



From the President



Dick Tracy

The first thing I want to do is to pass along my wife Pat’s most sincere “Thank You” for your cards, your prayers and your calls giving her well wishes as she continues to endure pain and suffering in her shoulders and leg weakness as well as daily dialysis. On top of all that her younger sister, who lived only blocks away and was very close to Pat, passed away unexpectedly at the beginning of April. I also thank all of you for your support to Pat.

Regarding DOAI business, we are actively making progress preparing to implement the **new ClubExpress software** that will bring much needed improvements to our DOAI processes for membership, record keeping, and communications. These huge efforts are being led by Mel Pless (Team Leader), assisted by Linda Griffith, Ted Howe, Al de Haas, and Robert Orr. I encourage everyone to read Mel’s excellent article on ClubExpress elsewhere in this issue of your DOAI Newsletter. I thank them for all of their dedication and hard work!

Preparations for this year’s **DOAI National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio** are well underway, and registrations are coming in to the Rally Registrar Russ Baldwin. If you have not yet submitted your registration for the rally, go to our DOAI Website www.DiscoveryOwners.com and click on the link at the end of the article about the rally on the home page. That will take you to the Rally registration Form. I urge everyone to please get their registration completed ASAP!

As always, I hope each and every DOAI member has the opportunity to get out and travel in your Discovery this summer and share the road with your fellow DOAI members!

Safe travels!

Dick Tracy
President
DOAI

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Fred Jecks

National Rally Master

The Northeast Region finished their preparations to host the 2023 National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio, which will be September 18-24, 2023. The NE Region is hosting this rally with help from the North Central Chapter. Several dinners and nightly entertainment are planned for this rally. Greenville, Ohio, is about an hour from Decatur, Indiana, where our Discoverys are manufactured, and about an hour from Dayton, Ohio. The National Museum of the Air Force is near Dayton and if you've never been, it's something to see. My last visit took two days, and I still didn't see everything.

Registration is online through our [DOAI](#) website and the cutoff will be August 18, 2023. I'm expecting a large attendance for this rally as we are celebrating Fleetwood Discovery's 25th anniversary. Get your registration filled out early as there is a limited number of sites available.

The Mason-Dixon Chapter is hosting next year's Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) at [Red Oaks RV Resort](#) in Bushnell, Florida., January 29 to February 4, 2024. As you may recall, Camp Discovery is largely a technical rally with numerous seminars discussing the many systems on your Discovery. There will also be other seminars that are not technical, as well as many dinners and entertainment and fun for all. Preparations are well underway, and the registration is online through our [DOAI](#) website. Registration cutoff will be December 29, 2023. Get your registration filled out early as there is a limited number of sites (77) available.

Save these rally dates on your calendars and I hope to see you there.

Safe travels everyone.

Fred Jecks



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Secretary

Hello All, follows are the minutes from our Board of Directors Zoom Meeting held on 20 April 2023:

Cindy Welch

Dick Tracy, President
 John Ricciardi, Executive VP
 Ron Wacker, Past President
 John Baker, VP for Development
 Cindy Welch, Secretary
 Ricky Keen, Treasurer
 Fred Jecks, National Rally Master

Gary Klemmer, NC Region VP
 Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP
 Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP
 Mel Pless, SC Region VP
 Jim Pinkerton, SE Region VP
 Bruce Plumb, SW Region VP

Non-Voting:
 Linda Griffith, Membership Coordinator
 Kerry Pinkerton, National Technical
 Coord for Major Rallies
 Jody Bruce, Merchandise Coordinator
 Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor
 Robert Orr, Webmaster

**Discovery Owners Association Inc.
 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 04/20/2023
 Abbreviated Minutes**

Secretary Cindy Welch

Called Roll to determine quorum present.

Rally Master Fred Jecks

Reported status of 2024 Camp Discovery arrangements.

Fred Jecks was authorized to pay catering deposit when project is approved.

Treasurer Ricky Keen

Discussed changing requirements by venues and providers for increases in deposits and insurance coverage.

Discussed various ways to increase interest income using insured sources.

President Dick Tracy

Reported on status of audit and discussed need for additional Audit Committee members who will be attending 2023 National Rally.

Mel Pless Leader of Membership Management Solution Committee

Reported other committee members are Linda Griffith, Robert Orr, Todd Howe, Al DeHaas.

After thorough evaluation of five solutions, Club Express is recommended. He discussed in detail the various aspects of the integration of many functions of data management this solution provides. Movement was authorized.

Dick Tracy and VP Development John Baker agreed to review Club Express contracts.

VP NW Glenn Magnuson

Lead a discussion regarding the need to "stagger" officers' terms so all are not reelected at the same time. This was agreed and processes will be put in place to accomplish.



