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NATIONAL RALLY AT KENNEWICK, WA COMING UP

SEPTEMBER 23rd – 27th, 2003

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!!! The agenda is set to inform you, entertain you, feed you, bring you new and old friends, lots of fun! We have four (4) pages of information and plus a registration form near the end of this issue. Work your way to these pages and then don't wait- get your registration form sent in soon!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE THINKING ABOUT....

**SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY SHINDIG of 2004
LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK at SEFFNER, FLORIDA
JANUARY 30, 31, FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3**

See the VP's article and detailed registration form near the end of this issue.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer is upon us and is fast passing away. Hopefully, everyone is having a great season of travel with few frustrations. Carol and I have recently returned from a wonderful trip and rally with the Colorado Discovery Pioneers and Northwest Adventurers Chapters of DOAI at the Yellowstone Edge RV Park near Livingston, MT. In addition to the fun everyone had socializing with old friends and new, the rally also provided an opportunity for the planners of the national rally to get together and work out details and job responsibilities of hosting the national rally. I was very impressed with the progress that has occurred to put on an outstanding rally this September in Washington. The number of corporate sponsors planning to attend the rally and

the quality of the scheduled seminars are exceptional. This is certainly a rally where everyone should be able to get his or her questions about owning a "D" answered. **Arnie Thompson** and **Jerry Woods** as co-rally masters for the national rally are to be commended, as are all the good people working with them. It is surely an impressive team. **Leo Everitt** is also to be applauded for his great job in hosting the rally at Yellowstone Edge. It provided an opportunity to draw many loose ends together.

I strongly encourage our membership to attend the national rally. Anyone who can attend the Washington rally, but elects not to, will regret it. It will be excellent.

The nominating committee has been working hard at developing a ballot for our national offices. It is the committee's hope to have at least two nominees for each position. In order to be able to do this they need the cooperation of the membership in identifying potential candidates. The positions open for election this year are: National Rally Master; Secretary; Treasurer; VP of the Southeast Region; VP of the North Central Region; VP of the Southwest Region; VP of the Northwest Region; VP of the South Central Region; VP Northeast Region; VP of Development; Executive VP; and President. If you would be willing to serve or if you know of someone whom you believe would do a good job in one of these positions, please let a member of the nominating committee know. The committee consists of:

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Please don't place all the responsibility on the committee to identify good individuals to serve as our officers. The committee members do not know many of the members as well as you do, and they may not be aware of many good people who are willing and capable of serving our Association.

Bob Baugh, President

FROM YOUR VP's

From Pete Pizzano- VP Southeast Region

The Florida Rolling Gators Chapter has had two campouts since the February Buccaneer Blowout. At each campout we have had time to relax, enjoy the pleasantries of friends and prepare for the

January 29,30 and February 1-3, 2004 Sunshine Strawberry Shindig at Lazydays Rally Park.

The Rolling Gators are taking some giant steps to improve upon the previous years annual regional rally.

With the cooperation of Rally Park, we have improved upon the registration procedure to avoid confusion and eliminate long registration lines. The registration form found near the back of this issue is in two parts. The first part of the form is our club's registration fee of \$30. With the \$30 operational money, we Gators are going to give you a gala rally. This registration fee should be mailed to Edna Pendergrass. The second part of the form is the site fee of \$104.76. You can register by check with Rally Park accompanied with the form, telephone or E-mail. In the scheme of things, this should avoid long lines. Attendees will simply identify themselves in the office and return immediately to their coach to be lead to their site. To be alongside a friend, registration must be together and so stated. Rally Park will make every effort to satisfy all personal requests.

For those who have never been to Rally Park, we Gators would like to inform you of the many amenities- water, electric, sewer, free breakfast and lunch, free newspaper delivered to every site, tennis, swimming, hot tub, computers, telephone hookups, driving lessons, shuttle service, and 1200 RV's of every kind and make to see.

If service is needed on your coach, make an appointment as least three months prior to your arrival.

Cummins and Freightliner repairs can be made at nearby facilities in Tampa. Flying J and TA Truck Stops are less than one-quarter mile away. Cracker Barrel, Camping World and Bob Evans are within walking distance. The best strawberry shortcake and strawberry shakes are less than four miles away. Come on West Coasters and snow birds- come try our luscious strawberry desserts.

