



From the President



Dick Tracy

Hooray, Hooray, it’s time to think about RVing again! We are seeing relief from the Covid-19 pandemic and many of our members have already returned to our greatly loved RV lifestyle, and most members couldn’t be happier! The vaccinations that became available in early spring have done their job protecting those that have chosen to take advantage of them. To my knowledge most of our DOAI members were inclined to get themselves vaccinated and are now getting out and enjoying their Discoverys.

Your **2021 DOAI National Rally**, “Discovering the Blue Ridge Mountains,” to be held at The Ridge Outdoor Resort, 1250 Middle Creek Road, Sevierville, TN 37862 **IS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR!** Registration is well underway and it looks like we are returning to holding our great rallies for all members to enjoy! Information on the rally is covered elsewhere in this issue of the Discovery Express. If you have not already made your reservations, please do so very soon.

The turnover of the DOAI Membership duties has again had a change and now Le Brightman will be carrying out these very important duties. Again, as I said before, I want to thank and applaud John Baker as well as Le for all the time and effort they are giving to ensure the continuity of the very important Membership Coordinator duties. Please, everyone assist your Membership Team by making timely payment of your DOAI member dues, and by remembering to update your DOAI membership information when you have any change to your email address or phone numbers. If possible take advantage of the PayPal method of payment.

Your Board of Directors has approved a change to DOAI Standing Rule 15 to allow for multiple Membership Coordinators, and eliminated the requirement to issue membership cards to DOAI members. These changes accommodate the need to have back up capability for processing new and renewal actions and dues within our vitally important membership function. It also reduces workload for them by eliminating membership cards. Members may access our website for their needs and the membership cards are no longer required.

I am anxiously looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you at the National Rally in Sevierville in September!

Dick Tracy

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VP of Development & Temporary Membership Coordinator



John Baker

You might remember that last quarter I introduced our TWO volunteers for the Membership Coordinator position that we needed to replace due to the untimely death of our beloved Elaine Holley. Unfortunately, Donna needed to step back due to other commitments. That means Le Brightman is taking on the responsibility alone until we find another volunteer to assist. Maybe **YOU** should be that person. Please let [me](#) or our President [Dick Tracy](#) know if you are interested.

Meanwhile, I want to share a few things I have learned while making this transition. [Elsewhere](#) in this edition I will go into more detail...please don't miss it.

Most of our new members join via the internet, which is great. When you recruit a new member, encourage them to fill out the form at <https://discoveryowners.com/join.html>. This assures all their information transfers into our membership files correctly and can also be used elsewhere. We encourage existing members to use that page to renew or make changes for the same reason - **accuracy**. If renewing, remember to make your payment separately.

Speaking of payment, PayPal is the preferred method and nearly everyone uses it (Thank You). However, it does not come without its own set of issues. All our records are tied to your membership number, but PayPal payments carry only the name of the PayPal account. We can usually match the payment to our records but it is a time-consuming manual process; It will really be helpful if you include your membership number in the memo section. The real challenge comes when the membership is in one name and the PayPal account is in another. In this case the member number is essential.

We are trying very hard to help everyone become current on their dues. Please understand if you receive (maybe multiple) "gentle reminders." Almost all of our members have responded positively, and we appreciate that.

Wishing everyone safe travels

John Baker

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Temporary Membership Coordinator (Continued) - Some Facts!

“I paid my dues” or “I applied for membership a couple of days ago so why can’t I sign on to the DOAI website?” Or, alternatively, “I renewed but the website says I am still in arrears – why?” These and similar questions come up and we are happy to provide you with truthful, correct answers. Of course, to do so requires research, often more information, and sometimes communication with you.

A huge reason for these and related questions stems from a common misconception that because the membership application or renewal transaction was submitted on-line and paid via PayPal the downstream processes are all automatic and should be completed in near real-time. ***Nothing could be further from the truth!*** The transactions begin a **myriad** of both electronic and manual operations. Those operations are accomplished by a dedicated team of DOAI member volunteers who must balance these tasks with their careers, families, and other responsibilities.

Within a very few days of an application the Membership Coordinator will update the Master Membership Data Base with all the information the member provided. They will manually determine and update several additional data points. Two significant ones are the membership number (if a new member) and the “next due date.” Established members’ number never changes. In a very few more days the Webmaster follows up with more manual operations. Those same two data points mentioned in the preceding paragraph are still not useable at this time. Wait – it is coming!

At approximately the 15th and end of the month the wheels turn and everything is completed, member-only pages, and “next due date” can be accessed by the member!

There are many other things these dedicated volunteers handle day-in and day-out such as manually accounting for all payments for the Treasurer and depositing any checks received via snail mail into the bank. We really owe them a debt of gratitude.

You can assist our volunteers and save lots of work if you will do a few things: (1) Realize that based on the calendar it will possibly take up to several weeks or so before a transaction should be considered as “not processed,” so please allow time before raising questions. Not often but occasionally things do go astray and our research will find and correct them. (2) Once you have received your member number include it in any communication within DOAI. (3) If your question involves a payment, provide as much information as you can – when did you pay it, how did you pay it, etc. (4) **ESPECIALLY** if your PayPal account is not in the same name as your membership include your member number and name on your membership in comments when you submit your payment to PayPal. (5) If your PayPal account is in another name, include it in your question.

We are working hard to maintain accurate membership records. Thanks for “listening “and for your help.

