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## DOAI Invades Frog Capital of the World- RAYNE, LA

What a terrific time was had in Rayne at the "Kickin' Cajun Celebration" in May. The *Discovery Texans* led by **Phil Yovino**, South-Central Regional Vice President, certainly did do a outstanding job hosting this event; according to all interviews by this reporter. Forty one of the 64 *Discovery Texans* members were in attendance and they were assisted by the Disco-Texan Roadrunners with the parking, registration and an ice cream social on Friday. Even **Bob Baugh**, the President of DOAI, stated it was the best rally he had ever attended.

At last count, 210 coaches were at the rally, including the non-Discovery coaches of the vendors, (although many of them did not bring coaches). First time attendees totaled 71 and there were 42 vendors exhibiting, and many of them held seminars.

A Mardi Gras style parade with beads & moon pies thrown to the audience by the *Discovery Texans* kicked off the welcome party and the fun continued until the last day. There was 50s-60s style music for listening & dancing, Cajun music by the Mennard band during the rally, Dave Pettigean, a famous Cajun humorist on Thursday night, line & square dancing on Friday evening, catering by world famous Cajun chef Roy Lyons on Thursday & Saturday evenings. Saturday night was climaxed by 15 "World Famous Models" (played by men from the *Discover Texans* chapter). In between the planned events, many visited the wonderful restaurants and historic homes in the area.

A golf scramble was a lot of fun for those who play on Friday and a tour of a Cajun accordion maker's shop, a farm where rice, crawfish & soybeans are grown and there was a visit to an old opera house in Crowley that is on the National Historic Registry and is being restored for operation

in 2003. As a parting gift, the ladies received a cookbook compiled of *Discovery Texans'* recipes inside the nice tote bag provided to each coach by Freightliner.

The only casualty this reporter heard about was Jan McIlvane, who sustained a very bad ankle sprain but at last report was doing well.

All in all, the *Discovery Texans* have issued a challenge to other hosts of rallies to top this one, but they said not to worry, they had more fun than anyone doing it.

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### A Message from our President

One of the greatest benefits for members of our Association is the opportunity to attend rallies with other Discovery motorhome owners. If you are one of our members who has not attended a DOAI rally, you have been missing out on great fun, friendship opportunities, and a chance to learn about your motorhome in a way that will make motorhoming more enjoyable and less frustrating. No one knows the ins and outs of Discoveries the way we as owners do. At rallies we not only establish and renew close friendships, but we learn about the solutions that others have found to problems that we may be experiencing. The vendors who have attended our rallies have been extremely supportive of DOAI through their seminars and products. The seminars and service provided by Fleetwood and Freightliner are especially valuable. So far this year our Association has staged three outstanding rallies; regionals in Tampa, Florida and Tucson, Arizona and a National in Rayne, Louisiana. Attendance at these was very good and all were considered highly successful. Currently, **Ray Easter**, as rally master, is planning another great rally for September in Bowling Green, Kentucky. You will not regret attending.

The DOAI Board of Directors is working hard not only to continue but also to enhance the benefits of membership in our Association. This includes efforts to make our rallies even better. Recently, your Board of Directors took action to supplement the cost of rallies to help keep the price of attendance down. Our goal is to provide a small financial reward for the chapter hosting the rally but to still retain cost affordability to the total membership.

If you are one of the members who has attended one or more DOAI rallies and have suggestions for improvement, your input and assistance is solicited. We have received a number of good recommendations and will try to incorporate these into future rally plans. **Jim Devine**, our National Rally Master, is working to schedule rallies in different areas of the country so that the same people don't always have to travel the longest distance. This is not an easy task. If you know of facilities in new locations that are convenient and adequate to host rallies for our size, please let Jim or I know. Also if you are willing or can recommend persons who are able to serve as rally masters, please let us know that also. Even when we identify a location, people to assist in hosting the rally are needed.

A conscious effort is being made to avoid as many schedule conflicts as possible with our rallies. It is impossible to avoid all conflicts, but hopefully major ones will be prevented. Rally masters also need suggestions for rally events that you as members desire. What activities are of value to first timers as well as for repeat attendees? We have great Association rallies and through group effort and input we can continue to enhance and improve upon them.

Participation in a DOAI Chapter provides opportunity for many of our members to further their motorhoming enjoyment. Chapters are also the best resource for continued rejuvenation of our Association. We now have eight DOAI Chapters. The three newest include the Florida Rolling Gators, which was presented with a membership plaque and coffee urn during the Rayne rally. The Rolling Gators hosted a well-attended chapter meeting of the Florida contingency attending the Rayne rally. Two new chapters were also formed at the Rayne rally -- the Louisiana Mud Bugs and

the Discovery Southern Aristocrats. These two chapters will be presented with their membership plaques and urns at the Bowling Green rally. Any member interested in these new chapters should contact **Gene Patterson**, President of the Florida Rolling Gators; **Sam and Ginny Whitaker**, President of the Discovery Southern Aristocrats; or, **Carolyn Barnes**, President of the Louisiana Mud Bugs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Bowling Green rally.

**Bob Baugh**  
DOAI President

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### FALL NATIONAL DISCOVEREE

DOAI's next rally, FALL NATIONAL DISCOVEREE, is September 10-14, 2002, at the lovely Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Beech Bend Park sits on 368 acres along the Barren River and features a campground, an amusement park, an oval racetrack and a drag strip. The campground has over 500 sites with full hookups (mostly 30 Amp) and many have telephone and modem hookups as well. All roadways are paved and all sites except those along the Barren River are pull-thru's. The facilities include new bathhouses and a laundromat. You can fish in the Barren River and the surrounding area has plenty of trails for hiking and bike riding. Campfires are permitted so don't forget your marshmallows!

