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## Happy Birthday to The United States!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their 4th of July, (for our Canadian members, July 1st Canada Day) with family, lots of fireworks, picnics, beach parties, super sales, or however you chose to celebrate. It is hard to believe that Summer is almost half-way over and there is a way to go until the next holiday; however, Discovery owners know it is always a holiday with an RV! So, along those lines and in celebration this little ditty popped into my head and I decided to share this with you (to the tune of America the Beautiful, with apologies to Katharine Lee Bates):

*Discovery the Beautiful*

*O beautiful for spacious roads  
And long tracts of dirt  
For purple mountain's steepest grades  
Above the sudden drops!*

*Discovery! Discovery!  
Our great and trusted steed  
You carry us, whose wanderlust  
Spans from sea to shining sea!*

*O join us on our pilgrimage  
And see the place of birth*

*Where for 20 years of freedom's beat  
D's have crossed the wilderness!*

*Discovery! Discovery!  
On you the fun depends  
So, on we go, set the cruise control  
In Goshen we meet again!*

**DOAI National Homecoming Rally  
20th Anniversary  
September 10th through the 15th  
Goshen, IN**

## Quarterly Question Contest

Congratulations to **John and Alice Ricciardi**, whose correct response to the April question (Goose) was pulled from the Contest Hat. They have had their DOAI membership extended one year. Would you like to win a year's extension of your DOAI membership? That's a \$16 value, and all DOAI members are eligible to participate. All you have to do is find the correct answer to the question below. The answer is buried somewhere in this issue. Read every page carefully in order to find it, because your submission must include the page number, along with the complete sentence in which the answer appears. The detailed rules are printed on page 22.

### July's Question

What is the top selling spice in the world?  
Pepper Cinnamon Paprika Mustard



The contest opens **July 1, 2018**, and your entry must be received by Nina Soltwedel no later than **11:59pm, September 1, 2018**. Submit your answer via email to [nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com). One entry per coach. Happy reading/hunting!  
*By Nina Soltwedel. ❖*

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Ron Wacker

## President's report

Everyone, Summer is here and hopefully most of us are traveling our great country and seeing the sites. One question I receive most often is "out of all of the places you have been, what is your favorite place?" This question is hard for me to answer because I have so many favorite places. I would like to ask you **"What is your favorite place and why"**. Please email me at:

discovery@rvfunhome.com with your answer. I will read your answers and we will put some of them in our Discovery Express. To make it easier for my mailbox to sort your responses put **Favorite Place** in the subject line. I am looking forward to your responses.

Remember to add our National Rally, September 10 – 15, 2018, in Goshen, Indiana to your travels this year. This rally will be a great one with lots of extras because its our 20th Anniversary. Be sure to register by August 20th and attend. This is being held in a major RV industry area. There are lots of things to do in the area and several RV factories including the RV Hall of Fame. Also included will be some of the Camp Discovery technical seminars for those people that have never attended Camp Discovery.

I want everyone to be safe in your travels, so I have a few suggestions. A weather radio is very important to notify you of any impending bad weather. Along with the radio, I use 2 apps on my phone: 1. Radar Now that shows the current radar and will also notify you of bad weather, and 2. Where am I which gives you the county you are currently in, GPS coordinates, address and zip code. Very handy if you need the police, fire department or ambulance or need to know for weather alerts. We also pay a lot of attention to the Weather Channel. So please be safe in your travels.

Don't forget we have license plates available. Check our website and last quarter's Discovery Express.

Have a great summer and hope to see you in Goshen at the National Rally. Stay safe and catch you later. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

## Member Care report

It's been a "quiet" quarter for our DOAI family, health- and family-wise. A get-well card was sent to Bruce Bruce, who has been recovering from knee surgery in April. A sympathy card was sent to Becky Godwin and her family, upon the death of her mother in April. A sympathy card was sent to Sarah Hallum and her family, upon the death of her mother in April.

Maurice Fairweather had surgery on both knees in May, and is improving daily.

Please continue to let me know when you or a member of your family has been ill or has been hospitalized. Let me know, too, when a member of your family has died. You can send an email to me at [nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com). ❖

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## ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Find your membership renewal date at  
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MaryAnn Crowell

## National Rally Master's report

### WE ARE READY TO PARTY!

Your 20th Anniversary National Homecoming Rally is just waiting for YOU to register. Come join your Discovery friends at this celebration. Below is a partial schedule that, of course, is not written in stone, because we are always flexible; remember, we drive a motor home.

#### Early Arrival

**\*\* Fri. 9/7, Sat. 9/8 and Sun. 9/9 \*\***

Our parking team will be on hand to start parking at 10:00am. After getting you to your site, you are free to enjoy all that's "Home of The RV Industry" and the wonderful "Amish Country".

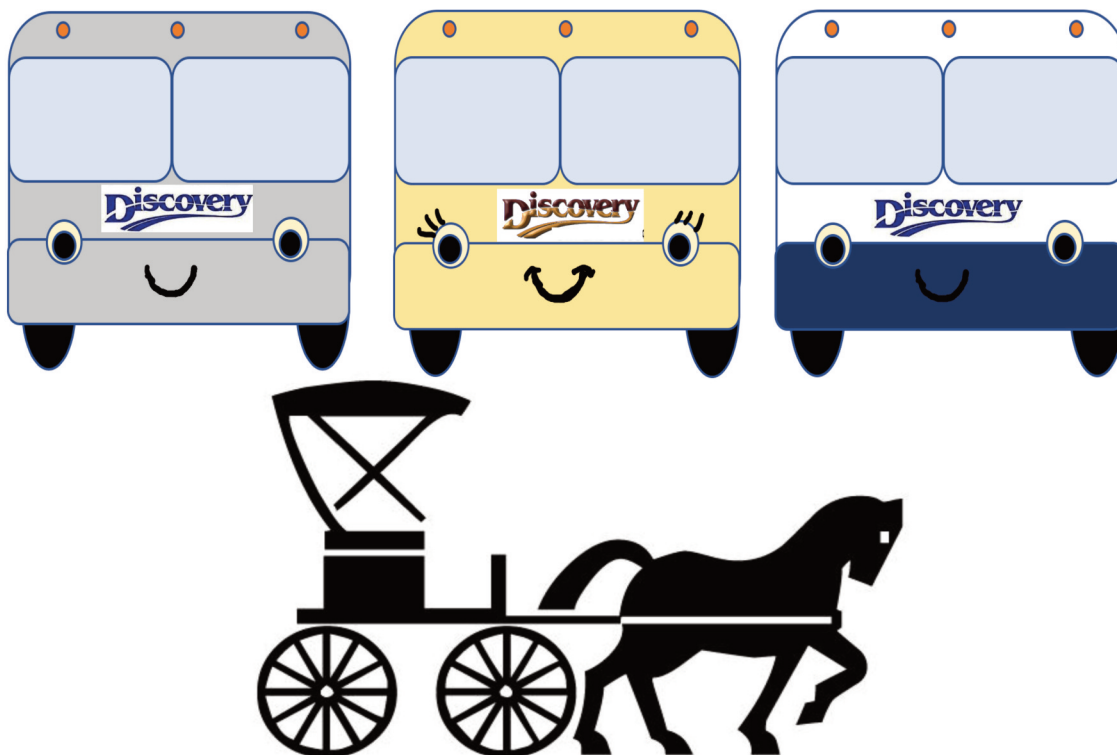
**\*\* Mon. 9/10 \*\***

**Rally Day #1, the parking team will continue getting everyone to their site.**

\* Rally Registration starts at 9:00am in the ECCC Building, in the Fidler Room. Our volunteer staff from the Ozarks Discovery and Midwest Discoverers chapters, plus many more, will all be ready to help you sign up for all the special items.

