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From the President



Dick Tracy

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to our DOAI family. Registrations should by now be complete for the 2022 SE Regional Rally and Camp Discovery that's being held at Lazydays RV Campground in Seffner, Florida, just east of Tampa. This great regional rally starts January 31st and has departure date of Sunday February 6th. It is "Snowbird" season now in Florida and I am looking forward to seeing many friends at the rally and to making many new Discovery friends. Kerry Pinkerton and others have been working hard to prepare all the excellent Technical Seminars. The Florida Sunshiners Chapter is busy undertaking the host duties this year and are making sure everything goes smoothly. The latest registration information I have seen has many First Timer attendees. As I stated in the last issue, the technical information offered throughout the week is priceless and has saved DOAI members many dollars. Of course the comradery with your fellow DOAI members is also much of what any rally is about!

I am trusting that the COVID vaccinations and booster shots are continuing to protect everyone against any new COVID variants and that you have begun, or already completed, making plans for your 2022 RVing trips, to once again enjoy your Discovery, and to see parts of this great North American continent we are so privileged to call home.

By the time you are reading this you have hopefully voted during December for your new slate of DOAI National Officers and your Regional Vice President. The results will be made known very soon and any necessary transitions conducted in early January with the new officers in place by the time of the Southeast Regional Rally. I want to thank Bob Cook for all his efforts to distribute the on-line balloting information and processing and tallying your votes.

The issue of what happens to DOAI Membership in the event you sell your Discovery and do not purchase another Discovery to replace it has been discussed recently and I want to clarify the issue. DOAI membership is contingent upon ownership of a Discovery motorhome. So it is quite clear that should you no longer own a Discovery, your DOAI membership terminates. That does not mean that individual friendships you have made within our DOAI family should need to end. Our DOAI Standing Rules state that ***"Major Rally attendance is reserved for members in good standing of DOAI and guests in a member's motor home. Owners of motor homes other than Discovery are limited to non-members providing services or support to the Major Rally or are previously approved by the Board of Directors."*** Major

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rallies are defined as National and Regional rallies. Chapters may or may not choose to allow continued chapter rally participation by former members.

May all the joys of the Holiday Season be yours today and always. I wish you safe and smooth travels while enjoying your Discovery!

Dick Tracy

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President

Discovery Owners Association International



Cindy Welch

Secretary

I hope that all of you have had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warm wishes for a safe and healthy 2022. Cindy



Editor's Notes



Since our next newsletter is not published until 1 April, I have listed the information for our January 2022 newly elected officers in the [DOAI directory](#) on page 18. Also note that our secretary, Cindy Welch has provided a 2022

[Calendar of Important Dates](#) on Page 17.

NOTE: This is your last opportunity to submit your registrations for the 2022 SE Regional Camp Discovery Rally at Lazydays RV Campground in Seffner, Florida. The rally starts 31 January and ends with departure Sunday, 6 February. You can read more about the rally at the [DOAI](#) home page. Remember for this rally you make your reservation directly with Lazydays (800) 905-6627 AND with DOAI using the electronic registration form. Lazydays sets aside sites for the rally till 31 December 2021. If you register after that date, call Lazydays first to see if a site is available.

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Fred Jecks

National Rally Master

Final preparations are being made for the Southeast Regional Rally (Camp Discovery) at [Lazydays Resort](#) in Seffner, Florida, January 31st to February 6th, 2022. At the time of this writing, there are 87 coaches registered. For those that don't know, Camp Discovery is more of a technical rally where the various systems on your coaches are discussed in detail. These seminars include basic troubleshooting tips. If you order the notebook during the online registration, it contains almost all the slides used during the discussions and allows you to take notes. Of course, there will also be other planned seminars that aren't technical and Florida is a great place to visit in the winter.

Many of you requested a schedule for the DOAI Southeast Region Rally. Follows is the PRELIMINARY schedule so you have an idea of the topics discussed. The technical seminars are pretty firm, but the non-technical stuff is still being developed. Please don't shoot the messenger if there are a few changes when you get to the rally. As of this writing, we are still two months out. There will be a lot of additions for the non-technical seminars.