John Baker, Vice President-Development
and (temporary) Membership Coordinator



Temporary Membership Coordinator (Continued)



There is no recruiting tool better than the recommendation of a member. When three new members report that you recruited them, the Board grants you a free year on your membership. AND there is no limit on how many free years you can earn. We are still isolating the hiccup in recruiting records. But, fear not, we will isolate and fix it as soon as possible. We have a great list of new members as shown below.

Mike/Nita Adams, Ririe, ID
 Dave/Angie Aguirre, Santee, CA
 Michael/Linda Anderson, Lakeland, FL
 Donald Armstrong, Carson, CA
 Kaare/Patricia Bakke, Ponte Vedra, FL
 Theo/Karen Bennett, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Jon/Sueann Blincoe, Englewood, FL
 Cheryl/Ned Boice, St Pauls, NC
 Roger/Karen Boskus, Fayetteville, AR
 Billy/Patricia Bouziden, Columbus, TX
 Dale/Maureen Bryan, Bakersfield, CA
 Richard/Michele Budd, Fountain, CO
 Casey/Laura Clark, Fresno, CA
 Brian/Linda Costello, Warrenton, VA
 Michael/Rebecca Crouch, Stockdale, TX
 Michael/Candy Cutchens, Dahalonega, GA
 Jeff/Patty Dalton, Marathon, FL
 Dale/Sherry Davis, Boerne, TX
 Jeff/Sharon Deluca, Perkasio, PA
 Chad/Erica Deville, Mesa, AZ
 John/Patti Dreher, Yamhill, OR
 Kurt/Connie Edwards, Birmingham, AL
 Ken/Connie Feber, Auburn, IN
 Bob/Kim Franken, Clear Lake, IA
 Brendan/Patty Gable, Sykesville, MD
 Michael/Jenny Grant, Parker, TX
 James/Sharon Gregory, Polk City, FL
 David Haney, Manor, TX
 Ted/Kathy Howe, West Chester, PA
 Jim/Lindy Hricak, Harrisburg, PA
 Carl/Teresa Jehle, Foley, AL
 James/Sue Johnson, Mesa, AZ
 Norman/Joni Jones, Kerrville, TX
 Mike/Stephanie Koenig, Florissant, MO
 Michael Krause, Firestone, CO
 Bill Kuhn, Omaha, NE
 Greg/Paula Kula, The Villages, FL
 Jose/Jennifer Landeros, Shingle Springs, CA
 Paul/Wendy Lebsack, Berthoud, CO
 Josh Leverett, Crowley, TX
 Walter/Sharon Lupeika, Livermore, CA
 Glenn/Missy Marino, Metairie, LA
 Jim/Janice Martin, London, Ontario

John/Heidi Martinez, San Antonio, TX
 Emma/Tim McCarthy, Sugar Land, TX
 Paul/Nancy McMurray, Strasburg, CO
 Taylor Neuharth, Edgewater, MD
 Nick/Tammy Nickolau, Calgary, AB
 Terry/Millie North, Ormond Beach, FL
 Roger M./Janice Olmsted, Porter, TX
 Randy/Barbara Park, Clear Lake, IA
 Steve/Deborah Parker, Winder, GA
 Walton/Judy Pitchford, Crestview, FL
 Laura Pleskac, Sonora, CA
 Sage Poodry, Berwick, ME
 Stan/Debbie Porter, Taylor Mill, KY
 Bobby/Donna Presnal, Ranburne, AL
 Kevin/Maria Prior, Warrenton, MO
 John/Catherine Pyper, Grand Rapids, MI
 Hank/Laurie Reisenbichler, Suffolk, VA
 Darrell/Latayne Rothman, Amarillo, TX
 Bonnie/William Rowan, College Station, TX
 Chris/Alissa Russell, Canyon Lake, CA
 Ed/Brenda Gail Sallee, Ball Ground, GA
 Bill/Debby Scudder, San Antonio, TX
 Britta Seuren, San Mateo, CA
 Jerry Skaggs, Winters, CA
 Fred/Marsha Spreeuwiers, Georgetown, TX
 Brent/Jackie Stahl, Overland Park, KS
 David/Kathleen Stansfield, Arnold, MO
 Matt Stiefel, Lake Stevens, WA
 Ricky/Diana Suber, Murphy, TX
 Virginia/William Sutherland, Post Falls, ID
 Grant/Blair Sutton, Johns Island, SC
 Scott/Stacy Sykes, Clarksville, TN
 Jim/Donna Thomas, Edwardsville, IL
 Jason Tollison, Sapulpa, OK
 Martha/David Trangmar, Tyler, TX
 Mark/Michele Valentino, Bermuda Dunes, CA
 Ben/April Vlug, Portage, MI
 Jason Walsh, Lakeside, CA
 Richard/Elizabeth Warren, Brookville, OH
 Rick/Karen Wiest, Fountain, CO
 Al/Kathy Wilson, Round Mountain, TX
 Keith/Deb Wood, Naples, FL
 Barry Zehr, Fort Pierre, SD

National Rally Master



Fred Jecks

Final preparations are being made for the [DOAI National Rally](#) in Sevierville, TN, 20-26 September 2021, at [The Ridge Outdoor Resort](#). At the time of this writing the number of registrations is approaching 100 so I believe our members are ready to get out and use their coaches. There is still time to [register](#), but you need do so by 20 August. The links to register and a draft schedule are on the [DOAI web page](#). Beyond the schedule, there is plenty to see and do in this tourist area.