\* The First Timers meeting will start at 4:00pm.

\* The PARTY STARTS: Welcome Party at 5:00pm – just bring yourself and enjoy this evening of awards, good food and drinks.



**Join us on the Down the Road Tour - Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

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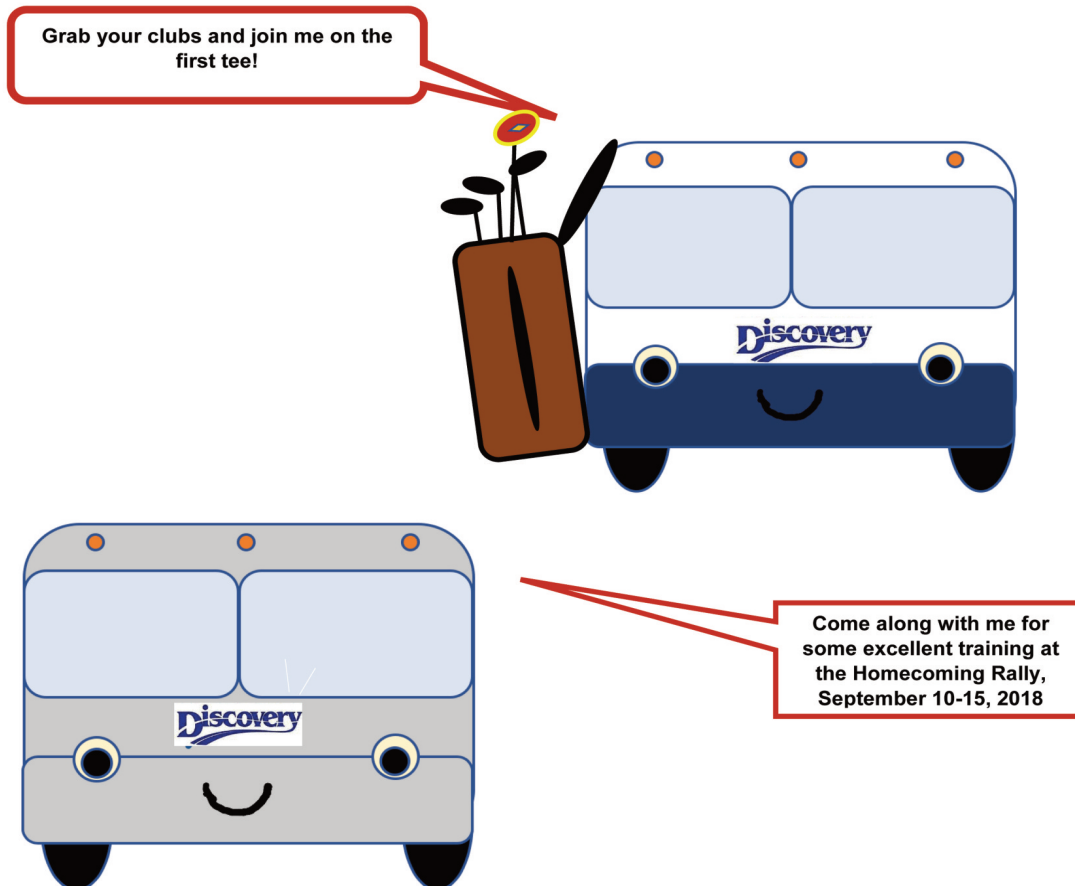
## National Rally Master's report, continued

**\*\* Tues. 9/11 \*\***

\* Tour Day – our “Down the Road Tour” bus will leave the fairgrounds at 8:30 am with six stops at various Amish businesses and you will receive gifts from five of them for your brown bag.

See your April issue of the Discovery Express for more details.

Lunch will be at an Amish home for a Thrasher meal. You will be back around 4:00 pm.



**\*\* Wed. 9/12 \*\***

\* Golf at the Black Squirrel Golf Club at 9:00 am.

\* Vendors open from Noon to 4:00 pm.

\* A Variety of Meetings are happening today. See information in your welcome package.

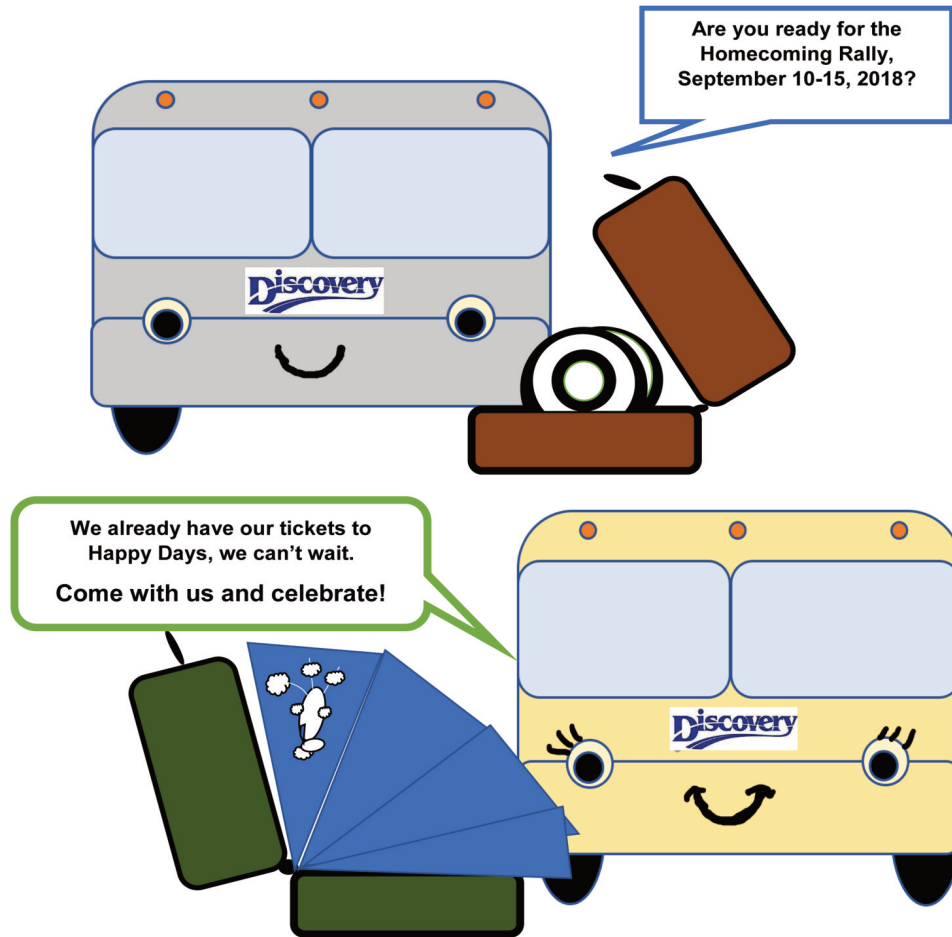
\* Early Lite Meal – 5:00 pm.