Stock car racing is scheduled for the evening of September 13<sup>th</sup>. On the drag strip, NHRA-sanctioned races are scheduled for Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday night, the 10<sup>th</sup>, there is an event called the shoot-out, which is a popular local drag racing event, the kind we had as kids out on the highway straight-aways. And for you motorcycle racing fans, the AMRA *All Harley Drag Finals* are scheduled for October 5 - 7. The amusement park is open weekends in September.

To see the park and its many attractions, go to [www.beechbend.com](http://www.beechbend.com) with your computer/internet connection

### There is plenty to See and Do

The Bowling Green area is loaded with things to see and do. If you have the time, it will be well worth your while to extend your stay in the area and visit some of the attractions. Here are but a few of them:

*The original Camping World store* -- Where it all began. You'll pass the store on your way to the campground.

*National Corvette Museum and Corvette factory tours* -- The museum is a 68,000 sq. ft. showcase to America's sports car and features more than 60 Corvettes. On the factory tour, you'll see the step-by-step production of America's favorite sports car. We're planning to visit the museum and take the factory tour on Friday. If you're interested in joining the tour, please indicate your interest on the registration form and sign up at the registration desk when you arrive at DISCOVEREE.

*Capitol Arts Center* -- Features two art galleries and an 840-seat theatre.

*Duncan Hines Scenic Byway* -- This 82-mile route passes many historic homes and churches including the former home and office of Duncan Hines, former hospitality author turned food giant. We're sure he'd put his "Recommended by Duncan Hines" stamp of approval on DISCOVEREE! By the way, the annual Duncan Hines Festival is August 23-24 if you're in Bowling Green before DISCOVEREE.

*Kentucky Museum and Library* -- Kentucky Museum houses rich collections and offers exciting and educational exhibits, inviting visitors to revisit the past and learn about Kentucky's history and heritage.

*Civil War Driving Tour* -- Bowling Green served as Kentucky's Confederate capital for a period of

time. Ten sites remain including forts, a cave, homes, a monument, markers and a museum.

**Lost River Cave and Valley** -- Kentucky's only underground boat tour floats through Lost River Cave in the middle of Bowling Green on the shortest, deepest river in the world as claimed by *Ripley's Believe it or Not*. The walking portion of the tour includes the human history of the cave and valley that dates back over 10,000 years.

**Fountain Square Park** -- Has been the focus of downtown Bowling Green since 1798 when Robert Moore donated the original two-acre tract to the county for public use.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church** -- This Gothic style church was constructed in three stages over a 30-year period and finally dedicated in 1889. Its design is said to have been inspired by the cathedral church of Cologne, Germany.

**Historic Walking Tours** -- Bowling Green is fortunate to have six historic areas placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

**Holley Performance Products** -- All you gear-heads should recognize this name. This 100-year old company makes every carburetor found on NASCAR vehicles.

**Antique Shopping** -- The local shop owners have put together a guide with shop descriptions and a map showing where each is located. We hope to post this on the DOAI web site, too.

*There's still much more* to see and do in and around Bowling Green. To see for yourself, go to: [www.kytourism.com](http://www.kytourism.com) then click on *Links* in the left-most frame and finally click on *Local Tourism Offices*. Select *Bowling Green* to see the numerous local attractions and the other links to see what's available in the other areas of Kentucky.

### **Vendors**

Fleetwood will have technicians on site for emergency service. You know the rules – if it's not an emergency, you'll need to schedule the service for another time. But they'll be there with

answers to all your technical questions, so don't miss the chance to chat with the pros.

In addition to Fleetwood and the other RV-related vendors you expect at our Discovery rallies, we'll have some you haven't seen, including several local craft vendors and artisans. It's too early to tell just who'll be there, but if YOU are, you won't miss any of them! Tuesday afternoon's welcome reception will be held in the Vendor Display area, so you'll get a first-hand look at the new products and information that our vendors have displayed.

### **What's Happ'nin' - Activities**

We're planning an information- and fun-packed event, with something for everyone. Whether you're interested in "Staying Fit On the Road," changing the oil and lubricating the old diesel, checking out the latest in fashions or joining the factory rep experts in an open discussion about everything related to your RV, you'll find it at DISCOVEREE.

Tuesday's opening day begins with a welcome reception in the vendor display area from 4 to 5 PM. We'll provide the snacks and soft drinks (BYOB). Following the reception we'll have a Kentucky-friendly welcome picnic with plenty of good old original Kentucky Fried Chicken and, from our friends at RV ALLIANCE, ice cream for desert.

At 4 PM Wednesday, plan to attend the annual business meeting, where you'll meet the newly elected officers of DOAI. Bob Baugh, President, will bring us up-to-date on the business side of our great association. Best of all, you'll have a chance to put in your two cents worth on important issues.

On Wednesday and Friday nights, we'll have gourmet dinners sure to please your palate. But the nights don't end there – there's more following with great entertainment, plenty of door prizes, bingo, fun and fellowship.

You are free to do what you wish Thursday night. Or, if you're a racing nut, get your pit crew ready for "DOAI-Bowling Green 500" where you'll want to join the rest of us racing nuts for the miniature NASCAR racing event at Race World. There, you

can drive your own cars to race on either an oval track or a road course. This should get your blood pressure up! (Participation in this event is an extra charge. See your welcome packet for more details.)