The DOAI web page also has the link to register for the [Southeast Regional Rally](#) (Camp Discovery) at [Lazydays Resort](#) in Seffner, Florida, from 31 January to 6 February 2022. As a reminder, for this rally it is a two-step process where you register online, and you call Lazydays Resort at 800-905-6627 to make your camping reservations. For those that don't know, Camp Discovery is more of a technical rally where the various systems on your coaches are discussed in great detail. These seminars include some basic troubleshooting tips. If you order the notebook during the online registration, it contains almost all the slides used during these discussions and allows you to take notes. Of course there will also be other seminars planned that aren't technical in nature and Florida is a great place to visit in the winter.

Both rallies should be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there. Fred

Secretary



Cindy Welch

I have no report for this quarter. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Rally in Sevierville. Be safe—see you there. Cindy



Robert Orr

Webmaster

There are no major changes to the website to report this quarter. However, do not hesitate to email me for anything DOAI web related.

[Robert](#)



North Central Region Vice President - NC



Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

On 8 March 2021, eight DOAI couples gathered for a pot luck lunch and fellowship at Bruce and Nancy Plumb's property near Yuma, Arizona. We braved COVID and beat it by bathing in God's universal sanitizer (Yuma's sunlight), ate great food and had a fun time visiting. This is an annual gathering of all interested DOAI members who are in the area in the January - March time frame. If you want to join the group next year, contact [me](#) in January 2022. Everyone is invited.



Couples from left to right: Bill and Sandi Babcock, Gale and Linda Culbertson, Gary and Andi Kerner, Angel and Teresa Rodriguez, Bruce and Nancy Plumb (Bruce on the other side of the camera!), Pat and Mo McClurg, Reggie and Barbara Good Bill and Connie Johnson

(Courtesy of Bruce Plumb)

Region and Chapter Reports



President
Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge Discoverys

Another winter season has come and gone and many of us have arrived or are headed to our summer homes. Blue Ridge Discoverys held our spring rally at [Carolina Pines RV Resort](#) in Conway South Carolina 21 to 26 April.

Twenty Seven coaches were in attendance. Although this was a planning rally for the National rally we had a great time. Carolina Pines is an all inclusive resort. It is a great place for a family outing. They even have a bowling ally.

We had four new member coaches in attendance. Welcome to the club and your first rally Tom and Debbie Boerner from Townville, South Carolina; Cherie Boice and Ned Stedman from St. Pauls, North Carolina; Jim and Beth Bunn from New Port Richey, Florida; and Randy and Gayle Starita from Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bruce and Margaret Ellen who have been members since 2008 but recently sold their coach joined us for opening night dinner. We wish them the best.

Our 2022 Spring Rally is scheduled for 4-9 May at the [Hearthside RV Resort](#) in Geneva-on-the-lake Ohio. Our rally master should have registration and agenda available in June.

Eleven Coaches, with a mix of Blue Ridge and Ozark members, are heading to the Northeast on 10 August turning at Niagara Falls and working our way down the East coast ending at the DOAI National Rally in Sevierville. As the country opens and returns to normal, we are really looking forward to this trip.

We continue to add coaches to our roster for registration at the National Rally. We hope to see many of you there. It will be a great time.



Blue Ridge Discoverys
Happy Hour at Florida Grande RV Resort



Don Muskopf and Randy Conklen
Breakfast at the Grande—Blue Ridge Style

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Blue Ridge Discoverys (Continued)



Chris Muskopf, Linda Gremelsbacker, Linda Terrill, Kathy Pinkerton, Mary Yapple, Carolyn Pinkerton, Toni Abel
Shopping Day for Blue Ridge Women

(Photos courtesy of Jim Pinkerton)



And this is how it is done!
Bob Angus



Oh My—where do I start? Glenda Angus

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Blue Ridge Discoverys (Continued)



En Route from Florida Grande Doggie Break



Toni and Tom Abel, Chris and Don Muskopf with their babies

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Discovery California – Southwest Region VP



Southwest Region VP-
Discovery California
Jim Sullivan

Discovery California started out the year a little slow. Some would say that is an overstatement. We have had several events that rekindled some of our past fun and festivities that Discovery California has been known for.

In December, one of our club’s favorite places, Chula Vista RV Park, that is now closed, had a special internet, 24 hour sale, with 50% off, if reserved within 24 hours. Susan and I jumped on the offer. We reserved 10 spots believing we could entice 9 more members to get out and return to normal. We set the date for St Patrick’s Day week, 15-18 March.

Paul & Cheryl Stein arranged a fun golf outing that was quite a challenge and as Mr. Kool (Herb Rikelman) said, “We all got our money’s worth playing today.” Paul also brought his championship Cornhole boards and we had fun with a tournament. Sandy Arriola and Larry Jones claimed that they had never played the game before but they both made it into the championship round - However, winning once again, the Steins were the Cornhole King and Queen.