\* “Happy Days” Musical – car pool – leaving at 7:00pm for a 7:30 pm show.

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## National Rally Master's report, continued



**Thurs. 9/13 \*\***

- \* Full Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am.
- \* Seminars 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- \* Vendors open 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- \* Lunch with Sky Med 12:00 pm (Noon) - You must sign up at registration.
- \* Ladies Gathering – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – “Amish Dress and Life” with homemade pie and ice cream. Be sure to sign up at registration, but all ladies are welcome.
- \* Happy Hour 5:00 pm.
- \* Dinner 6:00 pm.
- \* Entertainment 7:00 pm.

BRING YOUR POLKA dancing feet! The Jim Busta Band has agreed to play for us again.

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## National Rally Master's report, continued

**\*\* Fri. 9/14 \*\***

- \* Full Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am.
- \* Seminars 9:00 am – 4:00 pm - Our Own DOAI GUYS are the seminar presenters.
- \* Vendors open 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- \* Book Club 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- \* Happy Hour 5:00 pm - Come join us for the very first one!
- \* Dinner 6:00 pm.
- \* Entertainment 7:00 pm.

We have a very special Mystery Guest for your enjoyment.

**\*\* Sat. 9/15 \*\***

- \* Continental Breakfast 8:30 am – 9:30 am Breakfast with Sky Med.
  - \* Vendors open 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
  - \* Seminars 9:45am – Noon.
- “Living Better in your D” and “Ask the Experts”.
- Kerry Pinkerton will be leading these two seminars – they are a great way to learn more about living in your Discovery.
- \* General Meeting 2:00 pm.
  - \* Photos: Group picture, Chapter pictures, First Timers – this will follow IMMEDIATELY after the CLOSE of the GENERAL MEETING.
  - \* Happy Hour 5:00 pm.
  - \* Dinner 6:00 pm.
  - \* Entertainment 7:00 pm.

Where's BAT? Bat plays an amazing guitar, has an incredible voice and is absolutely delightful!



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## National Rally Master's report, continued

**\*\* Sun 9/16 \*\***

Departure time is out by 12:00pm (Noon).

I know that I have left out a lot, but please read the articles that are in the Express by other members of the Rally Team.

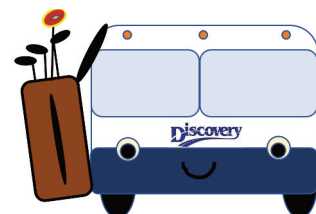
Keep your eye on the DOAI website. ❖

**REMEMBER: THE REGISTRATION FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE  
MAIL REGISTRATION TO NINA  
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY,  
AUGUST 22, 2018**



### DOAI Golfers

The golfers from DOAI are playing at Black Squirrel Golf club in Goshen, Indiana on Wednesday, September 12 at 9 am. We will car pool to course at 8 am. At dinner on Tuesday we will hold a golf meeting. The teams will be made up by the committee according to averages. There is plenty of room for more golfers so sign up when you check in at the rally. There will be a brat or hot dog lunch included.





Jeanne Stewart

## Book Club At Rally

You're invited to the 1st Ever DOAI Book Club. I thought it would be interesting to have a book club event and discussion during our Nat'l Rally. I know I read a lot when we are traveling. We will also be having a book exchange during the week at the Vendor's area. I always check out the book exchange library wherever we camp.



Where: Check at registration for location

When: Friday, Sept. 14th, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please bring your own beverage, thinking wine will be my choice at this time. Snacks will be provided. We will be discussing Jodi Picoult's – *small great things*.

I'm hoping we will have a good turn-out for this 1st time event.

Reading the book is suggested, but if you want to just come and enjoy a beverage, that's ok too. Any questions or suggestions, please call/text or e-mail me.

Jeanne Stewart (716-679-6593)

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Nina Soltwedel

## Charity Chosen for National Rally

The Salvation Army was founded in London, England, in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth. In the 153 years since, its work has spread around the world. The Army runs charity shops, operates shelters for the homeless, and provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

Perhaps you have seen The Army's ubiquitous red kettles outside stores during Christmas-time, welcoming your cash donations.

The work of The Army in the Goshen area has been highly visible since the devastating flood earlier this year. That work will continue in the Goshen area, just as it will around the world.

Captain Tim Sell will be with us at the Welcome Party on September 10, and he will share with us more about what The Army is doing locally.

This year, the proceeds from our fun 50/50 game will be split between The Army and the winner of each game played during our time together in Goshen. The Army will also receive the proceeds from the quilt raffle. An area in the rally hall will be set aside to receive your food donations, as well as a box to receive any monetary contributions you wish to make to The Army.

Please be generous when considering The Salvation Army in your charitable giving at the national rally. If you have questions about The Army, please contact Cindy Welch (cindy@acw1980.com). *By Nina Soltwedel* ❖

## National Rally Quilt

This is the quilt for the 20th Anniversary of DOAI Rally. The ladies are working ahead of schedule, which is great. It will be raffled off at the rally, where you may buy tickets during the rally. All the proceeds from the raffle goes to the Salvation Army as the rally charity. All the ladies have donated their time and fabric to put in together. It has traveled across the states to different ladies to do their part. So please do yours by buying raffle tickets. *By Judy Jo Bruton* ❖





Elaine Holley

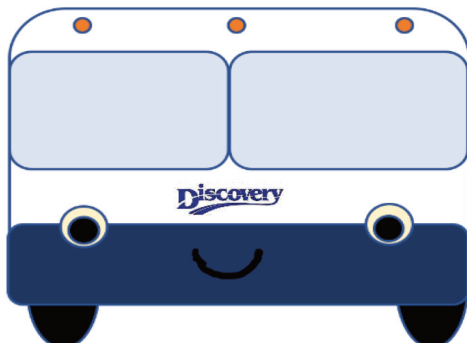
## Membership Coordinator's report

Since our last issue of Discovery Express, please "Welcome" our new and reinstated members listed here. Encourage them to pepper 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 members to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year's membership free for every three new members referred. ❖

Lara/Ray Alcalde, Bristol WI  
 Jerry Anderson, Reidsville NC  
 Ed/Jan Bagley, Canyon Lake TX  
 Robert/Pat Beitler, Box Elder SD  
 Daniel/Ruth Benoit, Townsend WI  
 Wayne/Lori Bentz, Livingston TX  
 Carl/Margaret Bohne, Atkinson NH  
 Tommy/Stacy Bowman, Concord GA  
 Richard/Diana Brown, Sherman TX  
 Graham/Carin Bunney, Sequim WA  
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**I have a weigh in appointment at the Homecoming Rally. Have you made yours?**