Want to join the fun but not drive a racecar? Have dinner on the largest observation deck in Kentucky at Race World's Naskart Deck Café and have the best seat in the house overlooking the excitement on both tracks.

If you're a golfing aficionado, Bowling Green has one private and three public golf courses from which to choose. We're planning a "Best Ball" scramble, so bring your clubs and join the fun.

#### **Private Membership Course**

The Trace at Bays Fork Golf Club  
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[www.bgky.org/hartland.htm](http://www.bgky.org/hartland.htm)

On Friday, pick your pleasures from the host of activities available. Join the Corvette tours, golf, fish, shop, antique, or just relax around the campground visiting with old and new friends. Whatever you choose, there's plenty to keep you busy at DISCOVEREE and the surrounding area. Just don't overdo it -- we'll want you back for Friday night's closing celebration, sponsored by FLEETWOOD (so you know it's gonna be good).

#### **How to Get There**

Beech Bend Park is located about 10 minutes west of I-65. From I-65, take Exit 28 and get onto route 31W going south toward Bowling Green. Note that this is 31W, NOT 31 West. This is also the exit for the Corvette Museum. Continue on 31W to the fourth traffic light (about 3 miles). It's more than a mile between the third and fourth lights and you will need to be in the right lane but hugging the line as you approach the intersection. Make a hard right turn onto Riverview Road and follow the signs to Beech Bend Park. (See the map later in this issue)

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#### **Add-on by Pete Pizzano, VP Southeast Region**

The Southeast Region's chapter, the Mid South Road Runners under the supervision of wagonmaster Ray Easter are planning for the September National Discovery rally at Beech Bend Campground in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Attendees can expect to find vendors, seminars, goody bags, food, entertainment and Fleetwood service technicians. The chapter plans an old fashion picnic with traditional games of the era.

Bowling Green offers many attractions. The first and original Camping World store is located just minutes from the campground. Beech Bend campground has all three amenities. The paved sites are located along a lazy river. Bring your fishing tackle and a straw hat for a leisure "Tom Sawyer" stay along the river bank.

A short walk from the campground is an auto racing track. NASCAR enthusiasts will be able to see race drivers warming up in preparation for national competition.

The Bowling Green rally is a national rally. Technicians from Fleetwood will be there to do emergency motorcoach repairs. Many of the DOAI Board of Directors will be present. There will be a general membership meeting to explain the course that DAOI is taking in the future. At the meeting members will have the opportunity to express their concerns and explain their position. Plan to attend the fall rally for a fun filled five-day and four-night good time rally in September.

## Lazy Days Rally Contributes to Hospice

The 2002 Lazy Days rally was a success for everyone and a financial success as well. The rally master, Pete Pizzano, decided to contribute some of the funds to a worthy, local, non-profit activity. Therefore a check for \$323.89 (the profit from the 50-50 drawing) was sent to the Hernando Pasco Hospice in Hudson, Florida to help with the very important services provided by Hospice activities.

## DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2001 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements were presented by the DOAI Treasurer, **Mac McIlvaine**, at the Rayne, LA rally in May 2002.

### Comments:

#### 2001 Balance Sheet:

The investment account (Edward Jones) and the bank account are both interest-bearing accounts. The Rally Advance accounts represent monies advanced to the rally master for necessary pre-rally expenses. There are no liabilities

#### 2001 Income Statement:

##### Income

Advertising – Freightliner  
Donations – Primarily from Fleetwood  
Fireman's Relief Fund – donated by members at the Virginia in the Fall rally

##### Expenses

Ads – FMCA magazine to attract members  
Chapter gifts – Each new chapter receives \$250 and a coffee urn.  
Charity – Primarily the Fireman's Relief Fund  
Insurance – Liability coverage  
Office – Office supplies for the officers and chairman  
Newsletter publication and mailing  
Rally Gifts – Small gifts for rally attendees  
Board Expenses – Offsets some of the expenses of Board members  
Utilities – Officer and chairman toll free number expense

Utilities-Bus – Other telephone expenses

To encourage and maintain rally attendance, the DOAI Board, at the Rayne, LA rally, voted to temporarily suspend the National Fee (10% of rally fees) and to review each rally budget and supplement the funds for the rally, if necessary, to keep rally fees at a reasonable and consistent level.

### Balance Sheet 2001 As of 12/31/01

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Account Balance</b>
Edward Jones Money Market A...	30,949.57
First State Bank, Livingsto...	23,249.60
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>54,199.17</b>
<b>Asset Accounts</b>	
Rally Advance-Lazy Days '02	1,410.00
Rally Advance-Louisiana '02	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL Asset Accounts</b>	<b>4,410.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>58,609.17</b>

### DOAI Income Statement - 1/1/01 - 12/31/01

#### **INCOME:**

2002 Lazy Days	12,395.00
Advertising Newsletter	1,000.00
Colorado 2001	30,017.00
Donation	8,283.00
Fireman's Relief Fund	1,749.21
Interest Income	949.57
Lazy Days 2001	6,345.28
Membership	22,604.00
Palm Desert Rally	8,687.50
Virginia in the Fall	22,350.88
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>114,381.44</b>

#### **EXPENSES:**

Ads	330.10
Bank Charge	187.50
Chapter Gifts	1,726.79
Charity	1,874.21
Colorado 2001 expense	25,227.63

Gifts Given	86.05
Insurance	1,521.00
Lazy Days 2001 Expense	21,829.54
Lazy Days 2002	902.19
Licenses and Permits	10.00
Louisiana Rally, 2002 Expense	265.83
Membership Expenses	207.81
Misc.	20.34
Newsletter	11,114.01
Office	688.24
Palm Desert Expenses	13,211.51
Plaques	64.53
Postage and Delivery	2,122.20
Printing and Reproduction	262.89
Rally Gifts	3,222.00
Reimbursement of Board Expenses	2,030.00
Resale Items	990.67
Travel	10.00
Utilities	1,842.05
Utilities, Bus	546.89
Virginia Rally 2001	22,803.91
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>113,097.89</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,283.55</b>

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### WHAT IS A RALLY?