<p>Agenda/Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Thursday June 1, 2023 2PM CDT</p>
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 Jody Bruce, Merchandise Coordinator
 Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor
 Robert Orr, Webmaster

Officers' Reports/Questions/Discussions

President Dick Tracy

1. Determine quorum present
2. Call to order

Executive Vice President John Ricciardi

Immediate Past President Ron Wacker

- Continued discussion about staggering the election of the DOAI BOD positions to provide for better continuity within the leadership.

Vice President for Development John Baker

Secretary Cindy Welch

- Minutes of previous Zoom Meeting distributed and approved earlier/no further action required

Treasurer Ricky Keen

- While considering the three motions submitted by Mel, we need to consider one more that deals with the payment of expenditures by DOAI. At the present time, the Bylaws state funds shall be disbursed only by check. See below:
- **D. Disbursement of Funds**
- Funds of DOAI shall be disbursed only for payment of DOAI obligations authorized for DOAI purposes, by check
- which indicates the purpose of payment, and signed by the President or Treasurer.
- I propose to amend Section D. Disbursement of Funds to read:
- **Motion #4: Bylaw Article VIII**
- *D. Disbursement of Funds: Funds of DOAI shall be disbursed for payment of DOAI authorized general obligations by check signed by the President or Treasurer, or by any other means such as bank drafts, ACH or electronic checks from DOAI's bank accounts, as approved by the DOAI board of directors. In addition, the DOAI Rally Master is authorized to disburse Rally expenditures from the DOAI Rally*

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Agenda/Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Continued

bank account, as outlined in the Standing Rule #3, by check or any other means such as bank drafts, ACH or electronic checks.

- In addition to the change required by utilizing Club Express, I realized that the Rally Master has been paying rally disbursements from the DOAI Rally bank account for years, without specific authority given in the Bylaws. The last sentence in the proposed motion attempts to correct that.
- Please feel free to suggest changes to the motion.

National Rally Master Fred Jecks

- Status of preparations for and number of reservations received so far for this year's National Rally in Ohio.

Southwest Region Vice President Bruce Plumb

Northeast Region Vice President Russ Baldwin

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Northwest Region Vice President Glenn Magnuson

South Central Region Vice President Mel Pless: The wording for each proposed update is in BOLD and ITALIC (yes, a bit of overkill I know).

**The implementation team is being performed by Mel, Linda, Robert, Ted Howe and Al de Haas.

MOTION #1

INTENT: Make revisions to Article III - Membership / Section D - Fees and Dues. The two (2) proposed revisions are:

1. Reduce the delinquency grace period from the current six (6) months to 30 days and add a timeframe for activation of this change in Section D-3.
2. Add wording to indicate that any dues payment for expired dues will have the new dues expiration date set to the date the reinstatement dues payment is received.

The currently proposed wording for the motion is listed below.

D-2: Reinstatements: Reinstatement of any former member of DOAI who resigns while a member in good standing may be received again into membership with the original DOAI number, if the following items are met.

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Agenda/Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Continued

- *Upon application and payment of only the current year dues (i.e., without payment of initial fee).*
- *All other membership requirements must be met.*
- *The member's due date will be reset to the date the dues payment is received.*
- ***D-3. Delinquencies: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 30 days after becoming due shall be considered delinquent and forfeits membership in DOAI.***
- *This delinquency grace period takes effect at the implementation of the new system.*

MOTION #2

INTENT: Make a revision to Article III - Membership / Section - Application Process. The proposed revision is:

- Change the wording in Section C-1 that an application and dues be 'mailed' to be a more generalized wording for applying for membership and paying dues.

The currently proposed wording for the motion is listed below.

C-1. Application Process: An applicant for membership shall complete a DOAI application and pay the associated dues by any DOAI offered and available options.

MOTION #3

INTENT: Make a revision to Standing Rule #2 - Membership Dues and Fees / Section C - Non-payment of dues.

The proposed revision is:

- Deletion of Section C-1 since receipt of the DOAI newsletter is a benefit of having an active DOAI membership, the direct mention of receiving the newsletter is a redundant Standing Rule entry.

The currently proposed action for the motion is listed below.

C-1. Non-Payment of dues: COMPLETE REMOVAL OF C-1 from Standing Rule #2

I hope this provides some clarity on the proposed motions to allow us to have concise discussions at Thursday's BOD meeting.

Southeast Region Vice President Vacant

Southwest Region Vice President Bruce Plumb

Discovery Express Editor Glenda Angus

Membership Coordinator Linda Griffith

Update on the status of the implementation of the recently approved Club Express system.

Merchandise Coordinator Jody Bruce

Webmaster Robert Orr

Other Reports

Membership Coordinators



Linda Griffith
(Photo not available
for Le Brightman)

NEWs: - We are so excited about the changes coming to DOAI Membership and to the DOAI Website. The Membership Committee has been working very hard to find the best Web and Membership Management solution for DOAI members to be able to always have up to date information on our website and an up-to-date Membership Roster. We will have an Automated System to handle all our membership needs. ClubExpress automatically enrolls New Members and activates their ability to log on the website for all the membership benefits which includes being able to see all the chapters, rally dates, **egroup**, and much more.