**Go to:**

<http://rvsafety.com/weighing/wheel-position-weighing>

**for information and to:**

<http://rvsafety.com/weighing-process-forms> to reserve your weigh-in



## Blast From The Past - Tips

### Blast From The Past - Tips

From the time the Discovery Express was first published it contained many tips and modification instructions from other Discovery owners. It seems D owners made many modifications on their Ds right from the start. These sorts of tips can now be found online in the members only part of the website at: [www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp](http://www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp)



Assistant webmaster  
Toni Calzone

#### Toni's RV tips

I've received a number of calls recently, saying the generator is running, but nothing works. Before panic sets in, check out those circuit breakers on the generator and make sure they are in the ON position. Even shore power events will cause those breakers to switch to the OFF position. If you have a polarity tester in an outlet, you can power to the coach from the generator. Before firing up the AC, be sure to wait a couple of minutes before activating the AC. If you have a bank of outlets not working, be sure to reset the GFI breaker at the outlet before you go further into why no electricity to a bank of outlets. Try not to over-think a problem. Think simple first, and then work your way in to the complicated thought process.

#### DISCOVERY-ING GREAT IDEAS



#### STORE IT UNDER THE SOFA!

Dale and Cecile Gallentine, above, attached the frontal piece of the sofa to the floor with a piano hinge. A magnetic closure keeps it shut. Plastic containers on wheels are available at Lowes.

Ron Hyslop, below, built a pull out drawer under his sofa. Note that he also reused the frontal piece.



## Discovery Owners Association, Inc. 20th Anniversary

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of our very own Discovery Owners Association, Incorporated and we have some partying planned for us. Time to pat ourselves on the back and celebrate our efforts in promoting and informing the wonderful RV lifestyle traditions we have created with our Discoverys.



### Blast From The Past - Tips continued

## TIPS FOR DISCOVERY MOTOR HOME OWNERS

To improve access to the right hand closet, remove the door, flip the door, and re-hinge on the left-hand side. It will, as does the left-hand door, open from the right.

Add a second shelf to increase storage in the cabinet above the sink (often used for dishes, etc).

If you have the single refrigerator with the pantry shelves, improve access to the pantry by removing the shelves and substituting a pull-out unit of basket-shelves. To allow access, remove the door, flip, and re-hinge on the left.



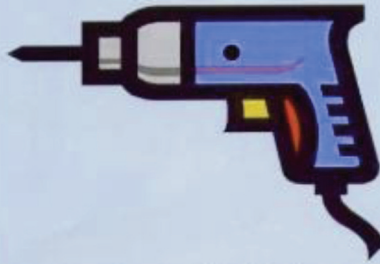
Improve organization in basement bins by adding a shelf. A 4' x 8' sheet of 3/4" plywood, cut into quarters, fits perfectly. Lay on the structural supports in the bins.



If your front air hose access is too low for easy connection and disconnection, add an extension to it, relocating it higher, making it more accessible from the front opening. Install a hook to hang the 50' hose.

For photos and notes, screw a cork-board (small bulletin board) to the sink side of the door to the toilet.

For those "junk drawer items", hang clear plastic pocket organizers inside closet doors.



Convert your steering wheel to a table top using broom hanging clamps on the side close to the dash and a deeper support on the front to level the top.

Assist with exiting from the motor home by adding a long vertical handrail along the right hand side, anchored in the narrow area between the door and the window treatment.

Utilize storage under the sofa by removing the frontal piece and building three drawers.

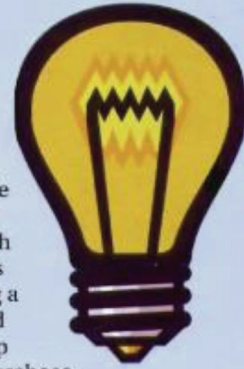
Replace the "bayonet" door closure on the bottom of the bathroom door (used when closed to the kitchen) with a cabinet magnet closure. It will effectively "grab", even when the coach is not level.

Since so many medicine cabinet items are short, add space by adding additional shelves. To keep items from falling out, install 1" Plexiglas "fences" at the front of each shelf.



To dry clothes in the motor home, purchase and install a retractable clothesline diagonally from the cabinet above the TV to the top of the cabinet above the bed, close to the ceiling.

Store shoes vertically along the front outside base of the bed, beneath the mattress level. String a bungee cord between cup hooks, or purchase the pocket shoe keeper from Campers World, or build your own.



Store hats and other items in the empty space to the front of and accessed from the cabinets above the headboard.

Build and hang a shallow silverware drawer from the end of the table, with a "U" opening to provide for the table leg.

Add a removable extension to your kitchen counter, above the drawers on the left, using the same connective system that is used for the kitchen table. Support with a single leg, which folds flat for storage.