Alice and I have been to three rallies and a campout in a matter of two months. We enjoyed all of them very much.

In one of our evening conversations Alice and I got on the subject of "What makes a good rally?"

Was it the vendors? The vendors contribute to the enthusiasm, but they are not a prime attraction. They are in business to sell their products and make a profit. They do contribute items for us to give away or for our enjoyment.

Was it the entertainment? Attendees enjoy good entertainment, but to try to please everyone is extremely difficult. We cannot consider entertainment a prime rally attraction.

Was it the food? Everyone enjoys having a meal prepared for them eliminating the preparing, serving and cleaning up the "mess". We go to rallies with no knowledge of the food to be

served. Food can not be considered the prime rally attraction.

Was it the seminars? Many of the seminars are the same presentations seen at previous rallies. To first timers seminars are very important. We all should be attending seminars to learn as much as we can about our motorcoaches.

Was it the tours? Tours can be placed in two categories- educational or pleasure. How DOAI members travel to tours can contribute to the success of a tour. Bus tours seem to be most enjoyable. But, Alice and I don't go to a rally so we can go on a tour.

Was it the local attractions? It is nice to have a rally in an area that invites members to fill-in the slow hours. Usually when we go out to visit local places of interest, our auto is filled.

Alice and I concluded that what makes a rally a success is the people. Renewing acquaintances and making new friends is the heart beat of a rally or campout. At all of the gatherings close your eyes and listen to the laughter, the conversation and the pleasant sounds of friends expressing concerns and happiness. Yes we are convinced it is the people sharing interests and enjoying the "Spirit of Friendship" that **MAKES A GOOD RALLY.**

by **Pete and Alice Pizzano**

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**YOUR 2002-2003 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

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Send requests for Discovery Badges to:

'Mr. Ed' Badges n Signs  
P.O. Box 303  
Crystal Beach, FL 34681  
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Badges \$5.50, hangers \$3, s/h \$1 each

Send your requests for caps, jackets, etc. with the Discovery Owners Association logo to:

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(1-866-580-6401)

Send problems experienced with your Discovery, and any solutions, hints and tips to share to:

**J.B. Vaughn**  
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What's our DOAI Website address?

<http://www.discoveryowners.com>

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**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!**

Don't forget, you are all reporters and will be derelict in your duties if you don't get that article in before the deadline for the next newsletter. We can take your information handwritten, as long as it is readable, typed, by snail mail, by e-mail or disk (Microsoft Word), or by FAX. The addresses are below for your newsletter editor:

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**MEMBERS WITH DISCOVERY ITEMS FOR SALE** (Key Word is DISCOVERY item)

We had no requests to list sale items for this issue.

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**NEWS FLASH**

Northeast Region Discovery owners are having a "get together" Aug. 5-7 at The Villages at Turning Stone Regional Vehicle Park at the Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, NY. Cost is \$25.92 per night and meals will be \$35 per coach. For reservations call the resort directly at 315-361-7275. Mail \$35 check to John Baker, 399 Tri-Hill Road, York, PA, 42133.

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**HELP!!!!**

**Lost at the Rayne, LA rally- a Harley-Davidson chrome wristwatch. It was not missed until we returned home, so we are not sure where we lost it. Any help in recovering it would be very much appreciated.**

**Sue Musgrave (714) 815-8141**



## THE SUNSHINE CORNER

This section of the newsletter is to note requests by members to mention those of us, our friends or loved ones that feel that our good thoughts or prayers might bring some comfort. Any requests brought to our attention will be placed in the next issue of Discovery Express. **This issue's requests for Sunshine are:**

**Dorothy Devine** is coming along fine, but with normal hiccups following serious open heart surgery. She sends her thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers.

**Joe Desantis** – we have heard nothing regarding Joe's colon surgery. Hang in there Joe, we are thinking about you!

**Karen Fuller** who slipped on a wet floor and shattered her left kneecap is coming along fine and we expect to see her at Bowling Green.

**Ed Studer**, we were sorry to hear that Ed passed away on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

### **FROM THE FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS**

At a meeting at Lazy Days Rally Park in April, a chapter was formed with eleven members present. Our name was arrived at by a vote taken on 4 suggestions---NO, it has nothing to do with that school in Gainesville, but was selected because the Gator is Florida's best known emblem, as well as sunshine, oranges, etc. We have grown from that original 11 to 33, and still growing every day.

Our officers elected that first meeting were:

President-----**Gene Patterson**  
 Vice President-----**Ron Zimmerman**  
 Secretary-----**Georgia Shane**  
 Treasurer-----**Sharon Zimmerman**

Campout Coordinator—**Ron Shane**

Our goal is to have campouts as often as possible, that to be decided by our members, for fun and friendship. We hope to be able to help our Southcentral Regional VP, **Pete Pizzano**, with DOAI rallies in our area. In February, 2003, we'll see if we're up to it. **Pete** is going to let us host that popular regional Rally at Lazy Days Rally Park in Tampa, Fl. We need all the member's help that we can possibly get.