Email Renewal Reminders are sent out several times before your Due Date. You can set up a credit card to automatically renew on your Due Date if you wish. There will be no grace period for membership because **ClubExpress** charges for each active membership. If your membership Due Date passes without renewal, your account becomes “Inactive” but you can simple renew and have instant access again. No waiting for a manual process.

Chapters will also have all these up-to-date benefits offered with **ClubExpress**. Be sure to read our President Dick Tracy’s article and South-Central Regional VP, [Mel Pless](#)’ article about **ClubExpress** with more details.

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please Welcome our New Members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our D’ s and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one-year free membership for every three members referred. Print out the DOAI Membership Application and carry a few in your coach for referrals. Please ask them to **List Your Name** on their application so we know who to give the credit to. We have had 21 referrals this year that only states “Another Discovery Owner.” We are hoping to see a lot of our New Members and old friends at the National Rally in Ohio in September.

This list is covering new members February 2023 thorough May 2023.



February 2023

Roger & Georgie Patton / Harrison, AK
Joseph & Kristin / Lakeland, TN
Arnold Lucero & Lisa Dixon / Acton, CA
James & Joann Metcalfe / Leesburg, FL
Jeff & Nancy Stephens / Tampa, FL
Rob & Amy Thomas / Sidell, IL
Gene McNaughton / North Bend, WA
John & Chris Guedry / Cottleville, MO
Alton Calhoun / Culloden, GA
Nick & Misty Bomar / Arcadia, OK
Matthew & Lisa Matasso / Woodland Park, CO

March 2023

Corey & Christine Kniss / Crestview, FL
John & Ashley Kirkgasser / Jupiter, FL
Mike & Jenny Elicson / Spearfish, SD
Ron & Vicky Daniels / Butner, NC
Chris Nelson / Bella Vista, AR
Dave & Karen tucker / Deer Park, TX
Dwight & Sue Mulch / Burlington, IA
Robby & Christina Beard / Lakeland, TN
John & Kathryn Thompson / Reading, MI
Jim & Betty Shockley / Stockdale, TX
Ray Dew / League City, TX
Randall & Betty Gaddini / Naples, FL
Brock & Tiffani Busenbark / Farmington, MO

Clark & Heide Rice / Farmington, UT
Jeff & Carol Ingham / Mary Easter, FL
Kevin & Michelle sawyer / O’Fallon,IL
Jason & Annette White / Clermont, FL
David & Betty Thurston / Tusin, CA

April 2023:

Steve & Marcia Wells / Alledonia, OH
Scott & Dee Hudson / Winchester, TN
Tom & Lynn Miller / Aurora, CO
Michael & Leslie Arnold / Washington, PA
Paul & Debra Maksym / Manistee, MI
Seth Katz / Tampa, FL
David Roop & Ginger Shaeffer / Harrington, DE
Michael & Kathrine Brown / Ocala, FL
Jimmie & Darla Baker / Red Bud, IL
Jamie & Alicia Trott / Ooltewah, TN
Russ & Sandi Bennett / Spicer, MN
Jose & Yadell Trevizo / Chantilly, VA
William & Cindy Schauer / Sun City Center, FL
Max & Teena Salinger / Slidell, LA
Robert & Bonnie Yoakam / Hernando, FL
Carl Smiley & Paige Imhof / Gates/ NC
Jon & Donna Nethery / Denham Springs, LA
Michael & Stacey DomBek / Elma, WA
James & Judy Sheppard / Belle Plaine, KS
Jase Engel / Las Vegas, NV

Membership Coordinators Continued

May 2023

Rich & Marcia Cummings / Coldwater, MI
 Chip & Dawn Lee / Noblesville, IN
 Tom & Abby Luther / Monroeton, PA
 Paul & Pamela Schendel / Conroe, TX
 James & Carrie Akery / Medford, OR
 Shawn White / Huntsville, TX
 Ross & Suzanne McGowan / Santa Margarita, CA
 Craig & Barbara Gilmore / Freeburg, IL
 Tom Shoaf & Lea Jacobson / San Antonio, TX
 Kara Bailey / Newton Falls, OH

William & Leigh Esmonde / Sumter, SC
 Bill & Julie Ahern / Billerica / MA
 Alan & Vangie Parker / Showlow, AZ
 Byron Foch / Southwest Ranches, FL
 Andrew Keller & Sara Finley / Bryn Mawr, PA
 Rich & Sharon Bloom / Doylestown, PA
 Chip & Dawn Manion / Gobles, MI
 Kody & Felicia Thomas / Venice, FL
 Jack & Susie Mclaughlin / Sallisaw, OK
 Johan & Cindy Praats / Cumming, GA

Region Reports



Jim Pinkerton

Southeast Region Vice President

We are sorry to lose Frank Miller as our Southeast Region Vice President. Jim Pinkerton has stepped up and will be replacing Frank for future reports. Both individuals are members of the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter. We will miss you Frank—welcome Jim.