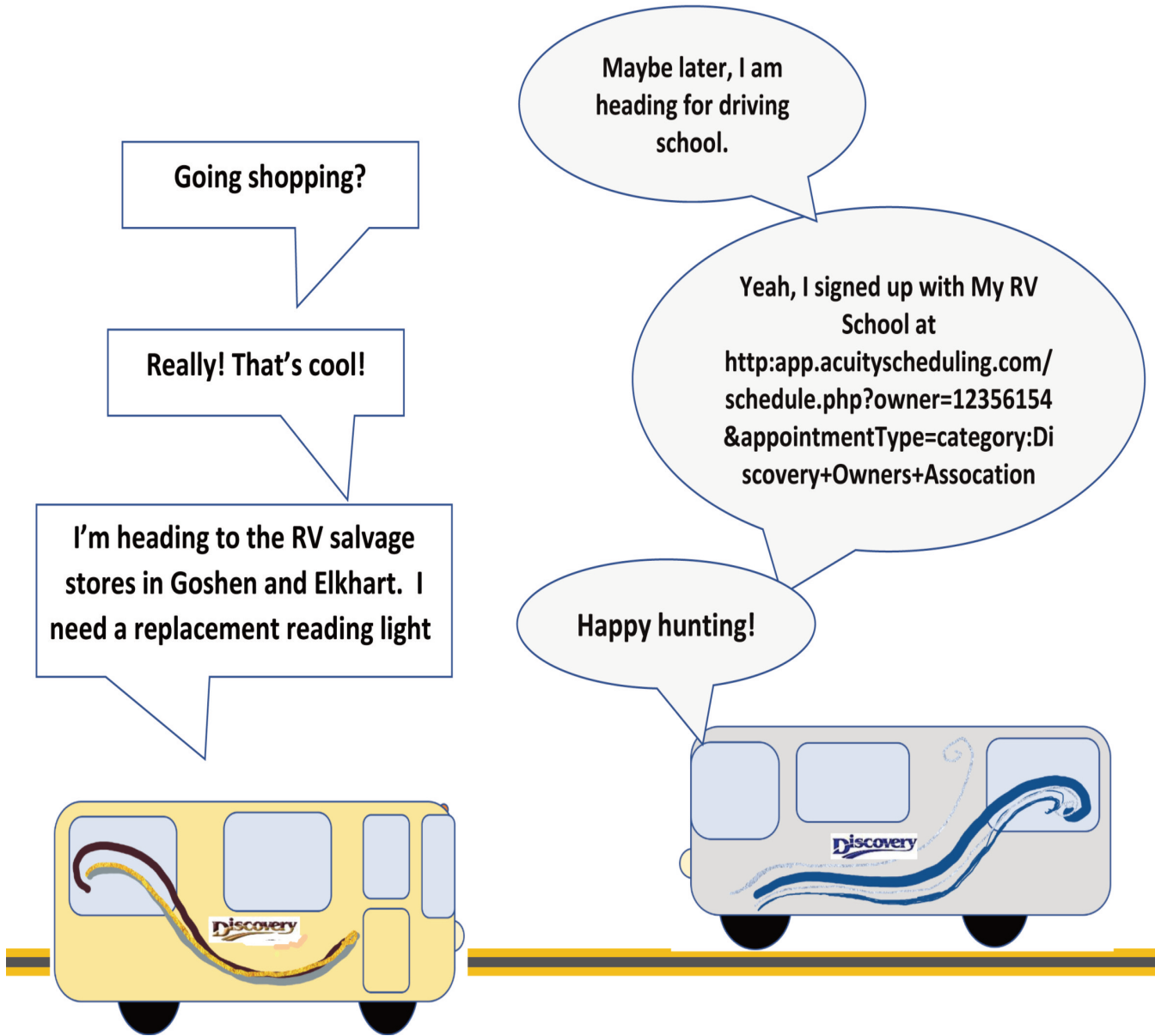


To ease access to the washer/dryer, split both doors and re-hinge to create bi-fold doors.

To increase storage use under the sink, add a shelf. Cut out around the pipe.



# Cartoon Highway



## Get Three, Earn One

The headline says it all ... get three Discovery owners to join DOAI and you will earn yourself a free year of membership. It's easy; if you're in a park or parking lot, and you see a Discovery, don't be afraid to knock on their door and ask if they are DOAI members. If they are, share how you've each found value from using your memberships. If not, share what fun you have as a member and the great things you have learned. Check the website for new member information materials and print some out to have on hand. A copy of this newsletter would work as well.

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## Region and Chapter reports

### Noreaster Discoverys chapter



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

Summer's here! Well at least we're happy about that up here in the north. I just looked at the forecast for the area we stay in during the winter months, central Florida, and I see it will be in the mid 90's with humidity at 97 percent. Boy, how fortunate we are to have our Discovery and go where and when we want to at a moment's notice. I have noticed that it takes a little more planning and prep than it did just a few years back when making reservations. A lot more RV's on the road and RV parks are filling up. You know you've waited too long to make a reservation when all you can get is a back-in site at a KOA. But that's a sign of the good economy and that's a good thing.

Good health news for three of our members who are recovering or doing well. Alice Ricciardi finished treatment, and no cancer detected.

Fred Raphael is recovering from by-pass surgery and is improving each day. Maurice Fairweather had double knee surgery and will be dancing at the Nat'l Rally. Pat Baldwin recently finished treatment, she and Russ are on the road traveling and will be at the Nat'l Rally – you have been missed.

Speaking of planning, I hope everyone is planning on attending some of the Discovery Rallies coming up. The Noreaster Discovery Chapter is hosting our 1st ever rally Sept 4th thru 8th in Niagara Falls. We'll be staying at the Branches of Niagara Campground while seeing the many sights in and around the Niagara Falls area. Contact me at zetapig@netsync.net for more information about reservations. This is the week before the National DOAI 20th Anniversary rally in Indiana, so it's a great stopover point for those heading to Indiana or if you just want to see the Falls for a few days. Our friends at the Midwest Discoverys are hosting a rally in Ashville, NC area soon after the DOAI National as well. So, if we plan things right, we can have a great fall season and be back home in October. I hope your travels are safe and you enjoy a rally or two or three. ❖

### Midwest Discoverers chapter



Chapter prez  
John Hooper

The Midwest Discoverers thoroughly enjoyed their Spring Rally in the Amish area of Ohio back in June. The campground was good and hospitable and the Hosts (Brad and Nancy McKittrick) had planned an itinerary that all enjoyed. It is great to have such wonderful members that host such enjoyable rallies.

Now the Chapter is looking forward to their Fall Rally in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina during September 23 – 30, 2018. The mountains will be putting on their Fall colors and the scenery promises to be exceptional. There are a number of things to do and see in the area and anyone can see the itinerary by going to the DOAI web site, clicking on the Midwest Discoverers Chapter, then Rally Info, and scroll down. The itinerary is there showing each day's activities. Also, you can download a Registration Sheet for the rally that includes instructions on reserving an RV site at Lake Junaluska. All sites being held for Midwest are full hook up with cable TV.

Because of the visitors looking at the Fall leaf colors, a very limited number of RV sites are reserved for the Midwest Rally. All members of Midwest and DOAI are invited to attend the Rally, and it is highly recommended that RV reservations be made early. Otherwise, you will be left with the general public on a space available basis.

The Spring 2019 Rally will be back in Ohio, only this time on Lake Erie. Valerie and Les Whipple are the Hosts and have already begun planning great things to see and do. Information concerning this Rally will be available on the DOAI web site as they become available.

The Midwest Chapter invites all to attend their rallies. Who knows, you might even learn what you are missing and want to become part of this wonderful group of people. ❖

## Discovery Owners Association, Inc. 20th Anniversary

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of our very own Discovery Owners Association, Incorporated and we have some partying planned for us. Time to pat ourselves on the back and celebrate our efforts in promoting and informing the wonderful RV lifestyle traditions we have created with our Discoverys.





Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon chapter

Our chapter recently completed a fun-filled rally at the Fredericksburg, VA, KOA. Ten coaches attended. We had more than our share of rain, but it didn't stop the fun. The rally provided a great opportunity to meet two of our newest chapter members; Steve and Julianna Bachmann, and Mike and Lori Minshall. Rally activities included a cookout, trolley tour of historic Fredericksburg, dinner outings, time for shopping, a technical seminar, and chapter meeting.

At the chapter meeting we elected Carol Newbury to fill the vacant Vice President position. We also made plans for a fall rally to be held at Americamps RV Resort in Ashland VA, Oct 25-28. Details are posted on the chapter portion of the DOAI website. We have 15 sites set aside for the rally so please make your reservation soon. The Richmond area General RV dealer is located near the campground. They are providing rally support by sponsoring a meal and providing new Discovery tours.

We have begun to make plans for a Spring 2019 rally in the Williamsburg, VA area. It has been a while since we were last in Williamsburg. It is always interesting to visit that area. We should have more information by the time of the chapter meeting at the National Rally.