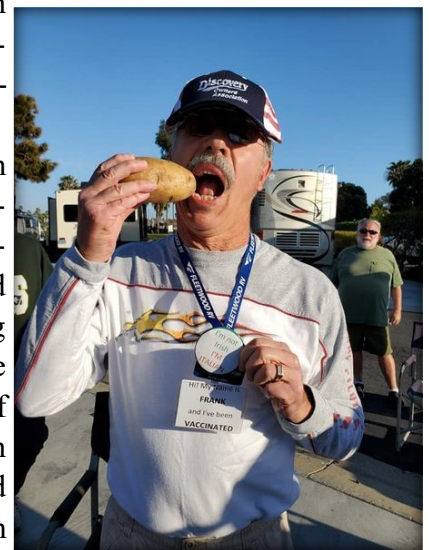
The weather was a mixed bag for our spring rally. There was a good downpour the first day which was probably the last day of measurable rain in the San Diego area. Because of the rain, we had an appetizer crawl moving from one Discovery to the next sampling everyone’s goodies. The remainder of the time the weather was sunny and, if outside much, sunscreen was needed. I should have listened to my beloved and, since I didn’t, I returned home with a sunburned face and nose.

St. Patrick’s Day was a fun day. We ate a traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner and played games. Jenn Randazzo was the winner in the Irish Trivia quiz. Frank Petronzio won the “Hot Potato” game.



Jenn Randazzo wins Irish Trivia

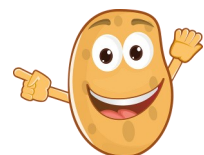
April 29th through May 3rd we met in the Sierra foothills at the Black Oak Casino and RV Resort in Tuolumne, California. The event was hosted by Felix and Suzie Jones who did a great job organizing and hosting this great weekend. The Jones’ arranged all of this in the midst of selling their home, starting construction on their new home in Post Falls, Idaho, and closing out the estate for Suzi’s mom in Colorado. Some people just have nothing to do during their retirement!



Frank Petronzio is a “Hot Potato”



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Discovery California – Southwest Region VP (Continued)



State Coach ride at Columbia State Park

Tuolumne is located in what was California’s Gold Country. The area is chock full of historical sites such as Mark Twain’s [Calaveras Frog Jumping festival](#) in Angels Camp with a great museum dedicated to gold mining and early pioneers. Jamestown, the site of Rail Town State Park, has a number of steam locomotives and a Roundhouse with all of the ancient tools and equipment necessary to keep



Herb and Sheri Rikelman Rides the rails at Jamestown Rail Town

the trains running. Columbia State Park has the remnants of an old gold mining ghost town and numerous gift and tourist shops. Sonora is the county seat for Tuolumne County and was founded during the California Gold Rush by Mexican miners from Sonora, Mexico. Sonora is the big city in the area and still has a gold rush feel to it in a busy crowded tourist town.

The Jones hosted a golf outing where the course was hilly and rocky. The temperature was in the 90’s. Felix and his son, Zack, were the only ones to complete the back nine and they were also the youngest golfers.

Left, Center, Right (LCR) is a game that requires no skill, the only requirement is to be lucky or to sit next to someone who can keep you in the game. Everyone looks forward to playing. We even had a 5 year old participant. We taught him how to throw dice and before the 2nd night’s game he was gambling like the rest of us. Al Grijalva won the first night, and Cheryl Stein the second.

We had another cornhole tournament, which we played indoors at the hall. Even though there was a 12 foot ceiling some of the bean bags still managed to hit the ceiling. Again, I didn’t win, or even make it out of the first round. The one thing you can say about my abilities is that I am consistent. The cornhole winners were Al Grijalva and Suzie Jones. The amazing winning throw from Al was a sight to see. He made 9 points on one throw while not knocking in Paul’s bag sitting on the rim of the hole. Impressive to say the least!



Al Grijalva wins a bundle at LCR!

The next scheduled rally will be hosted by the Steins in Southern California, at the Pechanga Casino and RV Resort, 4 through 8 November. We will hold our annual Membership Meeting and elections for officers.

The Zantos are planning a rally at the marina at Long Beach not far from the Queen Mary. More information on that as it becomes available.

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Discovery California – Southwest Region VP (Continued)



Sandy Arriola in action

Susan and I are looking into a potential rolling rally in the spring along Highway 395 on the east side of the Sierra Mountains.

I do want to ask everyone for their prayers for Linda Johnson as she is battling cancer for the second time. Linda is a fighter and she has such a positive attitude.

Now, with the pandemic mostly behind us and most of us vaccinated, we can start getting out and living once again. Stay safe and enjoy life.



They put me in a fowl mood!



The gangs all here—together again



Chapter prez
Bruce Bruce

Florida Discovery Sunshiners

Since our quarantine we have had two rallies; the first in April at Orange Park, Florida, hosted by Fred Jecks, and the second in May held by the Bruces' in Crystal River. We grilled our own pancakes family style at DeLeon Springs State Park and enjoyed German food and Polka music at Hollerbach Restaurant.

We attended the Deltona Flea Market for some discounted shopping. Nightly “fireside” chats were the highlight of the rally where we “found solutions for all mankind.”

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Florida Discovery Sunshiners (Continued)

At Crystal River, we visited [Three Sisters Springs](#) and toured the archaeological park where we traveled back in time to 800BC. We enjoyed a great dinner at Stumpknockers on the river. Bruce

Mason Dixon Discoverys



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

In the last newsletter I reported the passing of one of our chapter's founding members, Ron Kiebler. Since that time Ron's wife, Alice, passed away and also our founding chapter president, Richard (Dick) Smith. We held a memorial gathering at our recently completed chapter rally to remember and celebrate their lives.

Ron and Alice were active chapter members and could always be counted on to assist in any way they could. They attended many chapter and DOAI rallies over the years and were a fun-loving couple. There was only a few months between their deaths.