Southwest Region Vice President



Bruce Plumb

The Southwest Region has only one active Chapter and it is the newest Chapter in DOAI. The Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter was founded by the efforts of Van Edelmann who is currently serving as the President. The Chapter was conceived during the DOAI National Rally held in Sevierville in September 2021. The Chapter was approved by the DOAI Board of Directors in the Spring of 2022 with 12 founding coaches/members and currently 23 coach families. This is a very strong start for a Chapter that has only been in existence for a year!

The Chapter has welcomed 6 new coach families already in 2023!

By the way, the Four Corners Chapter "targets" DOAI members who reside in Colorado/New Mexico/Utah/Arizona. However, as with all DOAI Chapters, Four Corners welcomes ALL DOAI members from all States and Provinces. If you wish to join or need more information, contact Van at vanelmann@icloud.com.

The Chapter promises to be a success with plans to hold at least two rallies each calendar year. See the Four Corners Chapter Report in this newsletter for details of upcoming rallies. If there are DOAI members who would like to be a part of starting a California /Nevada Chapter, I will be glad to assist you in your efforts. You can contact me at the following: Bruce Plumb, SW Region VP, 417-239-4544, bruce@ranchgrandkid.com

Region Reports continued

South Central Region Vice President



Mel Pless

Good day fellow DOAI members. I am excited to let everyone know about some BIG changes coming to DOAI's membership management capabilities, online presence, and other organizational functions. At the end of April, the DOAI Board of Directors approved the implementation of **ClubExpress** for the organization. As you are reading this article, the initial implementation will be under way. The goal is to have the system up and running by the end of the summer.

This new solution is an all-inclusive system that will improve, simplify, and streamline many aspects of DOAI's organizational needs. Below is a brief overview that highlights some of the new capabilities of the **ClubExpress** solution.

- Improved membership management for new and existing members
 - Self-service administration of your user profile, similar to other websites like Amazon
 - Ability to instantly update your information online
 - Pay your dues or other fees (e.g., rally registration fees) online
 - Track your past activities and payments
 - Instant online access to DOAI online resources for new members who sign-up online
- A new website look and feel
 - Web pages will automatically work when viewed on your mobile device
 - Ability for regional chapters to manage their own chapter web page(s)
- Support for regions and chapters, which aligns with how DOAI is organized
- Automatic creation and updating of the Membership Directory
 - Integrated Event module
 - Allows the organization, including local chapters, to provide registration and payment for rallies
 - Your membership data will automatically populate your registration without the need to re-enter this information for every registration
- An organization-wide Event Calendar
 - All entered events will appear on a single calendar for easy viewing and reference
- Improved organizational communication abilities
 - Full membership emailing support for better organizational communications
 - Chapter-level emailing functionality
- Integrated forum module
 - groups.io capabilities built-in
 - Ability for each user to control their forum subscription(s)
- And many other GREAT features...

If you would like to read more about **ClubExpress**, please visit their website at <https://www.clubexpress.com/>.

There was a committee formed at the Board of Directors meeting at Camp Discovery in Seffner, FL, early this year. I would like to recognize and thank my fellow teammates who have helped the organization get to this point. The team members are Linda Griffith, Robert Orr, Ted Howe and Al de Haas. We have all been working hard to identify and then bring a robust solution to the organization that will benefit members and volunteers alike. Please stay tuned for more information about the implementation.

We can use your assistance with getting this new system online. One goal is to refresh DOAI's online presence, so we are looking for people who can assist with content creation for the new website. If you can help with this project, please contact me at: mpless@pless.org or (713) 822-6879.

Region Reports Continued

North Central Region Vice President



As you read this, the first big holiday of the summer has just passed and many of us have already begun our summer travels or just finishing up on our travel plans and packing our coaches with “almost” everything we need (we always forget something). The price of diesel is now at an affordable price, so all we have left to do now is to get out and make memories with our house on wheels.

Both the Regional VP and Chapter Presidents get new membership list regularly, and the number of new members have been increasing each month. For these members that have not joined a local chapter, you are really missing out on some great times, making new friends, visiting new locations and having some belly filling food over great fellowship. If you have not joined a chapter yet, I really encourage you to do so, and you can join as many chapters as you wish (this is great for members who live in one area for the summer and move to another location for the winter).

As most members of DOIA know, each chapter needs to arrange and complete two rallies each year to maintain their chapter memberships. The Ozark chapter had their spring rally at Mountain View RV Park in Arkansas. They are now working on their fall rally Oct 19-Oct 21 at the War Eagle Fair. If anyone would like to attend you need to reach out to Ricky Keen by September 1st.