I encourage all Mason-Dixons to attend the upcoming National Rally to wrap up the celebration of DOAI's 20th anniversary year. It is great to gather with a hundred or so other Discovery owners. It's a wonderful feeling of being part of a unique family living the RV lifestyle. Take care and have safe travels. ❖



Mason-Dixon Chapter Cookout



Left to right: Grant Newbury, Carol Newbury, Julianna Bachmann, Steve Bachmann, Alice Ricciardi, John Ricciardi, Debra Pruyne, Jerry Pruyne, Mary Anne Weinberg, Larry Weinberg, Mike Minshall, Becky Godwin, Marshall Godwin, Dennis Kiser, Lori Minshall, Donna Crinklaw, Toni Calizone, Helen Blackwell, and Sonny Blackwell.



Donna Crinklaw, Dennis Kiser, Helen and Sonny Blackwell, Toni Calizone, Alice and John Ricciardi, Mary Anne Weinberg, Ann Taylor, Marhsall and Becky Godwin, Debra Pruyne



Dinner on the town.....  
we know how to eat well

Picture credits: Marshall Godwin  
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John Ricciardi

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Southwest Region VP  
Jim Sullivan

### Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

Well, they finally got me! I have been appointed/elected as Southwestern Vice President. Kicking and screaming didn't do me any good, as I yielded to the powers that be, to help our DOAI organization. It so far hasn't been too bad. In 2019, the National Rally will be held in the Southwest. Susan and I went scouting out possible venues for MaryAnn Crowell, National Rally Master. Whatever is decided on a rally location, it will be a great place to enjoy some good times in the Southwest!

Discovery California went to Death Valley for "Flowers and Golf Rally" April 5th through the 8th at the Longstreet Inn & Casino RV Resort in Amargosa Valley, Nevada, located just outside of the east border of Death Valley.

Prior to the start of the rally, the rally masters, Felix & Suzie Jones, had to bow out due to a death in the family. Did we cancel out? Never! We decided that the Board would take over for the Jones. Everything was so well organized beforehand that the rally went off without a hitch. Eighteen Discoverys descended onto the Longstreet Inn & Casino RV Resort, our largest rally so far.

We had lots of weather; rain, sun, and especially wind. The wind was so strong it lifted 2 popups, both were nailed into the ground with rocks on each anchor, they were completely destroyed! Due to the strong wind there were two nights that we did not get together as everyone hunkered down in their RV or in the Casino. We did eventually manage to have two evening bonfires, the last one was quite spectacular.

Paul Stein, Matt & Susan Cullen, Herb Rickelman, Bill Fedewa, and Frank Petronzio played in a golf tournament at the Furnace Creek Golf Course in Death Valley. This golf course sits at 214 feet below sea level which is the lowest elevation golf course in the world.

A number of us explored the ghost town of Rhyolite. There have been no residents here for more than 100 years. What Rhyolite does have are lots of dilapidated buildings in a wild west setting, with no goods or services. We were lucky the museum was open the day we chose to visit. We took the opportunity to take a group photo with the creepy ghost sculptures. Rhyolite is arguably one of the best ghost towns in all of Nevada.

Upon leaving Rhyolite, I was able to talk a few of us, those with high clearance vehicles and a sense of adventure, to drive the 27-mile long one-way road through Titus Canyon. The road starts off with seven or eight miles of extreme washboard then proceeds west across the Amargosa Valley and up into the Grapevine Mountains. The one way road was way more than a drive. The road has astounding mountains, steep twisting roads with hairpin turns, gorgeous colorful rock formations, lush plant life and cacti, abandoned mines, a dry waterfall, and ancient petroglyphs, but the grand finale was driving through the breathtaking canyon narrows. Along the drive, we stopped and looked around at what was left of the ghost town of Leadfield which "boomed" for less than a year in 1926-27 because the lead deposits bottomed out quickly. All that is left today are a few shacks and a number of mines.

Many of us went to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, which was only a mile from the RV park. It's the largest remaining oasis in the Mojave Desert. This is a photographer's paradise where ice blue spring pools are a stark contrast against the harsh desert landscape. One of these pools is near an old stone cabin built by Jack Longstreet, a gunslinger from the old west. It pumps out 15 gallons of water per second. Many of these pools and streams are habitats for the pupfish.

Of course when you are in Death Valley, you need to go to Badwater Basin, the lowest point in North America, with an elevation of 282 ft below sea level. Our group took this opportunity for a photo shoot.

Over Memorial Day we tried something different for a rally. We tied our rally around the Big Santa Maria Elk's Rodeo. It appears that roughly half of our members are Elks and in order to stay at the 75th Elk's Rodeo RV Corral Campout every Elk could attend with one guest. We had 9 Discoverys dry camping for 4 days of bone crushing (more on the bone crushing later), action packed thrills. The Elks provided breakfast, dinner, and lots of entertainment to keep everyone as busy as they wanted to be. There were Bloody Marys, karaoke, wine bottle painting, a baseball game with beanbags, dancing, and the Matchbox Car Races.

Our group cheered on Frank Petronzio as the driver for our Matchbox car. First, you needed to be the winner of the auction for the Matchbox car of our liking. Second, Frank and friends modified the car in hopes it will go down the track faster than the other competitors. The first race we won because the competitor's car got stuck at the starting gate. Sadly, we did not win any other races but are looking forward to next time we compete. Brunch included Bloody Marys and in the evening was the Santa Maria style of BBQ, which is famous in this part of the country. You should see the fire pits they used to BBQ chicken and tri-tip.

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### Region and chapter reports, continued

The rodeo was a hoot, very Americana and patriotic. The rodeo started off with a skydiver that flew in with a huge American Flag that was caught by a large contingent of Airforce personnel from nearby Vandenberg AFB. The rodeo had all the normal rodeo events but there was one which I was not familiar with, Bull Balls. This event had young men encapsulated in inflatable orbs that had a large bull batting these balls around. During our performance, an extremely large, aggressive bull batted these balls around until the orbs were popped and deflated. Two of the young men were carried off the field. The following night's performance the bull couldn't be bothered to bat the balls around. What a difference a day makes.

All Discovery owners are invited to our coming attractions:

- September 4-15, 2018 Rolling Rally along the Oregon Coast to Astoria, OR
- November 1-5, 2018 Indian Waters RV Resort, Indio, CA
- January 19-27, 2019 RV Sports Show – Quartzsite, AZ
- February 11-17, 2019 Puerto Penasco, Mexico at the Reef RV Park with the D'Zonas
- April 4-8, 2019 Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach, CA ❖



*Rhyolite Ghost Town - Francine & Chuck Richie, Al Anderson, Terri & Shari Shick, Anita Zantos, Jenn Randazzo, Bob Zantos, Debby & John Lott, Mike Randazzo, Susan Sullivan*



*Susan Sullivan, Sheri Rikelman, Al & Donna Anderson, Bill Pardini, Fonda & Frank Petronzio, Herb Rikelman, and Meg West.*



*Bull Balls*



*Skydiver with American Flag*



*Death Valley Bonfire*



*Raffle winners  
Lois Jones & Bill Pardini*



*Jim Sullivan jeeping  
through Titus Canyon*

### Region and chapter reports, continued

#### Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter



Chapter prez  
Kathaleen Ross

The Texas Discovery Road Runners gathered at the Galveston RV Resort on Galveston Island, for a relaxed, laid back rally March 21 through 25. Assembled were 11 coaches, including 2 guest coaches: Fred and Susie Gentry (joined by Fred’s granddaughter and her mother for a shrimp dinner), and Chappel and Mary Elizabeth (former Discovery owners). TDRR members in attendance were: Terry and Pam Shoemaker (rally host), Scott (head chef) and Melissa Plowman, Michael and Peggy Bingham (happy hour host), Doc and Lovetta Simpson, Loret and Kathaleen Ross, Rick DeLaune and Malise Prieto, Robert and Carol Ann Martin, Teri Dykman, and Noel and Rhoda Montgomery.