Dick Smith is the reason this chapter is here today. At the 2004 Southeast Region Rally, he suggested to the board the need for another east coast chapter. He was encouraged by the board to determine if there was sufficient interest to establish a new chapter. Dick received information from the DOAI secretary regarding all members in the general area. He sent a letter to everyone on the list and in June 2004 he received enough positive responses to move forward with plans to hold a rally for the purpose of forming a chapter.

Dick was the right person to initially lead the group. He was kind, compassionate, and very enthusiastic. He and Sue loved getting together with other Discovery owners. May his memory be counted as a blessing to all who knew him.

Our chapter rally in Sevierville 2-6 June was another great time to get together with new and "old" friends. Thank you John Ricciardi and Zane and Sue Murphy for planning and co-hosting the rally. The following photos should let you know how much fun we had. On 5 June we celebrated the 17th anniversary of the Mason Dixon Chapter with a birthday cake—the 5th was the day of our founding.

During the rally it was decided that our Fall Rally will be at Americamps RV Resort in Ashland, Virginia. The arrival date is Thursday, 21 October with departure on Sunday, 24 October. Dennis Kiser and Donna Crinklaw volunteered to organize the rally using a "No-Host" concept. That means the planning and arrangements for all of the events and meals are a group effort, thus no one party does the heavy lifting. Most everyone will have a small part in making the weekend a smorgasbord of food, desserts, games, excursions, and education. Details will be sent to all chapter members soon. In the meantime, call Americamps (804) 798-5298 to reserve one of the 15 sites they have set aside for the rally. I expect slots will fill up quickly.

I want to remind all of you about upcoming major rallies: the DOAI National Rally, in [Sevierville](#) Tennessee, in late September and the Southeast Region Rally at [Lazydays RV Resort](#) in Seffner, Florida, in late January 2022. Information and links to register for both rallies can be found on the [Discovery Owner's](#) website homepage.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you soon. Marshall

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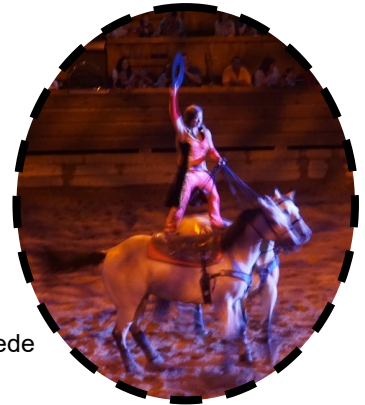


Marshall Godwin, Sue and Zane Murphy

Mason Dixon Discoverys (Continued)



Troy Myers,
Frank Singer,
Doris Singer,
Judy Myers



The Stampede



Mason Dixon Discoverys, 5 June 2021, Sevierville, Tennessee



Chapter prez
Larry Hawkins

D'Zonas

There has been no activity to report this period.

Region and DOAI—More than “Just” A Newsletter

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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- Regional Rally information and registration form and so much more

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Midwest Discoverers



Chapter Prez
Chris Wooddell

Hello All,
As we are entering the summer travel season (although the recent 45 degree mornings have me wondering), I hope it finds all of you well. Those words have a more significant meaning as we leave the COVID Pandemic. It has been a challenging year for everyone and we are all ready to return to normal, especially at the rally with our Midwest Discoverers friends.

The Midwest Discoverers Spring Rally in Dayton, Ohio, June 6 - 11 will be over by the time you receive this. As I write, we have 15 coaches registered and are welcoming new members Bob and Azaile Mescher and Gary and Nancy Klemmer to their first rally. We are looking forward to a great post-COVID rally as Ohio is scheduled to drop all COVID related restrictions on June 2nd.

Two of our rally highlights will be a trip to the Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Wright Patterson AFB, and to the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, with a buffet lunch at the Carillon Brewing Company's Bier Hall. As always, the ravenous breakfasts to start the rally day and three alarm campfires to end each day are Midwest Discoverers customs.

Our Fall Rally is being hosted by Phil Skiff and John Hooper in the Detroit Michigan, area. Fall rally Information is available on the website and the campground is now accepting reservations.

Safe travels, Chris

Noreaster Discoverys



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Spring greetings from the Northeast! Well, spring has sprung and the northeast is starting to return to normal as COVID-19 restrictions are finally being lifted. We are hopeful that we can get together in the coming months as restrictions are alleviated. Many of us are planning on attending the Midwest Discoverer's rally this June in Dayton, Ohio, and September in Detroit, and of course the DOAI National Rally in Tennessee. As venues and campgrounds open, and more activities become available we hope to schedule an outing yet this year.

Plans are underway to host a Noreasters' rally, with the Midwest Discoverers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Dates are not confirmed yet, but it should be late May or early June 2022. Hopefully, we'll have normalcy soon and even our members and friends from Canada will be able to attend with the Northern border open again.

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Noreaster Discovery (Continued)

Enjoy the summer, stay safe and be healthy. We are looking forward to Discovery times again. Bob



Discovery Texans



Chapter Prez
Linda Griffith

Discovery Texans held a fun rally in March at Coffee Creek RV Park in Santos, Texas. We had 18 rigs in attendance. We have two new board member officers. Mary Ann Cressler accepted the position of Vice President and Mel Pless accepted the position of Rally Master. The membership is grateful to them both for accepting these positions. Our hosts for the March rally were Sandy and Mike Keliher and Mike and Mary Ann Cressler. We held our usual Meet & Greet on Wednesday night with a ham supper. On Thursday Don Griffith led the Technical Discussion. Ladies had fun crafts and refreshments at the Ladies Gathering. Friday was a nice day to explore the area. Our suppers on Friday and Saturday nights were delicious. Everyone is looking forward to our next rally since we cancelled the January rally because of COVID-19.