The Midwest Chapter had their spring rally in April at the [Drake County Fairgrounds](#) in Greenville Ohio (yup you guessed it, its the same place that the DOIA National rally is being held September 18-24th), so the chapter members could see the campground and start putting the finishing touches on making this a rally everyone will enjoy and remember. The rally is being sponsored jointly by the Midwest and Northeast chapters and both Russ Baldwin and Phil Skiff are working together like a fine tuned watch, crossing each T and dotting every I. While the men were reviewing the processes for parking, unhooking toads, and event locations, the women were checking out places to eat, museums, and other local sites that might be of interest to members attending the rally to visit in their spare time (if they have any after being involved in all the activities the two chapters have put together). If you haven't registered for the rally, please go to [the DOIA website](#) and fill out the registration form. Their goal is to register 100 coaches (they will take more!!) at this years big event.
Gary Klemmer

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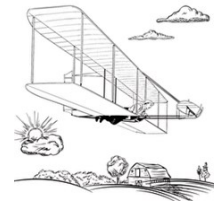
Russ Baldwin



North East Region Vice President

2023 DOAI National Rally DOAI's 25th Anniversary

Darke County Fairgrounds
Greenville, Ohio
September 18 – 24, 2023



Ohio, So Much to Discover

The Midwest Discoverers and Noreaster Discoverys Chapters are looking forward to sharing the history, scenery and entertainment opportunities of western Ohio with our members. Greenville is located on the Ohio and Indiana border. It is about 90 minutes from Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. It is less than an hour to Dayton and a little over an hour to the REV RV Service and Repair facility in Decatur, Indiana.

History lovers will be overwhelmed with the variety of areas of historical significance in the area. The Garst Museum houses numerous exhibits that highlight the life of America's early pioneers and the role this area played in the opening of the Northwest Territories to settlement. It is also the home of the National Annie Oakley Center. Nearby Fort Recovery is the site of two of the most dramatic Indian battles in American history and is only about 30 minutes from the fairgrounds.

Numerous sites in the area celebrate Ohio's role in aviation history and space exploration. Take time to check out the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, OH. The facility honors hometown hero Neil Armstrong, the other astronauts who call Ohio home and all pioneers who have made air and space exploration possible including artifacts from Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first human to go to into space.

We hope that you will join us on one or both of our scheduled bus tours. On Tuesday, September 19 we will visit the National Museum of the US Air Force near Dayton, Ohio. It is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. Thursday, September 21, will find us exploring Carillon Historical Park. It's 65 acre campus was designed by the Olmstead Brothers, the famed landscape architects of Central Park. The Park showcases Dayton's rich heritage of creativity and invention including the airplane, automobile self-starter and the cash register. It is home to over 30 historic structures, a hand carved carousel, an exquisite 151 foot carillon, trains, locomotives and living history exhibits with docents in period appropriate attire providing additional information, anecdotes and historical context. The John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center is housed here and includes extensive Wright artifacts including the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the only airplane designated as a National Historical Landmark. A reproduction of the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop is also housed here. Not to be missed is the Carillon Brewing Co., which serves food and drink of the 1850's. It is a fully operational brewery, and has the distinction of being the only brewery housed in a museum in the county.

For those looking for adult beverages, the Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail is worth exploring. Antique lovers will enjoy numerous shops in the area. For those interested in exploring the outdoors, there are over 10 miles of hiking trails, 14 miles of biking trails and 6 miles of water trails.

Back at the Fairgrounds Rally Hall, there will be lots of social activities along with technical seminars. BYOB Happy Hours will be held nightly. We will kick off the Rally with a welcoming Pizza Party followed by some musical entertainment. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow rally attendees. You can look forward to more catered dinners and entertainment along with a Pot Luck supper.

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North East Region Vice President Continued

A “Women’s Only” visit to one of the local wineries is planned along with a session to share ideas about ways we have made our beloved D’s more homey. We’re also looking forward to hosting an Open House time where we can invite others into our homes on wheels and show off and talk about modifications we have made to make our Discoveries more comfortable and functional. There will be a sign up sheet at registration for those who are willing to be hosts.

We’re also looking forward to having RV specific vendors on site such as AquaHot and FireFly. We are also working with a vendor who will be on site to reupholster Flexsteel RV furniture and a glass company on site who fixes foggy RV windows. SkyMed and Fantasy RV Tours have also expressed interest in attending.

We’re looking forward to a fun filled rally as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of DOAI. Please join us and see what you can discover in Ohio. Below is the [Link to the 2023 National Rally:](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfulE3e0Vwqq8QeLmQXvcgXnHNrTvho1zmDTsqPAfmBPrsnRw/viewform>



Jeff Daly, Russ Baldwin, Karen Daly, Pat Baldwin, Peg Raphael, Shirley Fleckenstein, Peter Fleckenstein, Jeanne Stewart, Fred Raphael, Bob Stewart.