We will have a campout in July for all "Stay at home in the summer" members, at Winter Haven, Fl. This will be an important event. We hope to organize and get volunteers to work on the Lazy Days Rally. This Rally will need a lot of planning and only a short time to do it. **Ron Shane** is planning a good campout in October at Cape Canaveral. This will be a great place with a lot of things to do. There will be more information on time and place mailed to you.

We wish to extend an invitation to join our new chapter and especially invite your winter residents (Snow Birds!) to join us. Our goal is to become the largest chapter in the DOAI. After all, we have the most members of any state.

For information on joining us, write, call or e-mail:

**Gene Patterson**  
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 Cape Coral, Fl.  
 239-282-5857  
[Pgene464@aol.com](mailto:Pgene464@aol.com)

Hope to see you down the road,  
**Gene Patterson**

### **FROM THE MID SOUTH ROADRUNNERS**

Alice and I attended the Mid South Road Runner's June campout in Lewisburg, West Virginia. We wanted to meet with the Chapter to find out just how well they were progressing with the Beech Bend Bowling Green fall national rally. It pleased me very much to know that the Road Runners have an excellent rally planned for us.

On the way to Lewisburg we traveled routes 77 and 64. This was a good test for my '99 Discovery motorcoach. The five-mile hills and the 7-9% grades permitted me to see just how well a Cummins 275 ISB diesel can do. Fully loaded for a six month trip and towing a Chrysler LHS, the 275 had little difficulty climbing the mountain highways. What I did was poor driving technique or simply wrong. I did not down shift to a lower gear. I wanted to see what 6<sup>th</sup> gear would or could do. The Cummins kept my speed in the low forties. Only once was my speed in the low thirties. Forced to remain in a line of traffic, I had to remove my foot from the accelerator. I lost momentum which I was unable to regain.

The campout started on June 6 and it ran until June 8. Campout wagon masters Glen and Gayle Camp assisted by parking coordinator John Fonelli conducted a fun filled mini rally.

For those that have never been in West Virginia, let me tell you it is an absolutely beautiful state. You drive over or through gorges that run alongside mountain clear springs and streams. There are quaint towns that seem untouched by the busy world many of us are all too familiar with.

History buffs can read of the battle between the blue and the gray that took place in Lewisburg. Tours a short distance from Lewisburg attract hundreds of thousands of tourists. One of the tours scheduled for us was a tour of the Greenbrier Bunker; the fallout shelter prepared for the federal house and senate members. The bunker was constructed during the Eisenhower administration. The famous expensive Greenbrier Hotel and golf course was constructed over the bunker. This secret was kept until relatively recently.

Rally members had time to tour coal mines, the Lost World Caverns and the Oregon Cave. The highest arched bridge crosses over the world's oldest river in the world. A very one-way narrow road leads to the water's edge of the New River Gorge. Yes, the oldest river goes by the name of New River.

The camaraderie was super. This proves the point that chapters are the heart beat of the DOAI. Thirty-two coaches with many different tags were

driven to the rally. There was plenty of space for slides and awnings. The 64 DOAI members wasted little time becoming acquainted. The welcome party and everyday social gatherings brought everyone together. The first timers mingled among the group so that it became impossible to tell who were old friends and who was making new friends.

The continental breakfasts were more than anticipated. Glen surprised us all by having scrambled eggs. The catered dinners of ham, roast beef and chicken were delicious. Each evening we had three vegetables, salad and rolls. The dessert and beverages finished the meals.

The entertainment was different. One evening a gentleman who was the fastest draw in the West entertained us. His Colt flew from his holster firing several shots....blanks that is! The four-piece string band played songs we could sing or dance to.

Glen scheduled the campground to coincide with other activities at the fairground. All activities were sections of the fairgrounds that did not interfere with other activities. An antique show, or antique auto show and a flea market were open for our visit.

The Road Runners are already planning a fall campout. My advice is- when the Road Runners plan a campout, plan to attend it!

Submitted by **Pete Pizzano**, VP Southeast Region

### **FROM THE FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS**

During the weekend of April 11-14, 2002, under the leadership of Bill and Marcy Ryan, the first Florida chapter of DOAI was formed. Our name is Florida Discovery Rolling Gators.

Eleven Discovery owners attended the charter meeting at Lazy Days Rally Park. The new officers who will reign until December, 2003, at which time a new slate will be elected, are:

President:	Gene Patterson
Vice President	Ron Zimmerman
Secretary	Georgia Shane
Treasurer	Sharon Zimmerman
Rally Master	Ron Shane

Membership applications have been sent to 268 Florida Discovery Owners inviting them to join. As of this article, more than 20 applications have been received.

Plans are being made for a rally at the Kennedy Space Center for October 18-21, 2002. The cost will be \$10 plus camp fees. For further information contact:

Ron and Georgia Stone  
 PO Box 1203  
 Welaka, FL 32193  
 386-467-3017  
 321-258-5196 (cell)

#### **FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOOD TIMERS**

Things are at a stand-still at the moment. Our President Ed Watson had to resign for health reason and our VP and Rally Chairman (Sonny Springer and Sharon Ayer) are on an extended trip. We apologize to our members for the lack of activity, but look forward to many California type activities in the near future. **HANG IN THERE GOOD TIMERS!!**

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#### **SOUTHEAST AREA- LAZY DAYS- 2003**

The Southeast region has been very active since the redistricting of the DOAI. We have planned and conducted a national rally at Beth Page in Virginia in September of 2001, a regional rally at Lazy Days Rally Park in Florida in February 2002 and we are preparing for a national rally at Beech Bend Park in Kentucky in September 2002. The recently chartered Florida Discover Rolling Gators are now planning the annual regional rally at Lazy Days Rally Park for February 3-7, 2003. Yes, a four night, five day rally. The one-month old chapter has committed itself 100% to this annual rally.