Our May rally was held at The Vineyards in Fredericksburg, Texas, with 25 rigs in attendance, and was hosted by Linda and Don Griffith and Becky and Mel Pless. On Wednesday, to kick off the rally, we held our Meet & Greet under the outdoor pavilion and followed the meeting with a hot dog supper. On Thursday morning we had our usual Technical Discussion led by Don Griffith. It is one of the favorite events at all our rallies. The ladies had a luncheon at a popular German restaurant in downtown Fredericksburg and it was good enough to mention in this newsletter. On Thursday night we ate a potluck supper followed by the funny movie, "RV with Robin Williams."

Members appreciated the great weather and beautiful Hill Country on Friday. There are many wineries in the area. A Taco Bar supper and Bingo concluded our evening.

Our general membership meeting was held on Saturday. We discussed the upcoming DOAI National Rally and found that a number of our members are planning to attend. It will be held this September at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in [Sevierville, Tennessee](#). In the afternoon we enjoyed a Wine Tasting hosted by Mel and Becky Pless. It was a fun event and we hope to have one again. Everyone departed on Sunday looking forward to summer vacations and the national rally in September. We plan to meet good friends and new prospective members in Sevierville.

The next Discovery Texans Rally will be 10-13 November, departing the 14th from Wilderness Oaks RV Park in Rockport, Texas. Our January rally is booked at Bushman's RV Park in Bullard, Texas. All DOAI members are welcome to join Discovery Texans as guests at our rallies if you are going to be in the area. Just contact one of our



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Discovery Texans (Continued)

board members or check for July Newsletter availability and send a Guest Reservation Form to our Treasurer. The form can be found on the DOAI site and our rallies are listed under “Chapters. “



Don Griffith, Joe Mire, and Mary Ann Cresler



Linda and Don Griffith



Don Griffith, Tony Mane, Ricky Keen



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Cass Chandler

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Discovery Texans (Continued)



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Sandy Keliher. Randy & Cheryl Langley, Chris & Betsy Savage



"Ds" at Fredericksburg Rally



The Discovery Texans at Fredericksburg, Texas

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Ozarks Discovery



Chapter prez
Randy Conklen

Greetings from Ozarks Discovery Chapter!

We are finally beginning to return to at least a new normal...mask mandates have been lifted, and most everyone we know has been vaccinated. Hopefully, things will begin to open and allow us to travel to places on our bucket lists!

Ozarks Discovery members are still on track for holding our spring rally at Lakeside RV Park, in St. Peters, Missouri, 3-6 June 2021. At this time, we have 9 coaches who have reserved sites, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone and having a good time. Don and Chris Muskopf, and Randy and Mary Conklen are hosting the rally, so feel free to contact [Don](#) or [Randy](#) with any questions, and if you would like to join us, we would love to have you!

A fall rally is being discussed and is in the planning stages. Dates have not been set, but the possible location is Hutchinson, Kansas. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Please keep Bruce and Nancy Plumb in your thoughts and prayers as Bruce deals with some health issues. We hope for a successful outcome, and a quick recovery.

The Ozarks Discovery Chapter is open to anyone who is a member of DOAI, and we welcome and encourage those that are interested in joining to contact Randy Conklen, Don Muskopf, or Ricky Keen. We would like to see many of our members at the National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, so please plan to join in the fun.

Until next time....Randy

A word from our secretary, Debbie Keen

We have a large group of Discoverys and some SOB's that are travelling to the northeast starting in August. We will arrive at the DOAI rally in Sevierville 20 September to complete our two months trip.

Ricky and I go to the Rio Grande Valley for the winter with Mike and Brenda Keen. While we were there we received a surprise visit from Ozark members, Randy and Karen Kemp. Karen is the guru for finding places to visit and she never sits still when checking for sites - from Zoo's to tiny Dark chocolate factories.

Hope this finds all of our fellow Discovery owners in good health and in remembrance of those that are no longer with us either in death or retirement from traveling. Debbie

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Ozarks Discovery (Continued)



Karen Kemp and Brenda Keen



Brenda Keen at the Brownsville, Texas, Zoo



The Candy Factory—Mike, Brenda, Debbie & Ricky Keen, and Randy & Karen Kemp

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Northwest Adventurer



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

Our Northwest Adventurer Chapter held a planning rally in Gillette, Wyoming, 26 April through 4 May in preparation for the DOAI National Rally scheduled for 5 through 10 September 2022.

Gale and Linda Culbertson, Ron and Joyce Tanner, Greg and Julie Chaffee, Dave Hinds, and Glenn and Terri Magnuson were in attendance. Progress was good and we are happy to share some new information about the Complex sites.

A complete remodel of the Complex occurred during the COVID-19 shutdown, and there will be 50 amp service to everyone that requests it.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Sevierville, Tennessee, for the 2021 National DOAI Rally in September.

Glenn



Northwest Adventurers Chapter

Caring for our Family



Linda Griffith
Caring for our Family

DOAI extends our deepest sympathy to Jim and Lynn Weatherford. Their son Jimmy was hospitalized with COVID and placed on a ventilator. His lungs were already damaged from burn pits and exploded IED's that he was exposed to everyday while serving two tours in Iraq. Jimmy was only 42 years old when he passed from COVID. Please keep Jim, Lynn and their family in your prayers as they learn to live without the presence of their beloved son. We are all thankful for Jimmy's service to our country.