CHAPTER REPORTS



Chapter Prez
Phil Skiff

Midwest Discoverers

Greetings from the Midwest Discoverers.

We've been working hard with the Noreasters on this year's 25th Anniversary DOAI National Rally: ***Ohio, So Much to Discover!***

The registration page for the national rally should be open by the time you read this, and there is more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Both our chapter Spring and Fall rallies this year will be in Greenville, Ohio, to finalize preparations for the national rally – and to have some great fun too! We'd love to have you join us, chapter member or not. The Midwest Discoverers and Noreaster Discoverys will be at the Darke County Fairgrounds April 23-28. There is no rally fee and the sites are only \$40 per night for 50A FHU. Let me know if you want me to save you a site.

We have a number of new members and have plenty of room for more. Welcome!

The Midwest Discoverers chapter is open to all DOAI members who frequent this area. We have members from as far away as Florida and Canada. There's rally information and a membership application on our chapter page at the DOAI website. We wish you all safe travels until we see you soon!

Phil



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend, we remember our fallen heroes and celebrate our freedom with family and friends. Here in the Northeast, it is also our unofficial start of summer, and hitting the road in our Discoverys.

The Noreasters and our pals the Midwest Discoverer have been very busy this spring. We had a joint rally in April to get the lay of the land for the national DOAI Rally that we are hosting in September. It was a little cool that week but should be warmer when we return September 18th. Greenville, Ohio, is much larger than I expected, and the Darke County Fairground was and will be very accommodating. The staff was just great, and helped us in many ways. We are planning a fun time at this rally including two great excursions to the USAF National Museum and Carillon Park in Dayton. We hope to see you all there September 18—23.

On a sad note, we've lost a great friend and Midwest Discoverer, Rick Slagle. We're sure going to miss him at all our gatherings, especially around the campfire. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Linda and the Slagle family.

I hope you've filled out and submitted your registration online at the Discovery Owner's website. Again, the dates are September 18 -23 – you'll want to be with us for great times, good food, golf, excursions, history, seminars and just plain fun. Stay healthy and be safe out there this summer.

Bob Stewart



Mike Hopkins

Blue Ridge Discoverys

The Blue Ridge Discoverys recently held our spring rally in Dillard, Georgia. There were 18 coaches in attendance, and we had a great time exploring the area. We enjoyed numerous shopping opportunities, as well as exploring the many waterfalls in the north Georgia and North Carolina junction.

Our next chapter rally is going to be held just after the DOAI National Rally. We will be enjoying the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area from September 25th through 29th. Our rally park is the [Holiday Travel Park](#) in Rossville, Georgia, just a stone's throw from the state border. We are planning on several catered meals, as well as a group outing to visit the [Chattanooga Aquarium](#). Make your reservations at the RV park now, and let them know you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys to get the group discount. Their number is 800-693-2877.

We have several members who have been scouting out places for future rallies. It seems that it's getting more difficult to find parks that are willing to host rallies, particularly the ones that have facilities available for group meals and meetings large enough for 40+ folks.

At our last club meeting, the members voted to retain the policy of providing the first year's membership free to new members. We have several active members who would not have joined the club if that benefit had not been available.

Our chapter has several officer positions that are in need of warm bodies. We hope that some of our newer members will step up and volunteer to help the club out with their assistance.



Waterfall



Dillard Mountain View

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Blue Ridge Discoverys Continued



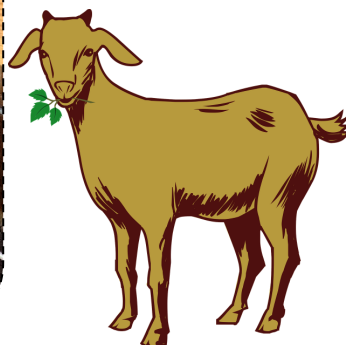
BRD Dinner



A day at General RV
(Photo courtesy of Michelle Sleight)



Retha Hopkins feeds the goats



(all other Photos Courtesy of Mike Hopkins)



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

North West Adventurers

Greetings from the Northwest

It has been a rather quiet winter/spring here in the Northwest. We had one small gathering in Prosser, Washington, in May. On the agenda was wine tasting and time to relax and enjoy the sun.

