Marbles*, and the **Smith's** taught some of us a new dice game, *Farkle*. It was fun to see who is more cautious or not so much. We thank our hosts and rally master for a very good rally!

We also conducted chapter business with completion of our audit and general membership meeting. Elections were held for the coming two years: **Pete Palasota**, rally master; **Elaine Holley**, secretary; and **Leroy Churchill**, treasurer. Each is serving those positions one more time.

Our next rally will be at Riverview RV Campground, Waco, Tex., February 4-7. Where did 2014 go? Hope to see y'all in the near future. Safe travels, everyone! ❖

Report submitted by **Elaine Holley**

Chapters' photo album



Blue Ridge Discoverys



Heartland Discoverys



Ozarks Discovery: Dave and Beth Tillery, Wes and Altha Toomay, Ricky and Debbie Keen, Martin and Bev Travis, Steve and Pam Hogg, Gary and Rita Denning, John and Felesa Baker

ATTENTION, CHAPTERS!

Send in your photos from rallies and other events! Please identify people in the smaller-group photos (fewer than 16 or so people) so that, *space permitting*, we can put names and faces together. Also, you are asked to set the camera for high resolution. This will give the best reproduction results. Second-generation and low-res photos appear out of focus in print. Questions? Email the editor at doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com or call 303.570.2736.



Discovery Texans



Midwest Discoverers



Mason-Dixon Discoverys: Elizabeth and Bob Deal, Martha and Tom Hundley, Marilyn and Jim Brown, Linda and Lou Zilinski, Helen and Sonny Blackwell, Alice and John Ricciardi, Heidi and Troy Bohm



Florida Discovery Sunshiners: Tom Mills, Eileen Mills, Ron Wacker, Carolyn Furniss, Lenny Williams, Wendy Williams, Betty Guthardt, Ira Minor, Lee Minor, Marcy Ryan, Jim Dykes, Jorie Salomon, Mark Salomon

More photos from the 2014 national rally



Color Guard at Welcome Party



Mary Kelley, Campbell County Historical Society



Stacie McDonald, CLIMB Wyoming



DOAI merchandise table had many good things for sale.



Freddie Perry led a tiny quilt class for the ladies and her tiny quilts are shown below.



Tour of the bison ranch was fascinating and educational.



Annie Wallington helped with breakfast each day.

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
2015 Southeast Region Rally

Discovering Florida

Lazydays RV Campground, Seffner, Florida (800.905.6627)
JANUARY 25-29; DEPART JANUARY 30



Complete both parts of this registration form.

Send Part 1 to Lazydays RV Campground/Part 2 to DOAI rally registrar

PART 1. CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND, OR CALL 800.905.6627

Discovery Owners Association Rally — January 25-29, 2014 (Depart January 30)

Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____
Co-Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Street/City/State/Zip+4 _____

Discovery Year _____ Model _____ Length _____ Handicap Parking? Yes _____ No _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Camping/Food/Entertainment Fee:

\$370.00 for coach with two people / \$307.01 for coach with one person \$ _____

_____ Number of additional nights → Call Lazydays for rates ← \$ _____

_____ Number of guests at \$62.91 per guest \$ _____

Total **Make check payable to LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND** \$ **=====**

Mail this form and your check to Lazydays RV Campground, 6210 County Road 579, Seffner FL 33584-3004.
Deadline to register with Lazydays RV Campground is December 27, 2014. *Lazydays RV Campground cancellation policy: Prior to 72 hours, no charge; 72 to 24 hours, one-day charge; less than 24 hours or no show, no refund.*

PART 2: CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO RALLY REGISTRAR RON WACKER

Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____

Co-Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email/s _____

Street/City/State/Zip+4 _____

DOAI # _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

First major DOAI rally (other than chapter rally)? Y _____ N _____ Discovery Year _____ Model _____

Chapter Member Y _____ N _____ Chapter Name _____ Officer Position _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Rally Fees:

\$15.00 per coach for two people / \$7.50 for one person \$ _____

\$7.50 for each additional guest \$ _____

Guest Name/s and Address _____

\$17.00 for notebook with printed copy of all technical seminars \$ _____

\$20.00 DOAI new member fee (if not already a DOAI member) \$ _____

Total **Make check payable to FLORIDA DISCOVERY SUNSHINERS** \$ **=====**

Mail form and your check to Ron Wacker, 1720 Sherwood St, Clearwater FL 33755-2937. **Registration must be received by January 10, 2015.** After that date, contact Ron at 813.240.6552 or discovery@rvfunhome.com

→ → If you are a golfer, you will be able to sign up and pay upon arrival at Lazydays. ← ←

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
PORTIA WILLIAMS, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
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Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization, established 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.

Commercial - Discovery dealer, RV campground/resort, or an RV-related for-profit business. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** per year, or **\$75** for five years.

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 Coordinator, PO Box 95, St. George UT 84771-0095.** You may also join/renew online at 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