Get well wishes and prayers to Bruce Plumb for a speedy recovery. He underwent a successful triple bypass surgery in May. Bruce will have Nancy (aka Mrs. Plumb) by his side to help him with his recovery.

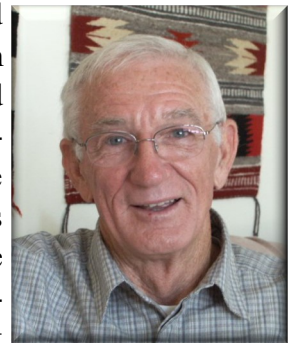
Please keep Ed Schmelzer in your thoughts and prayers as he learns to travel in his "D" again without his loving wife of 56 years. We are pleased to have him on the bulletin board again.

Whenever you or a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or has died, please send me an email at ldgriffith01@gmail.com.

DOAI Founder has gone Home

(Courtesy of Nina Soltwedel)

I am saddened to report that DOAI Founder/President Emeritus Jim Devine passed away 25 April 2021, at his home in Fairhope, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Devine, who passed away in January 2008. Jim and Dorothy formed Discovery Owners Association, Inc. in 1998. It is difficult to adequately express just how kind and thoughtful and generous these two people were. Anyone who knew them were truly blessed. If you attended any of the DOAI national rallies where Jim and Dorothy were present, you know that Jim loved to dance ... and there was usually a line of gals ready to become his next partner on the floor! Jim and Dorothy were always supportive of the organization and the people who were members. At the 20th anniversary national rally celebration in Goshen, IN, in 2018, Jim joined in the festivities on opening night.



Jim Devine

Two fond memories Bob and I have of the Devines: After the 2004 Southeast Region Rally, we four caravanned across the Florida Panhandle, stopping for a time at St. George Island. As we neared Alabama, Jim tooted his D, we tooted ours, and we turned north to head to Colorado. In August 2008, Jim came out to Boulder and spent a week with us. We had such a grand time going up to the mountains and all over the countryside. I am sure many of you will miss Jim as much as Bob and I will. The photo above was taken at that time.

Jim's obituary is available at www.mackfuneral.com/obituaries/James-Devine-4/. You can post a memory of Jim, if you wish.

Nina

National Rally Update



Mike Hopkins
Registrar

Registration for the national rally in Sevierville has been robust. We are expecting a large turnout, and we already have over 100 coaches signed up as of this writing in early June. With only 125 spaces available, the few remaining spaces will go quickly. The rally dates are arrival on Monday, 20 September, and departure on Sunday, 26 September. The deadline for registration is 23 August.

The Sevierville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg region is a major tourist attraction area, drawing about 12 million visitors each year. The nearby [Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) is the most visited national park in the country. From the many shops and restaurants to the excitement of the [Dollywood theme park](#), there are unlimited entertainment options available in the area.

The rally is being held at [The Ridge Outdoor Resort](#), an upscale RV and camping resort. Activities at the rally include three evenings of catered meals and professional entertainment acts. There will also be seminars and vendor days. Extra-curricular activities include a golf tournament, a Smoky Mountains bus tour, and several dinner theater shows.

When the original 2020 rally at this venue was cancelled, all registrations were refunded, and the roster was wiped clean. If you registered last year, your original registration was not carried forward. If you want to attend the 2021 rally, you will need to register again. Registration is being completed online, and payment is by check only, sent to the registrar. The base rally fee is \$655.00 for a 2 person coach, which includes campground fees, meals and entertainment. Golf, dinner shows, and the bus tour have additional fees.

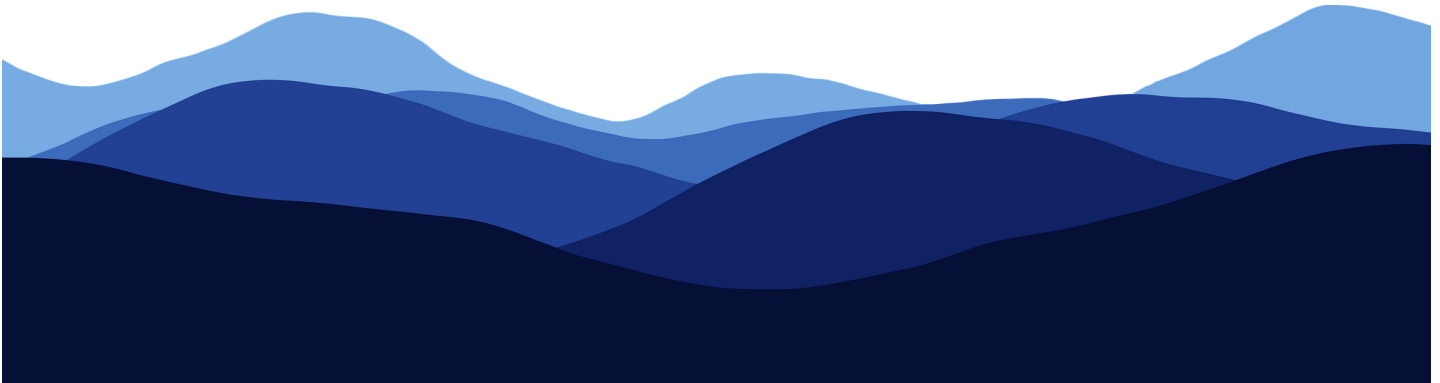
Remaining spaces are limited, and time is running out for registration. If you are planning on attending the [2021 DOAI National Rally](#), now is the time to sign up. If you have questions or are unsure if you have made a reservation, for rally correspondence please contact me at disc2020@chin.org.