What are we Gators going to do with the \$30 registration fee? We are going to bring you two great evenings of entertainment. We have a confirmation from Ron and Kay Ravoli

(pronounced Rav-o-lee). In Kentucky at the Affinity Samboree they got a standing ovation. Last year due to confusion, we were unable to schedule The New Dawn Singers. This year we were successful in arranging for them to perform for us. This group also performed at the Kentucky Affinity Samboree and they also received a standing ovation. Each of these acts is worth the \$30 registration fee.

On the day of your arrival, we Gators will greet you with a wine and cheese social accompanied with dance music.

Our energetic Gators have scheduled seminars, vendors, flea market, bingo and cake sales. Yes, we have left a little hole in our program to give you time to take a short trip to purchase strawberry shortcakes and shakes.

Americans love their ice cream. What is a rally without an ice cream social? Have you ever noticed the long line of rally attendees waiting to get ice cream? We will have ice cream and we will eliminate long lines.

By request we have asked Luptons Caterers to cater our annual roast beef dinner with all the trimmings.

What else can you ask for at a cost of only \$30?

Y'all come now- Ya hear!!!!

From Neil Elkins- VP North Central Region

I would really like to see some chapters formed in the North Central Region. As I said in my letter to all of the North Central Region members last month, Chapter membership is where you find the real fun of DOAI and motorhoming in your Discovery. I've received a couple of responses and hope to get more as time goes on. Starting a chapter is not as daunting an undertaking as you may think, and the results are certainly worth the effort. Contact me as shown and I'll be glad to help you start a chapter:

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I hope to see and meet you in Kennewick for the National Rally beginning September 23. Look me up; I want to meet you.

From Arnie Thompson- VP Northwest Region

Since our last newsletter, things have been coming together really well for the national rally to be held at Kennewick, Washington, September 23-27, 2003. We have met with the fairgrounds and Chamber of Commerce and they are both 100% behind this rally. The fairgrounds are a great place to be holding a motor home rally. We will be parking on grass with water and electricity and all of the seminar buildings are in close proximity. The dinners and entertainment are very professional.

The Chamber of Commerce has declared this to be the beginning of the Lewis & Clark commemoration. In conjunction with this, the Sacajewia State Park will be open and available to the members to enjoy. The jet boat tours, winery tours, and golf should add to the interest of the members. The Tri-Cities area is the location of the confluence of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers. It is a beautiful and interesting area of the Northwest and an excellent time of the year to be visiting. Also, in close proximity to this Tri-Cities area there are many things to see and do to add to your rally trip- the Oregon coast, the Columbia River fish ladders, dams and locks. There is also the beautiful little town of Leavenworth, as well as Seattle. The ride from the Tri-Cities to Seattle is very scenic. Victoria on Vancouver Island is overflowing with scenic beauty. Of course, all of you have heard of Butchart Gardens in Victoria. We will have people available that can answer your questions for you. Try and add some of these attractions on to your westward trip before or after the rally. We look forward to seeing all of you. Remember,

LET'S GO, WESTWARD HO!!!

A REPORT FROM YOUR TREASURER- Mac McIlvaine

The Net Worth statement below shows a net worth of \$51,766. Last year our net worth was \$57,800- a decrease of \$6,034. This has resulted from the adoption of a break-even budget for 2003 and increased expenditures to promote and assist chapter activities (there are now eight chapters)

The MotoSatDataStorm system is a dish used by Bob Cook, our web master, to maintain the D.O.A.I. web site. The advances to the Washington state rally are for expenditures necessary to prepare for the rally in September. The liabilities are funds reserved to support future rallies - including the rally in Washington State. I will be at the Washington State rally to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully, Mac McIlvaine

2003 DOAI Net Worth As of 6/26/03

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
First State Bank, Livin...	22,126.95
Money Mkt, First State ...	<u>31,365.32</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	53,492.27
Other Assets	
Inventory- DOAI shirts...	2,821.00
MotoSat DataStorm Sys.	4,995.00
Rally Advance-Wash St. ...	2,000.00
WA 2003 fairground deposit	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	10,816.00
TOTAL ASSETS	64,308.27
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
DOAI Rally Account	9,077.76
National Surcharge	<u>3,465.00</u>
TOTAL Other Liabilities	12,542.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,542.76
OVERALL TOTAL	51,765.51

Things you may or may not know...