We are looking forward to travelling to Ohio for the National Rally where we will enjoy time with our Discovery family. Glenn





Mason-Dixon Discoverys

The Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter just concluded our Spring Rally at Old Mill Stream Campground. We had 15 coaches at the rally which included two coaches from the Blue Ridge Chapter. We have a number of members who belong to our chapter as well as Blue Ridge Discoverys. On Friday afternoon, we attended the Sight and Sound Theater, the show was “Moses”. It was a great live performance. We began our planning for the 2024 Southeast Region Rally and Camp Discovery. The 2024 SE Rally will be moving to the [Red Oak RV](#)

[Resort](#) in Bushnell, Florida. Details, on-line registration link and preliminary schedule can be found on the home page and Next Rally page of the [DOAI](#) website. Arrival Date is 29 of January and Departure 4 February. We have a discounted rate for two days before and two days after if you want to stay longer. The theme for the Rally is “Brewing Up Some Discovery Fun”. Hope to see you there.



Several of our members are planning to attend the National Rally in Ohio and our Fall Chapter Rally will be at Holiday [Trav I Park, Virginia Beach, Virginia](#), with an arrival date of 5 October and departure of 8 October. The phone number to make reservations is 757-425-0249. We have 15 sites reserved, but you need to make your reservations prior to 15 July. We will be making our final planning for the 2024 SE Region Rally during this rally. At our Rally in May we decided our Spring 2024 Chapter Rally site would return to Old Mill Stream Campground and will attend the presentation of “Daniel” at the Sight and Sound Theater. Dates for the Rally are May 15th to 19th. If you are interested in joining us at this rally, please contact me at danpophin@msn.com.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you at the National and 2024 SE Region Rallies. Dan



Breakfast



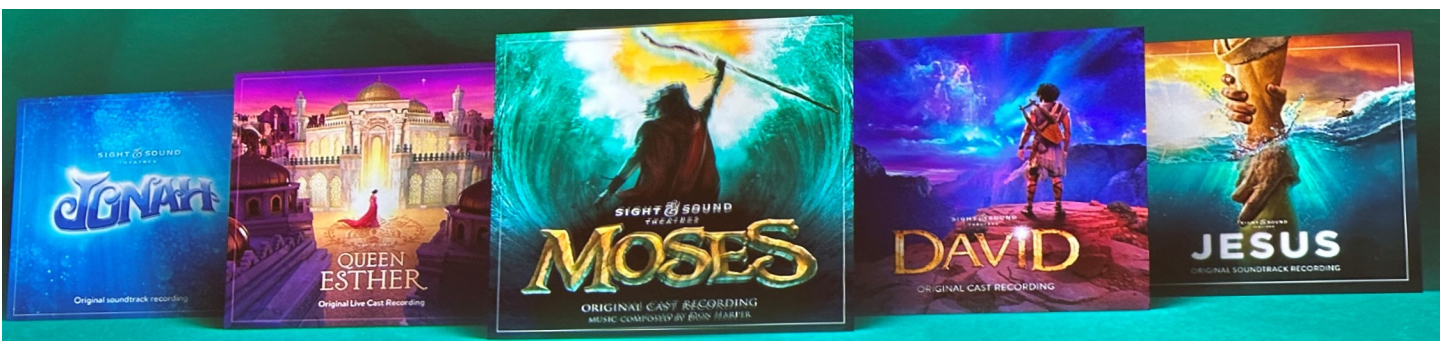
Good Times, good friends



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Mason Dixon Discoverys Continued

Sight & Sound





Discovery Texans

Discovery Texans enjoyed a great rally in Kerrville, Texas, at Buckhorn Lake Resort in May with 26 rigs attending. There was lots of fun things to do while we were there. We played games of Left Right Center (LRC), Bingo, Washer Tournament and Pickleball, and the ladies enjoyed a luncheon in Kerrville at Mamacita’s Restaurant.

President
Linda Griffith

We had New Members J.C. & Dorothy Hammond and Felix & Suzi Jones attending as well as Pat & May Key, Bobby & Karen Louton, and our Discovery Sunshine chapter guests Bill & Martha Kuhn from Polk City, Florida. We also enjoyed our long time member Al de Hass and guest Marilyn who joined us for a few days.

Our hosts Al & Cindy Welch and J.R. & Kim Reyna did an excellent job providing us with lots of activities and wonderful meals. We are so thankful to all the members that volunteer to host our rallies.

If any DOAI members are planning to travel through our area during one of our rally events, we would Welcome you to join us. Just contact me or our Rally Master, [Mel Pless](#) so we can make sure there are sites available.

Follows is a list of our scheduled rallies for 2023 and 2024:

November 8-11, 2023 Whistle Stop RV Park	(depart 12 th) Abilene, Texas
January 17-20 2024 River View RV Park	(depart 21 st .) Vidalia, Louisiana
March 17-20, 2024 Heart of Oklahoma Expo	(depart 21 st .) Shawnee, Oklahoma
May 8-11 2024 Lagoon RV Resort	(depart 12 th .) Rockport, Texas
November 6-9 2024 Vineyards of Fredericksburg	(depart 10 th .) Fredericksburg, Texas

Left to Right
Cindy Welch, Al Welch
Kim Reyna, JR Reyna



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Our Super Hosts, thank you!