Editor Notes



Glenda M. Angus
Editor

In response to questions about the bus tour at the Sevierville Rally: The tour consist of the upper elevations of the Smokies (Newfound Gap) over into Cherokee, North Carolina. Lunch will be on your own and includes a tour through the [Saunooke's Village](#), [Qualla Boundary](#), and the museums. There is shopping and gift shops at Saunooke's Village and the museum. Visitor centers are free but there is a fee to go through the museum. Tour begins at 8 a.m. from The Ridge and returns about 4 p.m. Hope to see you there.



BOOK CLUB



Jeanne Stewart

Attention readers.....

It seems as though I have written this article a few times, but this is hot off the press – We are having a rally in September, a DOAI National approved rally, so let's make it a good one! Rather than change the book selection, I will stay with the one chosen previously for the 2020 rally. I will just have to reread it again, and if you have not read it.....there's still time.

I had chosen for the National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, the book - "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

The Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 September, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Please bring a beverage of your choice and aid in the discussion. I hope to see new and familiar faces there.

There are a number of good books out there I would love to share, and to receive input from you the readers. Reading and audio books certainly have gotten me through a 'different' year. There's always some good ones I may have missed, so bring suggestions. There will be lots of technical information, and reporting of get togethers by Discovery members at the rally, but it would be great to share what we've been reading.

Any suggestions or comments are welcome, and you can text or email me with either at zetapig@netsync.net.

I hope all of you are well and able to make use of your Discovery this Fall. I believe we have lots of competition out there, and people are 'discovering' the positives of our RV lifestyle. See you.... Jeanne



REGISTER for the [2021 DOAI National Rally](#)

Visit with us in Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg - Dolly Parton's hometown in the Smokies. Visit the Titanic Museum, Dollywood, Smoky Mountain Deer Farm & Exotic Petting Zoo, Floyd Garret's Muscle Car Museum, Antique Shops, Christmas Village, and much more. Dine at the Old Mill, The Apple Barn, Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant, Paula Deen's, Mama's Farmhouse, or many other unique places. Attend one of the many shows such as Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show; Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show; Pirates Voyage Dinner Show; The Comedy Barn; Biblical Times Dinner Theater and numerous other activities. See you there! (Glenda)

Ramblings from Nina



Nina Soltwedel

Recollecting Summertime

Given our country's size, it is possible that your childhood and teenage summers were quite different from mine; one's experience could have varied depending upon where and when one grew up. A small town in southwestern Wisconsin was my birthplace. Summers were usually hot and humid. How we occupied those long-ago days as youngsters, then teens, is almost foreign to the way today's young people spend their summers.

Back then, we did not have television until well into the 1950s. Before that, we had radio. Those two inventions became our link with the outside world – they were mechanisms whereby, in the summer, we could listen to and then watch professional baseball games; we could let our imaginations roam while listening to various programs aimed at teenagers; we could dance along to the music being broadcast from some venue far away, or pretend being part of the live audience at an Elvis performance. Ah, yes!

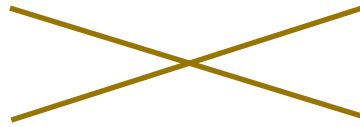
During the summer days, however, we were outside as much as possible. In our small town, as in many small towns across the country, the younger kids usually went outside as soon as breakfast was finished, only to dash back in for lunch, and then out again until the five o'clock whistle blew – ours was at the co-op creamery – a whistle that was easily heard all over town. It was a reminder that no matter what we were doing, or in what activity we were involved, we had to beat it home or else (the “or else” could be a scolding or no dessert, etc.).

As my girlfriends and I entered our teenage years, many of us spent leisurely afternoons at the city park, swimming a bit and then relaxing in the sun as we lay on our bath towels, hoping to acquire a tan. We would slather our legs and arms with baby oil that was lightly colored with Mercurochrome (yes, I know that was bad) and then we would literally fry in that hot summer sun. It was “common knowledge” that the combination would prohibit a sunburn and enable one to become beautifully tanned (oh, the vanity of teenage girls and the silly things they believe!).

Those raised on a farm, however, could not spend their summer days in leisure. There were cows to be milked, crops to be hoed and watered, weeds to be pulled, and later on, harvests to bring in. The farm kids were not able to have the kind of summers we town kids enjoyed. My husband recalls his summers on his uncle's farm, working in various ways. His tan was acquired by doing something beneficial.

Remembering those days helps us to be grateful we are in the present, and that we have the health, financial means, and a Discovery motorhome in which to travel. May you have a grand summer!



2021 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. Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

JANUARY 2021

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2021 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent
- 25-31— **Cancelled** Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL
- 29 and 31 –**Cancelled** BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2021 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 2021

- 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 2021

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2021

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2020 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2021

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2022 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 2021 National Rally to Editor

JULY 2021

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2021

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2022 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- 23 – **Deadline** to register for 2021 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 20-26 - 2021 National Rally The Ridge Outdoor Resort Sevierville, TN.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2022 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting

OCTOBER 2021

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

NOVEMBER 2021**DECEMBER 2021**

- 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 2022 budget to Editor



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