By Dom Bollella

Just some stray thoughts before I run off for the summer.....

Before I head off into the setting Sun or maybe it's to the East and the rising Sun, I thought I would expand on some of the notes I had been scribbling down to use in future writings. They will ramble through various topics the way I like to ramble when I head out in my D to see what I can see.

I have started to see advertisements for screens to protect the condenser fins on roof mounted AC's. They're a great idea. You can also make one yourself out of various types of sturdy screening that will allow for the free flow of air. But before you do either, obtain a "fin comb" at an auto parts outlet so you can "comb" the fins that are already bent a little bit out of shape.

Oh, beware that the fin and AC area are great places for nasty flying stinging type critters to make a home. Speaking of these insects, members of the *Vespid* family, they will find the most interesting places to make their home, especially when your rig is parked and not being used for as little as three or four days.

Here are some places to we on look out for them. The water heater exhaust, especially now with many of us using electric heating elements for our hot water. Before you fire up the propane water heater check it out, especially if "paper wasps" have constructed a condo, or you might get a lot more flame than you expected at fire up. This wouldn't exactly make an attractive modification to the paint on the side of your D. Another great building lot for our industrious six legged friends is the intake and/or exhaust from our furnaces. This isn't normally noticed until the fall when we decide its cold outside and we wish to be warm. A large housing development built by wasps can either choke off the incoming combustion air to the furnace or block the exhaust. The results can be very devastating, causing a fire at worst or damaging the furnace in such a way that expensive repairs will be the result. There are various ways to discourage the little builders (most RV parts places and catalogs offer various solutions), BUT what ever you do, DO NOT USE WASP SPRAY

or, for that matter, any insect killing spray... they are all very FLAMMABLE.

Other "fun" places where these insects tend to make a home are: under compartment door handles, under the entry door handle, in the engine radiator compartment, under a slide that has been extended for a number of days, in the awning cover and arms, the intake vent for the frig as well as its "chimney", in those big and beautiful side view mirrors, and lots of other places. Be aware, if you've never been stung, you may be allergic to the venom, and, at the least, their stings HURT!!

Since I'm on the topic of six legged pests...how about those multiple sized packages of formic acid, the bane of the picnic blanket...ANTS. They come in all sizes and will find a way into the tightest coach built. Ant traps you say? Well, you've got to know you have ants before you try to trap them. Then you need to know what type of ant you've got, so you know what type of bait should be in the trap. Those tiny little sugar ants aren't going to stop into a trap baited for carpenter ants and visa-versa. There are many types of insecticides available, some of which may even be safe to use around pets (and people). Truth be known, I would rather prevent the entry of the offenders than try to vanquish them after they have made themselves at home. I can speak from experience here.

Several years ago I ventured to Southern Alabama near Dothan and stayed for a week in a beautiful RV park with trimmed grass and trees and wonderful large concrete pads. No trash was visible anywhere and your trash was to be deposited in a closed top dumpster. I noticed that some of the larger "highline" coaches with Alabama and Florida tags had a strange powdery white perimeter around their entire rig. I thought nothing of this at first. One of the park maintenance people stopped by to ask if we would be venturing out in our car and absent from our motorhome for the day. Querying, why do you ask? He said he would like to spray our rig's land-lines, undercarriage and wheels with insecticide. Of course I answered yes, especially since it was part of the park's amenities at no extra charge. That night, as I awoke for a cool drink of water, I noticed what looked like a faint line on the sink counter top. I went back to sleep thinking nothing