Your comment sheets told us; too much to do and too much to see in a short span of three nights and four days. Busch Gardens, Sea world, Strawberry Fest, Disney World, casino cruise ship, Universal Studios, the Aquarium, deep sea fishing, the Lightning hockey and the Orlando Magic teams are just a few of the outstanding attractions.

Rally Park has many amenities. It is a dust free pristine park where all the sites are provided with water, sewer, and 30-amp service. A morning paper is delivered each day to your paved site. You can sit at your provided picnic table under your awning and enjoy the company of old and new friends.

This is more than a rally. It is a vacation! Bring your bathing suit(s). Rally Park has a beautiful caged-in swimming pool and hot tub. It's a nice place to relax after a tiring day of activity. The tennis courts are in perfect condition for an early morning or evening match. Exclusive of Sunday, breakfast and lunch are served at Festival Hall every day.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> when we arrive, we will have a welcome reception. Hors d'oeuvres, cold drinks, beer, wine and entertainment will be provided, courtesy of Lazy Days management. Ken Scolaro, General Sole Manager, Rod Nichols and Gregg Bruce, sales representatives, will be present to welcome us. Rod and Greg will assist any member who wishes to purchase a new Discovery, These gentlemen with our own Fleetwood Lazy Days assigned representative will see to it that we have the newest of the assembly line Discovery motorcoaches for us to inspect. Lazy Days is a city of a variety of recreational vehicles. We are fortunate for we can compare and see that for the dollar, the Discovery motorcoach is still the best buy.

Did you know that for every Discovery that Lazy Days sell, Lazy Days pays the first year's membership fees in the DOAI?

Lupton caterers again is our choice for excellent food. Ralph and Jeff provide us with a well prepared meal where there is always more for seconds. **(To be continued in the next issue)**

**DISCOVERY TIPS AND HINTS****By Jim Pourroy****Fleetwood Technical Service Trainer**

The question of the proper procedure of leveling your coach has come up several times on the eGroup bulletin board and many experienced owners have shared what works for them, others have asked for a little more detail.

I have read the owners manuals and leveled several coaches in a variety of campgrounds, and like many owners have always wondered if there was a better, or more correct way to do it. While no article could address every possible leveling technique, I feel this one makes the most sense. And if we included every possible warning and caution, it would take a whole separate newsletter to contain it. As always, rely on your coach and jack system owners manuals for the final answer. And the wording in the Power Gear manual says it best, "Please read and study this manual before you operate the leveling system"

I took liberties in the research phase of writing this by contacting Mike Snowberger of C-n-W Solutions for his input. Mike's company is the one previously posted on the eGroup with information on getting jacks rebuilt. Mike's reply is attached below.

As for leveling the motor home, it is quite simple. There are a couple of important procedures to follow, however, in order to not risk bending the frame.

1) Extend the front legs until you feel them hit the ground. After you feel the legs hit the ground you need to continue extending the front legs 2-3" so that the jacks lift the weight of the couch off the suspension and the majority of the weight is on the jacks.  
(This is an important step, and will be explained later).

2) Extend the rear jacks until you feel the coach starting to rise in the rear.

3) At this point, you will level the coach front to back using the front and rear buttons on the touch pad.

4) Once the coach is level front to back, the leveling from right to left can take place using the right and left buttons on the touch pad.

The only time I have experienced the frame bending while using the Power Gear jack system is when the operator was not extending the front legs far enough to take the weight of the coach off of the suspension. Power Gear uses only the rear legs to do the leveling from left to right and the front legs compensate for that. The front legs are operated off of the same valve. When an operator, for instance, pushes the left button, the left rear jack extends. This will cause the coach to shift over to the right. At this time the weight of the coach is causing the fluid to be pushed from the right front jack and being transferred to the left front jack. The Power Gear 4-point system works the same as the 3-point system where they have the jack mounted in the centerline of the coach. They accomplish this by having the 2 front jacks being tied off with the same valve so they can "piston" or shadow what the rear is doing.

When the front jacks are not extended far enough, the weight of the coach in the front is resting on the front tires. When an operator tries to level from left to right, the rear jack is extending but because the front jacks are not supporting the weight, the force is being presented to the opposite front tire from the jack that is extending. Without the front jacks being able to "piston" between themselves the only place left to absorb the hydraulic force is the frame.

Mike Snowberger [snow@aosmail.com] 1-866-269-7372. (1-866 CNW- REPAIR)

My comments are based on experience at rallies and in the service center shop and what we find that works and doesn't work. Failure to keep clean and tight electrical connections are one area we find problems. The pump and reservoir are mounted outside and depending on age of the coach and where the coach has been operated, the level of corrosion on the electrical terminals will vary. Most owners never look at the connections

until the system quits working. Earlier coaches are likely to have more corrosion than later for two reasons, the first one is obvious, the age of the coach, and the second is the type of connector used. The first generations had traditional quick disconnect terminals that were not very weather protected and more likely to corrode than the one in current production. The ones in use from 1998 to present have molded connectors that offer much better resistance to corrosion.