We welcome to our group four new members: Ron Blaylock and Lynn Moore, and Jim and Debbie McKinney. We look forward to rallying with them.

The Bingham’s welcomed the TDRR members to their campsite for fellowship and happy hour. There was lively discussion and exchange of ideas and travel experiences; it was wonderful to see everyone.

On Thursday, Pam and Terry had arranged for a boat tour of Galveston Bay. Many chose to experience the Galveston Bay industry and historical site significance. Others toured the Moody Mansion and other historical aspects of Galveston. “The history of Galveston, Texas, begins with the archaeological record of Native Americans who used the island. The first European settlements on the island were constructed around 1816. The Port of Galveston was established in 1825 by the Congress of Mexico following its successful revolution from Spain.” (History of Galveston, Texas-Wikipedia).

After all this touring, everyone was ready for the culinary delights of Rudy and Pacos restaurant for lunch, and it was an extraordinary, unique dining experience. Crisp white linen tablecloths and napkins, and a service staff that served everyone in unison. Quite a production, and the food was excellent! Kudos to Scott who directed us there!

When everyone had recovered from lunch, Scott and other TDRR men prepared luscious ribeye steaks for the potluck dinner. A picnic table arrangement was assembled for dinner at the Ross campsite; it was such fun! Doc brought his guitar and strummed a few chords for entertainment.

Friday began with a late breakfast, followed by the TDRR business meeting and more touring. Saturday was beach day free time! Happy hour in the evening was followed by a delicious shrimp boil dinner. There were many hands in the pot, and they were much appreciated; what a feast. Time to spend with friends and reflect on past experiences and plan for future ones.

DOAI 2018 National Homecoming Rally in Goshen, Indiana will be held September 10-15. Make your reservations for the DOAI rally, and plan for the TDRR rally in Grapevine, Texas November 26—29. Sunday everyone departed, going in different directions.

Until the TDRR assembles again, happy traveling! ❖





Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Judy Jo Bruton

Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans have finished out our spring rallies and starting our summer slowdown. We don't have rallies during the HOT summer months.

Our Rally in March took us to Skyline Ranch RV Park in Bandera Texas. This park is located in the beautiful hill country with so much to see and do in the surrounding areas.

We enjoyed our Wednesday evening on the town with dinner at Bricks River Café in Bandera. Good food and fellowship with great companions. As usual our hosts, Jean and Warren Leith and Susan and Elliott Smith provided great meals Friday and Saturday. We all enjoyed games and visiting with each other during the afternoons.

The May rally, our last till November, took us to the lovely town of Corsicana. We travelled to the American RV Park. Our members visited museums, Collin Street Bakery and a planetarium. Corsicana is a very interesting community with a college nestled in the center of downtown.

We did a few things different this rally. On Tuesday, our Rally hosts planned a meet and grill for the early arrivals with Hot Dogs and toppings to dress them with. We had an appetizer social instead of our usual restaurant night on Wednesday. Then on Thursday we enjoyed potluck salad supper after which our hosts organized a Jokers and Marbles Tournament. Friday and Saturday our hosts, Ronda and Joel Carson and Gwen and Leroy Churchill, provided delicious breakfasts and dinners. On Friday we participated in a rambunctious game of Bunco. And Saturday during social hour, we were entertained by our travelling troubadours, Don Griffith, on guitar, Jerry Brown providing vocals and Rodney Booth, on trumpet. We are indeed blessed to have such talented men!!

During the March and May rallies on each Thursday morning the men were invited to a Men's Coffee. The coffee was followed by a Round Table Technical Discussion which was open to both pilot and co-pilot. This activity has been very well received not to mention is a help to all in problem solving. We are very grateful to Don Griffith for implementation and Al De Haas for coordinating some of the topics. Great work men!!

Our March rally had 19 rigs in attendance and the May rally had 23. We hope this trend continues as we love to have large turnouts. We were so happy to welcome our newest members Rodney and Julianne Booth.

Our next rally will be November 7 – 10 at Coffee Creek RV Resort and Cabins in Santo, Texas. If you would like to be our guest, please fill out a guest reservation form located on the DOAI website. We plan our rallies for Wednesday through Saturday departing on Sunday.

Safe travels to all. Hope to see you soon. *Submitted by Susan Smith, Secretary.* ❖



Discovery Texans Group Photo taken at the rally in May at the American RV Park in Corsicana



## Region and chapter reports, continued



VP, Blue Ridge  
Discoverys  
Tom Leydic

### Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

Hope all BRD and DOAI Members are enjoying the summer and their travels. Twenty-three coaches arrived at the Creekfire RV Resort in Savannah, GA in mid-April for our spring rally. The early arrivals enjoyed an evening cruise and buffet on the Savannah River topped off with entertainment by a fantastic Gospel group. The rally was hosted by Carol and John Smith and Katy and Tom Leydic. The rally started with an introductory bus tour of Savannah and then everyone was on their own to do what they wished.... tour, relax at the park, or whatever.

One of the highlights of the rally were the Pickle Ball lessons held by Margaret Ellen. Margaret even had a final day Pickle Ball Tournament won by Steve Whitaker. Prizes were earned by all participants. Some days there were more spectators than participants, so it must have been a big hit. Many thanks Margaret!

In September many of us will head to Goshen, IN to attend the National DOAI rally celebrating the 20th anniversary of DOAI. Upon completion of the national call we move on to our next BRD rally being held in Bowling Green, KY at the KOA. Hosts are Glenda and Bob Angus, Mike Weiher, and Kathy and Jim Pinkerton.

We want to keep in mind and prayers all members who are not doing well health wise; especially Jean Money who continues to suffer from her cancer, Frank Cason has had one cataract surgery and is waiting for the second surgery. Get well soon, we look forward to seeing you both soon.