of it. That morning my spouse rudely awakened me as she informed me that our cupboards were swarming with minute ants. They were everywhere! The faint line I had seen was a line of these miniscule pests marching to and from a food source they had found. We spent the better part of the day emptying out all of our pantry spaces and killing what seemed like an endless population of the creatures. We purchased ant-killing shelf lining paper, ant traps and various ant specific insecticides to combat this invasion. Well, the short of it is this. I asked the campground manager for help, he advised me to use one of his suggested methods to prevent the invasion from reoccurring, as he assured me that it would. Surround your base camp with an ant barrier... ah, the white perimeter powder I had seen. If you don't have an outdoor pet, you can use a commercially available insecticide barrier chemical or you can go native so to speak. The rigs in the park with local tags used various brands of cleansing powders (yes, Comet, Ajax, etc.) to form the barrier. I was also told to "grease" my land lines (fresh water hose and electric cord) with petroleum jelly laced with insecticide or cleansing powder, and to not put out my sewer hose unless I was going to dump, rinse and retract it immediately after use.

When I left for Northern climes I thought little again of these fellows until I spotted them months later busily scurrying about the front of my coach carrying bits of insect "road kill" to somewhere under the coach body. Those little devils survived the winter in NY to re-emerge the next season. I think when I traded that rig in for the D, I might have finally been rid of them.

Those of you that have Cummins engines are probably aware of the little canister that is attached by a vacuum line to your engine's air intake. There is a little vacuum hose attached at the top of a clear calibrated plastic canister. Inside there is a spring and a yellow bellows that looks like it can eventually rise up and fill the space where the spring lives. This little device will allow you to know when your engine isn't breathing as well as it should. Your owner's manual explains the details and how to interpret the readings, but I've discovered two major problems when speaking to other owners. First, some people don't know what I'm talking about because they haven't

seen the device. Why? Well sometimes on the assembly line they forget to move it to where it can be seen easily, mounted near the rear radiator as you open the grill. I know this because in my first diesel I had to move it to where it could be read from a position along side the engine on the frame rail. The second problem isn't really a problem at all, merely a suggestion on how to check the action of this device. I often push the button on the bottom of the canister to "zero" the yellow bellows before I leave camp and check it at the end of the day. This lets me know if it has been sticking in one position or is it truly telling me that the intake is breathing well.

Well, that's it for now. Have a great summer!

Dom

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1-800-322-8216

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<http://www.propanegas.com>

**A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRMAN- MaryAnn Crowell**

PLEASE let us know when you have a change of address. It costs us \$.70 for every newsletter returned because the address is wrong. In addition, it costs us an additional \$.70 for mailing to a revised address-a total \$2.10!

So, PLEASE help us out and keep us up-to-date with your address.

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'Mr. Ed' Badges n Signs
P.O. Box 303
Crystal Beach, FL 34681
(800) 398-8307
Badges \$5.50, hangers \$3, s/h \$1 each

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

L&M Sportswear & Embroidery
2078 Clarktown Road
Heathsville, VA 22473
(1-866-580-6401)

Freightliner Customer Service

1-800- 385-4357

What's our DOAI Website address?

<http://www.discoveryowners.com>

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

No requests for the sale of items were received for this issue.

Editor's Note- Thanks very much to all those who provided articles for this issue.

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 general deadlines for articles are the last week of the calendar quarter. The addresses below are for your newsletter editor:

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**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:**

Jim Devine is recovering well from surgery for an intestinal blockage. His Mom died just before his surgery and he had to get the hospital to release him from the emergency room with pain relievers in order to go the funeral.

NEVER FORGET-

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS**FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOOD TIMERS**

We are working on a rally for this coming November. Hang in there with us. Members will receive a notice of the rally in the mail.

For membership in the Good Timers, contact **Jackie Ouellette** at 30587 Calle Pina Colada, Temecula, CA 92591 or phone 909-699-2567.

FROM THE DISCOVERY PIONEERS

The Discovery Pioneers have had two great Rallies so far this year and are looking forward to July's rally that will be in Sidney, Nebraska, (check your latest Pioneers Milepost for details). Our September rally will be in Kennewick, Washington, in conjunction with the National Rally.

We had our first rally of the year in May at the Heron Lake RV Resort in Fort Collins, Colorado, thanks to the planning of **Ed and Olive Kennedy** and **Bob and Nina Soltwedel**. The spring rain and snow that unexpectedly dampened our planned outdoor activities failed to dampen our spirits or the good time had by all. Everyone who didn't get "snowed out" had a great time seeing all of our old friends and getting acquainted with our new friends and the newest members who arrived in nearly identical new Discovery's.