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

1:00-3:00pm Register with DOAI and Sign-Up for activities Rally Hall
 1:00-3:00pm Attendee photos – Carolyn Furniss Rally Hall
 3:30-4:30pm First Time Rally Attendee Meeting - Dick Tracy & Club Presidents Rally Hall
 5:00-6:00pm Social Hour - Bring light snacks. Beer, wine, soda, & tea provided Rally Hall
 5:50-6:00pm Introduce Charity Representative Rally Hall
 6:00-7:00pm Catered Dinner - Rally Hall
 7:00-8:30pm Entertainment Rally Hall

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:30-9:30am Free Breakfast - Don't forget ticket Lazydays Cafe
 9:00-9:50am Battery Care and Charging System - Kerry Pinkerton
 10:00-12:00pm Late Model Round table (2017 and newer models) Jim Johnston Rally Hall
 1:00-1:50pm RV Air Conditioners Gary Osborn Rally Hall
 2:00-2:50pm Battery Control Center (BCC) Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall
 3:00-3:50pm Easy Touch Thermostat – Gary Osborn Rally Hall
 4:00-4:50pm Third AC installation - Frank Miller Rally Hall
 4:00-4:50pm Chapter Pres. Meeting with Exec. VP Classroom B
 5:00-6:00pm Social Hour - Bring light snacks. Beer, wine, soda, tea provided Rally Hall
 5:50 - 6:00pm Welcome to Lazydays Demond McKinley Rally Hall
 6:00 – 7:00pm Dinner Rally Hall
 7:00 – 8:30pm Entertainment: Rally Hall

Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022

7:30-9:30am Free Breakfast - Don't forget ticket LD Cafe
 TBD Car Pool/Caravan to Golf Course Mark Salomon & Greg Rogers Front of Rally Hall
 11:30-1:00pm Lunch on your own
 3:00-4:50pm 1997-2016 Coach Roundtable (all are welcome) Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall
 5:00-7:00pm Social Hour and Chapter Meetings Bring your own snacks and drinks Rally Hall
 7:00pm Dinner on your own

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National Rally Master Continued

Thursday, Feb 3, 2022

7:30–9:30am Free Breakfast- Don't forget ticket LD Cafe

9:00-9:50am 30 Amp Coach, 120V Distribution Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

10:00-10:50am Aqua Hot Operation & Maintenance Mark Davis from Aqua Hot Rally Hall

11:00-3:30pm General RV Day Lunch, Games and Prizes, New Discovery Display Chart. Bus, departs Rally Hall at 11 am

1:30-2:30pm Ice Cream or Hot Chocolate Social - Based on weather Last return bus 3:00pm

4:00-4:50pm Hydraulic Leveling Jacks Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

5:00-6:00pm Social Hour - Bring your own snacks and drinks Rally Hall

6:00-7:00pm Dinner - Rally Hall

7:00-till Rally Hall

Friday, Feb 4, 2022

7:30–9:30am Free Breakfast - Don't forget ticket LD Cafe

9:00-10:20am 50 Amp Coach, 120V Distribution Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

10:30-11:50am Slide-outs – Bill Johnson Rally Hall

11:30-1:00pm Lunch on your own

1:00-1:50pm Propane Water Heaters and Truma Gary Osborn Rally Hall

2:00-2:50pm Generator Operation & Maintenance Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

3:00-3:50pm RV Furnace - Gary Osborn Rally Hall

5:00-6:00pm Social Hour Bring light snacks. Beer, wine, soda, tea provided Rally Hall

6:00-7:00pm Dinner Rally Hall

7:00-8:30pm Entertainment Rally Hall

Saturday, Feb 05, 2022

8:00–9:30am Free Breakfast – Don't forget ticket LD Cafe

9:00-10:50am Better Living in your Discovery. Roundtable Discussion - Kerry & Carolyn Pinkerton Rally Hall

11:00-11:50am Water Pump & Steps Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

11:30-1:00pm Lunch on your own

12:30-1:50pm Residential Refrigerator Conversion – Kerry Pinkerton Rally Hall

2:00-2:50pm Allison Transmission Operation and Maintenance - Bill Johnson Rally Hall

3:00-3:50pm RV Refrigerators Gary Osborn Rally Hall

5:00-6:00pm Social Hour - Bring light snacks. Beer, wine, soda, tea provided Rally Hall

6:00-7:00pm Catered Dinner Rally Hall

7:00-8:30pm Entertainment Rally Hall

Sunday, Feb 6, 2022

8:00-9:30am Continental Breakfast Assorted Pastries, Fruit, Coffee, Juice Rally Hall

11:00am Departure

Mark your calendars for September 5 - 11, 2022, to attend the next DOAI National Rally at the CAM-PLEX Center in Gillette, Wyoming. Registration should be available soon with the link on the DOAI website. The initial planning has been completed by the Northwest Region Chapter and they are planning the tours before registration goes online.