Discovery Texans Continued



Hats off to Matt & Suzan Cullen
who celebrated Derby Day



Ladies Luncheon,
Mamacitas Mexican
Restaurant



Discovery Texans Continued



Washer Tournament Winners

Matt Cullen and JC Hammond. Presented by host Randy Langley



Discovery Texans
Buckhorn Lake, May 2023

Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter



Chapter Prez
Van Edelmann

The Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter has grown to 22 coaches over its first year as a DOAI chapter. Members are from 9 states with the majority being from Arizona and Colorado. If you are interested in joining the Four Corners Chapter, contact the Chapter President, Van Edelmann, at vanelmann@icloud.com.

A couple of chapter members were critical in the development of the chapter logo. The logo was shown to members at the annual meeting and a decision was made on the colors for the chapter shirts. The prototypes of these shirts, a polo and T-shirt, will be on display at the chapter's 2023 summer rally.

Below is a summary of the chapter's past and future rallies:

CY 2022

The first rally was held in Mancos, Colorado, at the [Echo Basin Cabin and RV Resort](#). Three coaches attended.

CY2023

The winter rally was in January at the [Blue Sky Ranch RV Resort](#) in Yuma, Arizona, with 12 coaches attending. The chapter held its annual meeting in conjunction with the rally. Activities included: Off-roading; a trip to Algodones, Mexico; visiting the Yuma Territorial Prison; a produce tour; and three dinners.



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Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter Continued



A summer 2023 rally will take place again at Echo Basin Cabin and RV Resort in Mancos, Colorado. The dates are June 15-18 and five chapter coaches will be in attendance.



CY2024

The winter 2024 rally will be held at Don Laughlin's Riverside Casino and RV Park in Laughlin, NV. The dates are January 12-16, 2024. There are currently 11 coaches signed up for this rally. Contact Van at the email address above if you wish to attend. A schedule of events will be available later this summer.

The summer 2024 rally is still to be determined. Van



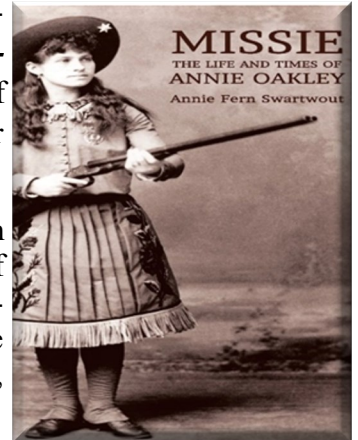
Book Club



Jeanne Stewart

--Hello Fellow Readers

Our book club selection for the National Rally in Greenville, Ohio is: *Missie, The Life and Times of Annie Oakley* written by her niece – Annie Fern Swartwout. As of now it is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, September 23rd. It is available on Amazon.



Annie was born in Greenville, and became world-famous sharpshooter with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. However, as always, the book tells us the rest of the story. She had a difficult childhood, and her sharp shooting skills were a result of her having to supply food for her family. And the behind the scenes as she traveled throughout the world, she helped many people with her charitable acts, especially orphans.

I would encourage you to read the book, I especially like to read books about areas that I have visited. We also will have a speaker from the Garst Museum who will be speaking to us at the rally and who is an historical researcher specializing in Annie Oakley. The Garst Museum is also an awesome place to visit on your stay in Greenville.



On another note, for the ladies, we do have a wine tasting event planned for one of the afternoons. Please be sure to sign up for that at registration as there is limited numbers.

Hope to see you ladies in Greenville, Ohio. Jeanne Stewart, Book person



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

The **DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC** is a non-profit organization. **DOAI** was formed to promote the sharing of information and the camaraderie of fellow Discovery motorhome owners. Full, voting membership in the club is limited to owners of Fleetwood Discovery motorhomes.

Membership Classifications & Dues Schedules (payable in U.S. funds only):

Full New Member – A private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues: \$16** for one year; **\$45** for three years; **\$75** for 5 years.

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Commercial Member – A Discovery dealer, RV campground / resort or an RV-related for-profit business. Dues: **\$20** per year or **\$75** for five years.

Questions? Call the DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free (888) 594-6818. You may also join or renew online at www.discoveryowners.com.

Please complete the form below (items in **bold** are required for full members) and mail it with your check payable to Discovery Owners Association, Inc. to:

Linda Griffith, DOAI Membership Coordinator
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If "Other" explain: _____

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2023 Calendar of



Important Dates

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

JANUARY 2023

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2023 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

January 2023

- 30-Feb.5—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL
- TBD—BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2023 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 2023

- 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 2023

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2023

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2022 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2023

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

JULY 2023

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2023

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2024 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2023 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 5-11 2022 National Rally CamPlex Gillette, Wyoming.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2023 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting
- 2023 National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio from September 18-24

OCTOBER 2023

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

NOVEMBER 2023

DECEMBER 2023

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

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