Another area of concern would be keeping the exposed jack leg clean and lubricated. The jacks do not have power return; they rely on springs (internal or external) to retract the jack leg. Jacks that have been extended for a long period of time can develop rust, and, if left unchecked, will get so bad the jack will refuse to retract. Spraying the exposed rod with silicone will help prevent rust from forming and aid in retraction. I have seen jacks so badly rusted that they refused to retract. It took a 2" x 4", a can of WD-40 and a lot of elbow grease to get the jack back up. Forcing those badly rusted jack legs back up couldn't have done the seals any good either.

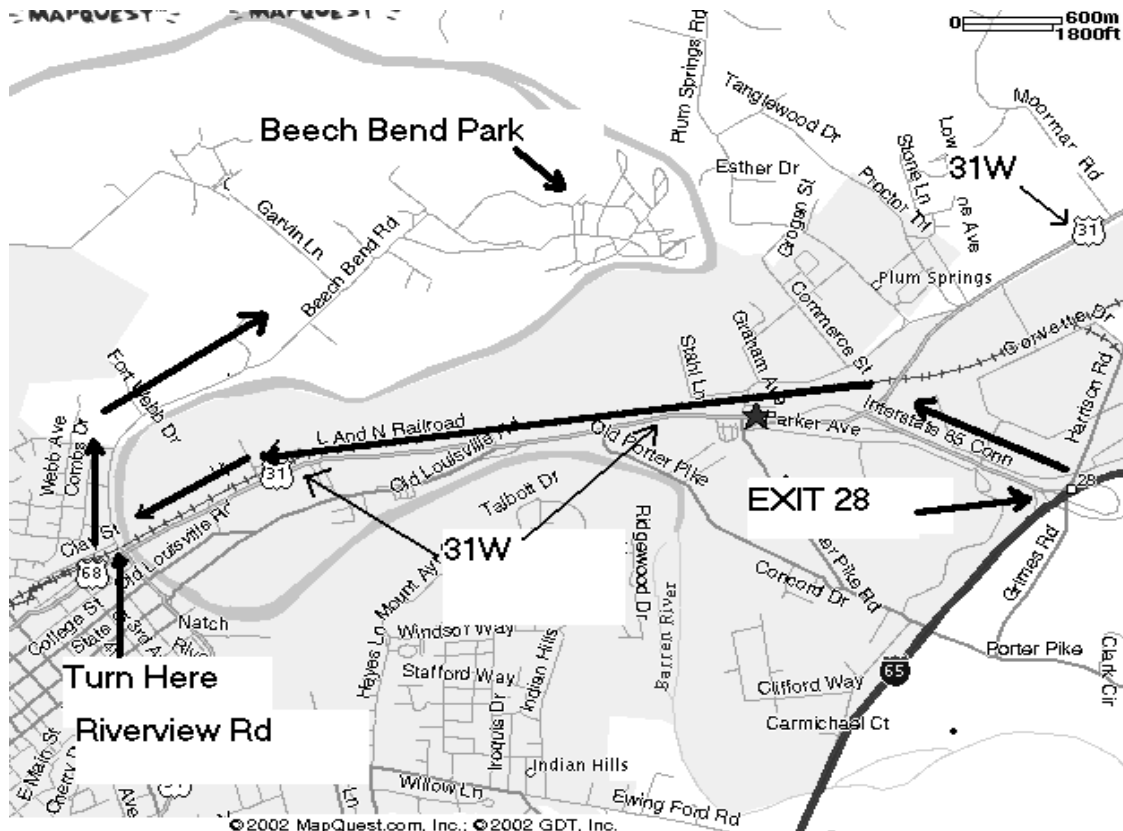
It is a good preventive maintenance to cycle the jacks two or three times every couple of weeks if the coach is parked for any extended amount of time.

The jacks should also be cycled a few times when on a long camping trip or when the coach is in storage. The owner should spray a silicon-based spray on the piston rods before and after they cycle the system. The reason to do it before is so the silicon will be pulled up into the seals and help preserve them when retracting, and after to help prevent corrosion until the next time the jacks are cycled.

So keeping your electrical connections clean and tight and your jack legs lubricated will help avoid two of the most common sources of problems.

(Editors Note: Thanks again Jim for a timely and great article. We appreciate your continued support of DOAI.)

### How to Get to the Bowling Green, KY DISCOVEREE Rally





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**OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION**

# DOAI FALL NATIONAL "DISCOVEREE"

BEECH BEND PARK, BOWLING GREEN, KY  
September 10 - 14, 2002

4 NIGHTS CAMPING, PAVED and GRASSY SITES with 30 AMP POWER, WATER and SEWER HOOKUPS  
VENDOR DISPLAYS and SEMINARS, NEW COACHES, GAMES, OPENING DAY PICNIC, ENTERTAINMENT,  
BINGO, TWO SIT-DOWN DINNERS, THE ORIGINAL CAMPING WORLD, GOLF COURSES,  
CORVETTE MUSEUM, HISTORICAL SITES and NUMEROUS RESTAURANTS and SHOPPING NEARBY

**NO PRE-ASSIGNED PARKING - TO PARK TOGETHER, YOU MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (DOAI)

MAIL TO:	GARY STRATFORD, REGISTRAR 1196 HITES RD MIDDLETOWN, VA 22645	RALLY MASTER, RAY EASTER Toll Free 1-888-786-2962 rayeaster@chartertn.net
Toll Free: 1-888-793-4793 gastratford@yahoo.com		

Mail-in registration deadline is September 1, 2002.