The location and dates are also released for our 2023 National Rally. It will be held at [Normandy Farms Campground](#) in Foxborough, Massachusetts, September 25th - October 1st, 2023. This campground is about 35 miles from Boston.

The rallies should be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there,

Membership Coordinators



Linda Griffith

(Photo not available
for Le Brightman)

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please “Welcome” our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our “D’s” and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year free membership for every three members referred. This list is covering new members August through October 2021.



Roger & Alice Austiff/King George, VA
 JB & Stephanie Babcock/Phoenix, MD
 Duane & Marilyn Baer/Conifer, CO
 Ted & Deanna Barlow/Owasso, OK
 Joel Beck/Lake Orion, MI
 Dave & Donna Beckman/Bakersfield, CA
 Darrell & Marilyn Boggs/Oak Hill, OH
 Phillip Box/Franklin, TX
 Thomas & Genelle Brower/Como, MS
 Gary & Karen Buffington/Box Elder SD
 Scott & Jennifer Campbell/Salem, AL
 Gerald & Edith Carey/Duncansville, PA
 Paul Rayner & Mary Carlson/Hatton, ND
 Gary & Regina Carrick/Davidsonville, MD
 Paul Cartwright & Sherryl Bielak/Northville, MI
 Ben & Robin Covengton/Greensboro, NC
 Bob & Linda Davis/Chino, CA
 David & Michelle Dekema/Plainwell, MI
 Lawrence & Kathy Dishong/Grove City, OH
 Jim & James Dockery/Needville, TX
 Ken Elliott/Bossier City, LA
 Sean & Heather Exum/Littlefield, TX
 Douglas Fisk/Qualicum Bay/ BC
 Daniel & Carol Fox/Marion, IA
 David & Nancye Frankenberger/Edwardsburg, MI
 Colon & Bonnie Gaskill/Portsmouth, VA
 Harry Hain/Whitehall, MI
 Jeff & Patricia Harris/Clairemore, OK
 Randy & Denise Harrison/Taylorsville, KY
 Robert Hatcher & Cindy Graham/Orange Park, FL
 Jim Heckman & Betsy McDonald/Davenport, FL
 Robert & Mary Hillard/St Francisville, LA
 Rocky & Donna Hubbard/Newport, KY

Bruce & Barbara Kanoza/Sun City Center, FL
 Joe & Susie Kirgan/Fairfield, TX
 Fredrick Tolley & Shari Lastarza/Royston, GA
 Darrell Lewis/La Plata, MD
 Paul & Corey Lofthouse/Brighton, M
 Jason & Kristi Lorang/Collinsville, OK
 Steven & Kristina Malecha/New Prague, MN
 Ryan & Tiffany McHone/Livingston, TX
 Sam & Lori McLean/Lima, OH
 Thomas Miller & Tammy Southard/Rockledge, FL
 Donald Mitchell/Satsuma, AL
 Michael & Jane O'Brian/Jasper, GA
 Paul & Sarah Outhier/Dallas Center, IA
 Roger & Diana Preston/Margate, FL
 Rich & Ellie Provence/Lebanon, OR
 Cory & Jane Richter/Sebastian, FL
 Neil & Tiffany Roach/Chrisman, IL
 Francis & Sandra Roy/Nelson, BC
 Doug & Mariana Schmidt/Haines City, FL
 Greg & Karen Shaw/Vista, CA
 Jimmy & Denise Short/Smyrna, TN
 Jerome & Jaime Silvers/APO AE
 John Simmons/Loganville, GA
 Scott & Tina Summer /O'Fallon, IL`
 Keith & Bonnie Thames/Columbus, MS
 Jon Tuttle/Anchorage, AK
 Roger & Diane Underwood/Mims, FL
 Standley & Jodi Watson/West Plains, MO
 Corley & Nancy Wooldridge/Battleground, WA
 Eric Zelenka/Bend, OR
 Tom & Kris Zumalt/Golden, CO





Frank Miller

Southeast Region Vice President

As of January, Frank is our newly elected Southeast Region Vice President. Since Frank is a member of our Blue Ridge Chapter, I have asked him to provide us information for this edition and he was kind enough to do so. You will find him talented and dedicated in fulfilling his duties.