The only thing that was something of a downer was the fact that this was the last Pioneer Rally at which we will be able to enjoy the companionship of **Ed and Olive Kennedy**. They have sold their Discovery and are relocating to Hawaii. It's safe to say that if it weren't for **Ed and Olive**, the Pioneer chapter might not exist today because it was their tireless efforts which instigated the rest of us to do everything that was needed to get the chapter up and going. We will surely miss **Ed and Olive** (and, of course, Princess!) at all our future rallies.

Putting the snow and rain of Fort Collins behind us, our next rally was a truly unique rally thanks to

the hard work of **Jerry and Joyce Wiechman**. Of course, it rained on us again but again the rain failed to dampen our spirits or detract from our enjoyment of a truly unique rally! This was a Rolling or Roving Rally that began at Lake Scott State Park near Scott City, KS. We began our fun on Thursday night by enjoying a scrumptious meal at an 1890's Opera House in Scott City that has been converted to a fine restaurant. After dinner, we enjoyed a private tour of the bright, new El Quarteleo Museum in Scott City that presents an interesting view of the history of the area. We all enjoyed the professional presentation of the museum by volunteers who have devoted a lot of time and energy to making the local history a success.

On Friday we caravanned to Dodge City where we spent two nights at the Gunsmoke RV Park and enjoyed a tour of the city and its attractions such as Boot Hill before having a great Chuckwagon Dinner in the Occident Room. All had a good time.

On Saturday we drove to Hutchinson to tour the Cosmosphere. What an experience! Again, **Joyce and Jerry** had arranged a personal tour for us of the Museum at the Cosmosphere; they seem to have great friends in all the right places! This was a great experience for all of us. After the excitement of the Cosmosphere it was great to return to Dodge City for an impromptu potluck dinner and sing-along with **Joyce** providing the music.

Sunday morning found us on the way to Hays to see the Sternberg Museum of Natural History. Everyone was amazed to see the extensive collection of rare and unique fossil and archeological artifacts found in western Kansas. **Joyce and Jerry** sure know how to show off their home state and area!

Hays and the Sternberg Museum were to have been the end of the Rolling Rally but everyone had had such a great time we decided on the spur of the moment to spend the night in Oakley, KS for a final dinner and extend the rally for one more night. Time really flies when you're having fun with great people! So finally on Monday morning we went our

separate ways; but three of us began another caravan to Emigrant, MT to attend a combined Pioneer/Northwest Adventurer rally. But that's a story for another time!

See you all in Kennewick in September!

FROM THE DISCOVERY TEXANS

The Discovery Texans have lost several members who have purchased SOB's but new members have kept the membership at 68 strong. Rallies for 2004 are being scheduled and firm places & dates are listed below. The Board of Directors completed the Chapter Bylaws over the last few months and they have been submitted to DOAI for approval and filing with the National Board of Directors.

The nominating Committee for the chapter will be submitting a slate for member's approval in September and ballots will be sent to members to elect the new 2004 officers at the November rally.

Our members have headed in many different directions this summer- some to the East Coast, others to the West Coast. At last count, 16 rigs will be headed to the DOAI rally in Washington in September from the Discovery Texans. As usual, our group will be well represented at the National rally; they also plan to help with the parking there. Since so many are traveling and there was not enough interest in the Palo Duro Canyon rally in July, it was canceled.