Have a wonderful summer and safe travels. Happy trails until we meet again. ❖



*Mason-Dixon Chapter Members Pat and Dick Tracy were guests at the Blue Ridge Spring Rally in Savannah, GA.*



*Chapter members enjoying themselves at the Blue Ridge Spring Rally in Savannah, GA.*

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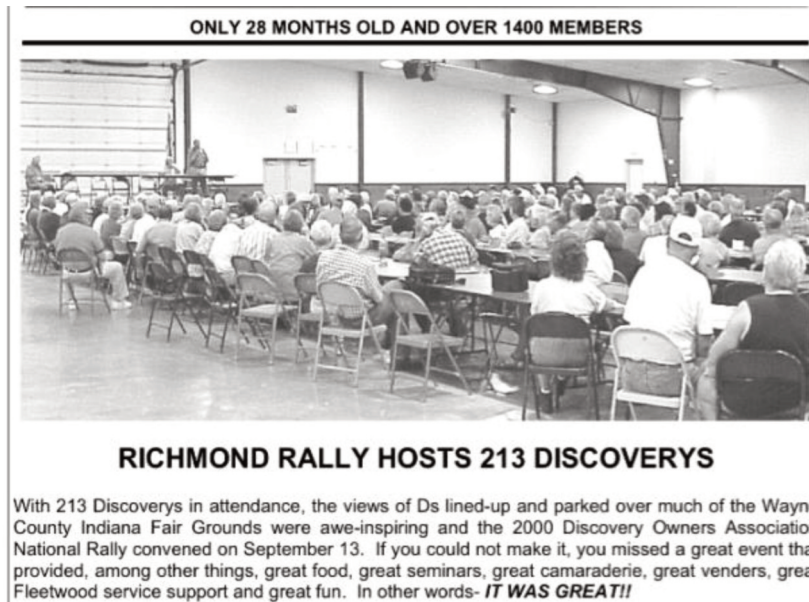
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## Editor's Note - Thank You

by Kristy Green

This newsletter is all about you, your chapters, your regions and your activities. If you have photographs of your latest rallies and chapter activities, please submit them to your chapter president or secretary for possible inclusion with their quarterly report in the newsletter. Also, if you have done something special featuring your D that you would like to share, please send your article to me along with pictures. Pictures should be high resolution, preferably jpeg, color and able to fit in an e-mail. Please identify people individually if the group is of 16 or fewer people. The next newsletter deadline for submissions is September 15, 2018. Questions or submissions can be sent to the editor at: [doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com).



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## Quarterly Question Contest Rules

Each issue of Discovery Express will feature a question on the front page, and the answer will appear somewhere within. Find the answer and submit the response. A drawing from all correct responses will be made, and the winner will receive a year’s free membership in DOAI.

### Contest Details

1. The quarterly question will appear on the front page of Discovery Express. The answer to each quarter’s question will be a word or a year. It will not be highlighted in any way except that, if the answer is a proper noun, it will be capitalized. It will be contained somewhere within the newsletter.



2. Entries are to be emailed to Nina Soltwedel ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)) and must contain:

- a. The member’s name and contact information
- b. The page number where the answer is found
- c. The complete sentence in which the answer is contained.

3. All DOAI members are eligible to participate. A member is a coach, thus one entry per coach per quarter. A member is limited to one win each calendar year.

5. The contest will open the first day of the month of that issue and close the fifteenth day of the succeeding month of that quarter. Entries may not be submitted until the first day of a quarter (January, April, July, October), and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter (February, May, August, November). Responses received before the opening date will be disqualified.

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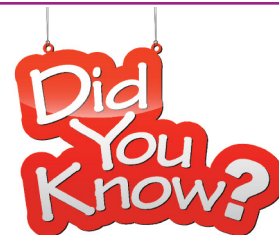
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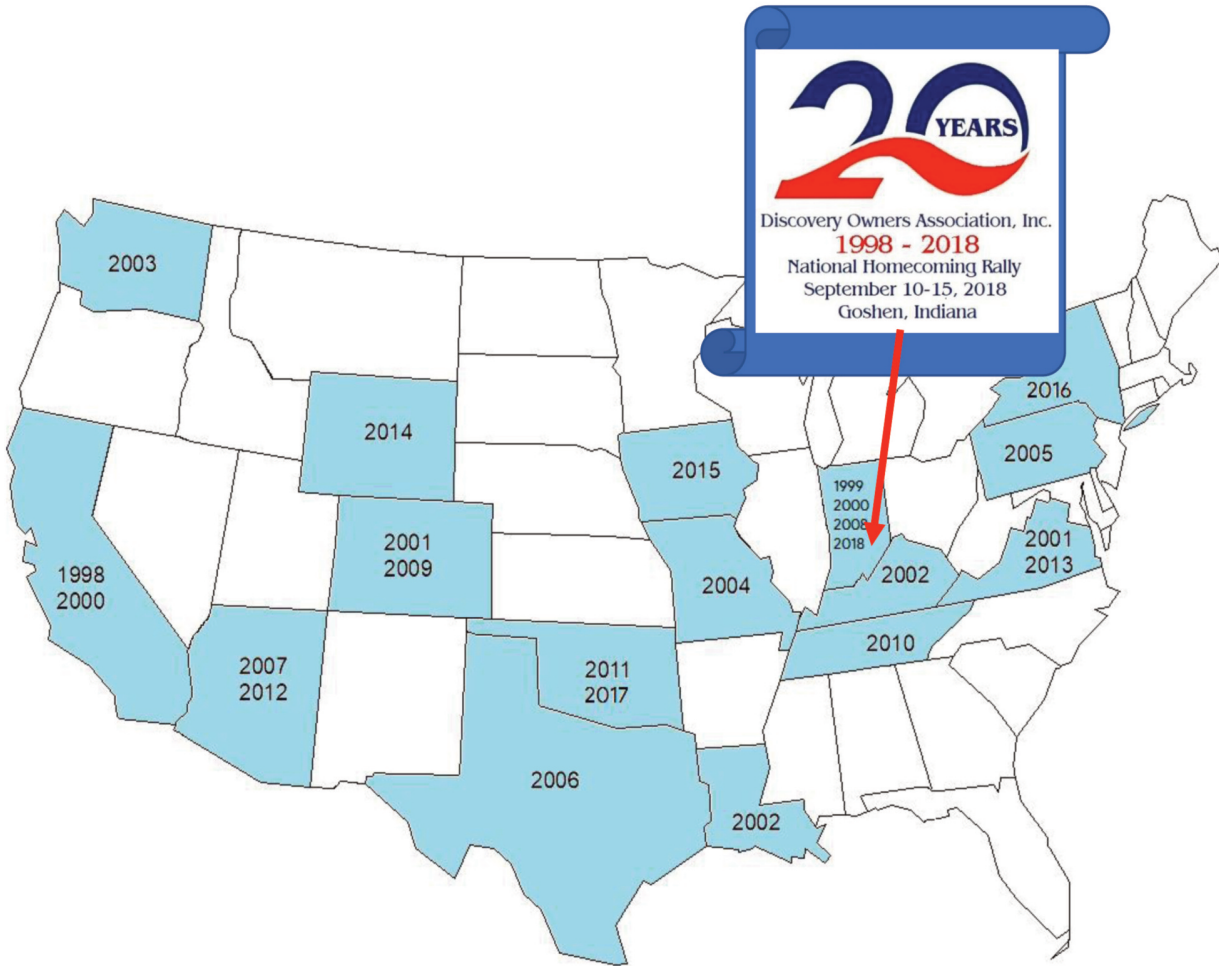
8. The DOAI Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time.

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact Nina ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)). ❖

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**Safe Travels...**  
**See you down the road!**