Filling the position of VP Southeast Region following Kerry Pinkerton will be a big challenge. Fortunately, Kerry is still very active in the region and will be hosting a number of Camp Discovery presentations at the 2022 DOAI Southeast Region Rally at Lazy Days, Seffner, Florida, January 31st - February 6th, 2022.

DOAI is a great place to learn about all aspects of enjoying our Discovery Motor Homes and Camp Discovery is an outstanding resource to get answers to our questions whether our coach is over 20 years old or brand new. Many times we “don’t know what it is that we don’t know” and Camp Discovery can introduce us to many aspects of our Motor Home from the automotive chassis to the house appliances. Once we realize that while traveling across this beautiful country of ours, our coach is, in effect, a house on wheels that experiences the effects of hurricanes and earthquakes on a continuous basis. Learning how to analyze and address the issues that may result can make our experience more enjoyable and can often save us considerable time and money.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Southeast Region Rally, but even if you can’t attend, I would encourage you to check out the DOAI on-line Forum at <https://groups.io/g/discoveryowners/topics>. It can provide a wealth of technical expertise and also has answers to many questions about, for example, RV related products, places to visit, campgrounds, travel routing, and how to purchase fuel at a discount.

The week prior to the rally is the Fleetwood Motorhome Association “[16th Annual Friends First Rally](#)” January 25 – 30, 2022, at the [Oak Alley RV Resort in Webster Florida](#). If you are not yet a member of the FMA organization, it is well worth joining.

Two weeks prior to the rally is the Florida RV SuperShow at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US-301, Tampa, FL 33610, Jan 19 – 23, 2022.

Hope to see everyone soon. Frank Miller 2011 40X Fort Mill, SC



Southwest Region Vice President



Bruce Plumb

Our DOAI President, Dick Tracy, recently appointed Bruce Plumb (me!) to fill out the unexpired term of Jim Sullivan, VP SW Region, who is no longer eligible to serve in that position. So I guess that makes me responsible to report recent activity in the SW Region!

For the past several years the Southwest Region has had two Chapters. Unfortunately, both of them have recently voted to disband.

The D'Zonas Chapter was founded in 2012 and decided to disband in November 2021. Lack of member participation and unwillingness to serve as officers were the primary reasons.

The Discovery California Chapter has also voted to cease as a chapter of DOAI. Their last President, Jim Sullivan, recently purchased an SOB so is no longer eligible to be an officer. There was no one else who was willing to step up as an officer. The group has stated their intention to remain a camping group just not a Chapter of DOAI.

The GOOD NEWS is a new Chapter is being formed in the "4 Corners" area: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. Van Edelmans is the organizer. To date he has had 18 coach families express interest in being members and all 5 of the required officer positions have a volunteer willing to fill them! If you are interested in being a Charter Member of this exciting new Chapter, please contact Van at vanelmann@icloud.com.

Region and Chapter Reports

Blue Ridge Discoverys



President
Jim Pinkerton

There are no club activities to report since the last newsletter when we hosted the DOAI National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. However, Blue Ridge will again be well represented at Florida Grande in Webster, Florida, this season. As of this writing there are 11 chapter coaches in the resort. Several more will arrive after Thanksgiving. Some of our members will also winter at Oak Alley next door to Florida Grande. Oak Alley is the site for the 2022 FMA rally. Our 2022 Spring rally will be May 2nd – May 9th at [Hearthside Grove RV Resort](#) located in Geneva on the Lake, Ohio. Reservations are now open. The cut off date is March 21, 2022. I hope everyone will be able to spend their Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family and friends. Be safe in your travels. Jim

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

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Discovery Texans



President
Linda Griffith

Friday was a “Day On Our Own” to enjoy Rockport, Texas, located right on the Texas shoreline. Some members went to the beach to enjoy the water and sand. Others took their bicycles to ride on the beach. The weather was perfect— warm and sunny. Many good seafood restaurants were enjoyed by all. On Friday night the hosts served us a Barbeque dinner of Brisket, Beans, and Potato Salad followed by Peach Cobbler and Brownies with ice cream. After supper we all enjoyed playing Bingo. Some played as many as four cards at a time. Bingo is very popular at our rallies.