After Sept. 1, call Beech Bend Park at 1-270-781-7634 to add your name to the rally roster.

**No refunds after September 5, 2002**

(Your cancelled check will be your receipt)

Cut on dotted line and save for your records. Return the completed form below with your check.

**Note! Pay camping fees at Gatehouse on arrival**

Camping Fees	
Rally nights - 10th, 11th, 12th, & 13th	\$60.00
Early arrival - 8th & 9th @ \$15/night	
Late departure - 14th @ \$15/night	
<b>Pay Beech Bend Park at Gatehouse check-in</b>	

**Rally fees to be mailed to Gary Stratford**

Rally Registration Fees	
\$65.00 per coach w/ two adults	\$
\$40.00 per coach w/ one adult	\$
\$25.00 each additional person	\$
<b>Send to Registrar:</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Co-Pilot _____
Address: Home _____	City _____	State/ZIP _____
Alternate _____	City _____	State/ZIP _____
Phone _____	Cell Phone _____	E-Mail _____
Emergency Contact Name _____	Phone _____	
DOAI Member Number _____	MH year _____	Model _____
Handicap Parking? Yes _____ No _____	Is this your first DOAI rally? Yes _____ No _____	
Guest Name(s) _____	City _____	State/ZIP _____

Are you interested in receiving vendor information? Call the Vendor Coordinator, Patti, at 1-888-793-4793

Are you interested in touring the Corvette Museum on Friday? *	Yes	No	# people _____
Are you interested in playing golf? *	Yes	No	# people _____

\* For planning purposes only. Actual signups will be done at check-in.

<b>CIRCLE ONE</b>							
Volunteer: Yes	Parking	Welcome bags	Registration	Vendor	Seminars	Clean-up	Meals
No	Reporter	Door Prizes	Entertainment	Photographer	Raffles	As needed	

Volunteers for parking, registration, vendors and welcome bags must arrive Monday, 9/9, for 3 PM meeting.  
All other volunteers to meet at 3:00 PM Tuesday, 9/10, at the Pavilion for assignments and planning.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FALL NATIONAL "DISCOVEREE"

Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, KY, September 10-14, 2002

Registering for DISCOVEREE may be somewhat different from rallies you've attended in the past. One difference is that the camping fee is separate from the registration fee. You will pay the camping fee to Beech Bend Park when you arrive at the gate and sign in. The rally registration fee is paid to DOAI and the rally Registrar. Please do not send the camping fees to the Registrar.

Many of you travel extensively so we're doing some things to make coming to DISCOVEREE easier:

1. You'll receive your registration package when you check in at the DOAI registration desk instead of in the mail.
2. If you provide us with your e-mail address, we will send you your confirmation by e-mail.
3. Otherwise, we will send your confirmation by mail.
4. We've provided space on the form for an alternate mail address if you're going to be away from home.

It is important that you list an emergency contact name and phone number on your registration form.

If you're planning to bring guests, please list each guest's name, city and state on the form. If you need more room, feel free to use the back of the form. Having your guest's names will enable us to include their name badges in your registration package when you arrive.

We've included two questions on the form concerning an outside tour and a golf outing so we can gauge the level of interest in each activity. This is NOT a sign-up for the activity; sign-ups will be done at the DOAI registration desk when you arrive.

Don't forget the volunteer section. If you'd like to help but don't know what you can do, circle "yes" and "as needed" on the form. Even if you circle "no" you're still welcome to come to the volunteer's meeting on Tuesday and get involved. There's always something that needs to be done.

The Registrar must receive all registration forms by September 1, 2002. After this date, no one will be available to process your registration. If you are unable to register by the deadline, please call Beech Bend Park at 1-270-781-7634 and add your name to the rally roster. When you arrive, come to the DOAI Registration Desk to pay the rally fee. A registration package and name badges will be prepared for you.

If you arrive early, be sure to tell Beech Bend that you are with the DISCOVEREE group so that you're charged the appropriate camping fee. Camping fees are \$15 per night beginning Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday night the 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional nights are \$20 each.

Certain parking areas will be designated by DOAI as reserved for vendor and handicap parking. These will be identified when you arrive, so please reserve these spaces for those who require them. No other camping sites are pre-assigned. They're on a first-come, first-served basis. To park together you must arrive together.

So mark your calendar for September 10-14, 2002. Set your GPS to Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, KY, and come prepared to have a great time. Get ready to party and we'll



**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Welcome** to an organization open to all owners of Discovery Motorhomes by Fleetwood, intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among members.

**Dues** are **\$20** for the first year, and **\$16** each year thereafter, due in the initial month joined.

**Mail** with checks, payable to: Discovery Owners Association, Inc., to MaryAnn Crowell, Membership Director, 207 County Road 3000, Lott, TX 76656.

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ CO-PILOT \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery : Year \_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slide? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery VIN # \_\_\_\_\_ FIN# \_\_\_\_\_

Travel/Motorhome Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Expertise/Background\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions in Discovery Owners Association, Inc. of possible interest to you\* \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate willingness to participate as a volunteer if called upon\*: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Activities of

Particular Interest\_ \_\_\_\_\_

What are you looking for from this organization? \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Indicate which family member if appropriate

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DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR DUES ARE DUE?  
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CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL BELOW AND WE TELL YOU YOUR RENEWAL DATE-

DON'T BE DELINQUENT – BE ELOQUENT - BE ON-TIME

So please review if you are past the renewal date in the label below, as we  
*Discovery Owners* should stick together, and we really want you with us!

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