Saturday morning, we held our general membership meeting. In November we have our election for Board of Director positions. We voted for three positions at this time. We **WELCOME** Mel Pless as our Rally Master, Becky Pless as our Treasurer, and Jack McKelvy as our Secretary. We appreciate each one’s commitment to serve in their position. Thank you so much! We also want to thank Susan Smith for her service to our club. Susan served as our secretary for five years. Two terms plus an extra year because of COVID. Thank you to Don Griffith for serving as our Rally Master for five years.

We also spent another day “On Our Own” to enjoy the area and relish good seafood on Saturday. Some members played games in the rally hall. We had another great meal Saturday night which included a Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings. Desserts were Cherry Cake and Banana Pudding.

Rally schedule for 2022

January 12-15, (departing 16th)
Bushman’s RV Park
Bullard, TX.

March 2-6, (departing 7th)
Durant/Choctaw Casino KOA
Durant, OK

April 27-30, (depart May 1)
The Vineyards of Fredericksburg
Fredericksburg, TX

November 2-6, (departing 7th)
Skyline ranch RV Resort
Bandera, TX

Rally Schedule for 2023

Jan 11-14, (departing 15th)
Antique Capital RV Park
Gladewater, TX



If you are a DOAI member and plan on being in our area, we always welcome you to our rallies as a guest. You will find the guest registration form on the DOAI website which you may mail to our Treasurer, Becky Pless. All the information is on the registration form. Please check with the RV Park to make sure that sites are available.

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Veterans Day Celebration at Discovery Texans November Rally in Rockport, Texas



Discovery Texan attendees at the Rockport, Texas, rally in Rockport, Texas



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys

Hi everyone from the snowy northeast. I only have to look out the window to know what time of year this is. About 12" of wet, heavy snow makes us want to get into our Discoverys and head to a more relaxing and warmer climate. That brings us to planning our trip south to see all our DOAI friends at the [Camp Discovery Rally in Florida](#). I always look forward to this event for so many reasons such as seeing friends, the entertainment, the education (you always learn something new about your Discovery) and of course the weather. I urge anyone who has not attended this rally to make an effort to do so.

In May 2022 the Noreasters will be hosting a Spring rally in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with our friends from the Midwest Discoverers as they have hosted us this past year. Our rally masters Pat and Russ Baldwin have great plans for us the week before Memorial Day. This is Amish country so we'll get a great look at their way of life, enjoy the area, and sample some of their fantastic cooking and craftsmanship. This should be a wonderful rally time. We've had some great fun this year even with the inconveniences due to the pandemic. From last January's unofficial Rally to Midwest Rallies in Dayton and Detroit, to the National DOAI Rally in Sevierville and all the Discovery rallies around the U.S., I'd just like to say **THANK YOU** to all those who were involved in planning these events. That's what makes this organization so much fun.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Drive safe and stay healthy. Hope to see you all in Florida.
Bob



The Noreasters' visit the Blue Ridge!

Front Row: Jeanne Stewart, Pat Baldwin, Karen Daly, Val Whipple, Les Whipple
Back Row: Bob Stewart, John Ricciardi, Russ Baldwin, Jeff Daly, Nancy McKitrick, Brad McKitrick
Present, but not in picture – President Dick Tracy, and First Lady - Pat



President Bob on his high horse at the Midwest Detroit Rally. The original carousel was made in Tonawanda, NY

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Noreaster Discoverys (Continued)



Red and Peg Raphael with friend Lynn



New Member, Beverly Kaiser



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

Northwest Adventurers

Greetings from the Northwest Adventurers.

Our NWA group has been busy planning the 2022 National Rally in Gillette Wyoming. The dates are September 5th to the 11th 2022. We hope to see everyone there.

We had a GREAT Northwest Adventurers turnout at the Sevierville rally. There were 7 Discovery's who made the trip.

Terri and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Seffner at the end of January.

Glenn



Midwest Discoverers



Hello All,

The Midwest Discoverers Fall Rally was held at Camp Dearborn (near Detroit Michigan) September 12th – 18th with 15 coaches in attendance. I would like to thank all who attended making this rally another Midwest Discoverers success. A special and well deserved thank you goes to Phil and Ruth Skiff, and John and MaryAnn

President Chris Woodall Hooper, our Rally hosts.

The Skiff's and Hooper's had a great itinerary of venues including, Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Ford's River Rouge Assembly Plant and The Parade Company where we saw the Thanksgiving Day parade floats being made. A side trip to Frankenmuth for Bavarian food, Christmas ornaments, and summer sausage was also offered. There was time to go to a multitude of sites and restaurants in the area.

Following the Fall Rally, Midwest Discoverers were well represented in Sevierville at the DOAI National Rally. Our members did an outstanding job and recruited 4 new members. I, along with all Midwest Discoverers would like to welcome new members Steve and Regina Boggs, Darrell and Marilyn Boggs, Mike and Stephanie Koenig and Jerry and Carol Anderson (see pictures below). We look forward to seeing you at future rallies.

Midwest Discoverers Spring 2022 Rally will be a joint rally with the Noreasters in Lancaster Pennsylvania, May 21 — 26, 2022. Rally hosts Russ and Pat Baldwin have a great agenda planned with a multitude of venues in an area rich in history. Great Amish cooking is a highlight on the schedule.

The Midwest Discoverers Fall Rally is going to be in September at Wisconsin Dells following the National DOAI Rally in Gillette, Wyoming - more information to follow. This will be a great stopover for all those folks heading East after the National Rally. Safe Travels



Midwest Discoverers at Camp Dearborn

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Midwest Discoverers (Continued)



Midwest Discoverers at Parade Company under Santa Claus float



(L to R) Andie Newlin, Nancy and Brad McKittrick, Russ and Pat Baldwin, Jeanne and Bob Stewart, Gordon Newlin



Dinner at Fall Rally
(L to R) Azaille and Bob Mescher, Chris and Dianne Wooddell, MaryAnn and John Hooper, Gary and Sandra



Fall Rally Dinner
Les Whipple, Carol and Rick Parton, Phil and Ruth Skiff, Lucy and Linda Warner

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Midwest Discoverers (Continued)



(L to R) Lisa and Ed Monnin, Annette and Dave Roeth, Pam and Gerry Mask



New Members Steve and Regina Boggs



New members
Darrel and Marilyn Boggs and Layla



New Members Jerry and Carrol Anderson



New Members Mike & Stephanie
Koenig with Bonnie





Chapter prez
Randy Conklen

Ozark Discovery (courtesy of Bruce Plumb)

The Ozarks Chapter held its 2021 Fall Rally in Hutchinson, Kansas, September 30th - October 3rd at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. We had to "hurry" from the National Rally in Sevierville a few days earlier due to the only dates available at the Fairgrounds. Five coaches were in attendance.

Terry and Connie Constant (hosts), Ricky and Debbie Keen, Randy and Karen Kemp, Bruce and Nancy Plumb (co-hosts), organized the rally, and we were pleased to have guests Greg and Mary Yaple from Florida!

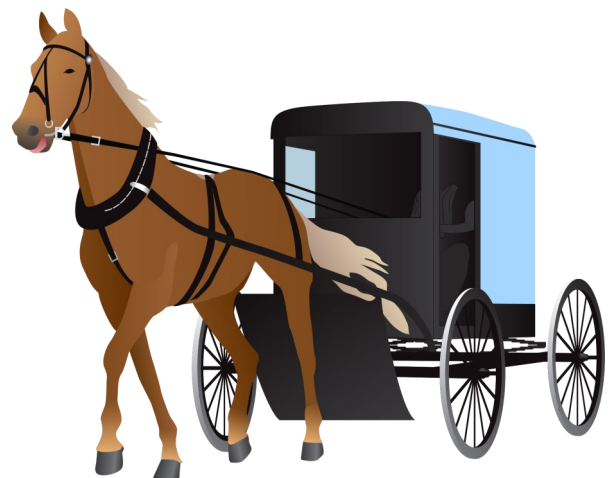
Food is often a highlight of our rallies and this time was no exception. Terry Constant is a smoked meat expert and fed us pulled pork and smoked beans. What a treat! The first night we all gathered at the Carriage Crossing, an Amish cafe in Yoderville, Kansas, for a great meal.

Hutchinson Kansas is the home of a massive underground salt mine first discovered in 1887. Many in the group toured the [salt mine](#) 650' below the earth's surface. More than 500,000 tons of salt are mined each year used primarily to salt highways. There is no fear of running out of salt as the vein stretches from New Mexico to Kansas City. The mine is also used to store historical documents and Hollywood artifacts due to the stable environment. <https://www.underkansan.org/>

Several people visited the [Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center](#) which is dedicated to enhancing patrons knowledge of space exploration. The Cosmosphere houses a collection of U.S. Space artifacts second only to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum including the display of a flown SR-71 Blackbird.

On Friday evening Hutchinson held its annual Car Show and Parade. The parade passed right by our campsites at the Fairgrounds.

We enjoyed lots of meals together and time visiting around the Kemp's "camp fire."





Jeanne Stewart

Book Club

We had a great turn out in Sevierville, Tennessee, thanks to the ladies for attending – Pat Baldwin, Karen Daly, Pam McKelvey, Cindy Welch, Terri Magnuson Becky Pless, Kate May, Linda Griffith, Nancy McKitrick, Lisa Wilde, Diana Blaher, Cheryl Langley, Julia Chaffee, and Ruth Skiff. If I missed anyone or spelled your name incorrectly, my deciphering is not what it used to be, I apologize. Great discussion, and lots of new book suggestions.



We will be having a book club session at the DOAI Eastern Region Discovery meeting in Seffner, Florida. The hosts are still working on the schedule, but said they would let me know when it is complete. Also, the Florida Sunshiners had been working on a Florida author who might have been able to come and speak, but she will not be available at that time. It has been left up to me as to the choice of a book, but I welcome your assistance in choosing.

At our meeting in Sevierville, we had lots of good book suggestions and I have included them here. I have read several and thank you for adding them to a list.

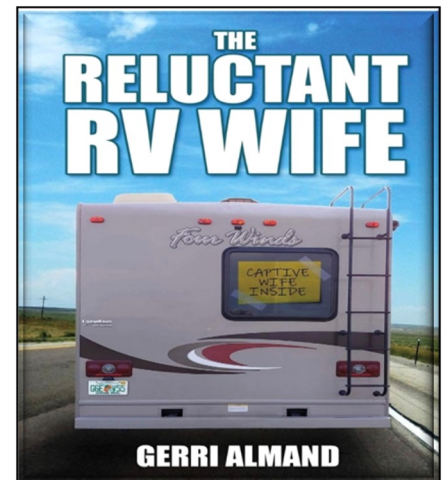
Book suggestions

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd,
The Other Einstein and *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict,
My Mother's Secret by J.L. Witterick,
Where The Crawdad's Sing by Delia Owens,
Four Winds, *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah,
Jar of Hearts by Jennifer Hillier
Saving Meghan by D.J. Palmer

Now we just need to choose a book. The one suggested by Jorie Salomon of the Florida Sunshiners was: *The Reluctant RV Wife* by Gerry Almand. It's a cute story, we all can probably relate to.

It has been suggested by the men that we might include mystery/detective novels. I personally like Jack Reacher novels by Lee Child and Joe Pickett novels by CJ Box.

Please let me know what choice you would like to read. My e-mail address is: zetapig@netsync.net. Otherwise, I'll pick again, and let you all know.



Jeanne

2022 Calendar of



Important Dates

Newsletter deadlines include reports from all executive officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections (2022 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

JANUARY 2022

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2022 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent
- 31-Jan 6-Feb—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL
- TBD–BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2022 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

MARCH 2022

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for April issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for previous year’s financial and audit reports to Editor

APRIL 2022

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2022

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2021 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2022

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2023 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2022 National Rally to Editor

JULY 2022

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2022

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2023 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2022 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 5-11 2022 National Rally CamPlex Gillette, Wyoming.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2023 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting
- 2023 National Rally Normandy Farms, Foxboro, MA from 25 September-1 October

OCTOBER 2022

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

NOVEMBER 2022

DECEMBER 2022

- 1 – Rally Master of 2022 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2023 budget to Editor

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