All Discovery owners are invited to visit us at any of the rallies listed. Get in touch with one of the officers below if you would like to join us at a rally or just be there. A \$10.00 rally fee per rig is charged to defray food costs and attendees pay their own site fee. Visit with us and consider membership in the Discovery Texan chapter. There are two rules governing membership in the chapter:

1. Own a DISCOVERY & be a member of DOAI
2. Have a Texas address

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Future Rallies:

Sept. 14-16 Cowtown, Aledo, TX (near Ft. Worth)*

Sep. 23-26 Tri-County Fairgrounds near Richland, WA Nat'l DOAI rally

Nov. 20-22 Seabreeze, Portland, TX

Jan. 15-17 Havens Landing, Montgomery, TX

Mar. 18-20 Canyon Trails, New Braunfels, TX

May 20-22 Tres Rios, Glen Rose, TX

*Note that the rally in September has been changed to Sun-Tues in order to allow travel time for those who want to head NW to the National DOAI rally in Washington State

FROM THE DIXIE TRAVELERS

The Dixie Travelers, a recently chartered Chapter of the Southeast Region of the Discovery Owners Assn., met for its first outing at the Frog Level RV Park in Philadelphia, MS on May 15-18, 2003. We had fourteen units represented from Alabama and Mississippi.

A wonderful time was had by all attending as we renewed old friendships, made new acquaintances, ate great potluck suppers, pancakes and sausage and omelet in a bag breakfasts, and played a variety of card games. We had informative sessions where the men discussed modifications made on coaches and answered questions about problems experienced by some, while the women had demonstrations on how to make new products, discussed new recipes, and shared ideas about numerous things of interest.

We toured several local points of interest such as the Neshoba County Fairgrounds which in on the National Register of Historic Places. It was established in the early 1800's and is considered the "Largest House Party in the United States". We also visited the Silver Star and Golden Moon Casinos, and the renowned Dancing Rabbit Golf Course.

All had fun and what a great turnout for our first rally, the ones who did not attend missed a good time.

Sam Whitaker, President

FROM THE NOR'EASTERS

The Nor'easters had their first rally for the year at Croton Point Park at Croton on Hudson, June 9th to 12th. The group definitely has some great cooks as was evident at the "Pot Luck" the first evening.

Each morning we all got together for a continental breakfast before heading to various destinations and each afternoon we met to discuss the day's activities over wine or margueritas and again later in the evening over coffee and dessert. Shopping at Stu Leonards occupied the time of a large contingency one afternoon. Lunch at the Culinary Institute of America kept the majority busy another afternoon. Other excursions included a trip into New York City for lunch and a show while others toured Cold Springs and had lunch there.

West Point was the destination of a few. The last evening we had a farewell cookout, and all are looking forward to our next rally at Bayshore Estates RV Park on October 10th to 14th. We hope some of our DOAI members from Ohio and the rest of the Midwest will join us there. **Dave and Diane Drinkwater** (419-433-8448) and **Sally and Don Vedder** (518-441-1702) will be our hosts for that event

FROM THE NORTHWEST ADVENTURERS

LET'S GO WESTWARD HO!!!

Our Chapter continues to grow with the addition of three new memberships added at the Yellowstone Rally in June. This brings our total membership to 24 coaches. A membership directory is being planned for distribution at the National Rally.

If you missed the rally at Yellowstone Edge RV Park in Montana, you missed a great time! We had 19 coaches in attendance, with lots of food, fellowship and fun. Hats are off to our wonderful Rallymasters, **Leo and Jackie Everitt**, for all the work and planning they did to host this event. Thanks Leo and Jackie!

Things are gearing up for the National Rally in September. We have a lot of fun and exciting events planned, but we're still in need of some help, so if you would like to volunteer, give me or **Arnie Thompson**, a call.

A Chapter business meeting is being planned for the National Rally, so I hope to see all of you in Tri-Cities this fall. Bring your thoughts and ideas to this meeting, as we'll be making plans for future activities for our Chapter.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September in Kennewick!

Jerry Woods, President NW chapter

FROM THE TEXAS DISCO ROAD RUNNERS CHAPTER

Here we are half way through our rally schedule and 2003. Our 1st two rallies have been wonderful with great turnouts and loads of fun. In March we did the Ft. Worth and Stockyard area while trying to stay out of the wind and staying warm. The weather did not stop us from enjoying the area. Our June rally, in Canyon, TX was just super, from the weather to our time at the Panhandle-Plains Museum, the play "Texas", and food, food, food.

We are now looking forward to our next rally and the remainder of 2003:

August 4th – 7th Schulenburg RV Park in Schulenburg, TX.

December 8th – 12th Alamo Fiesta RV Park in Boerne/San Antonio, TX.

Our caravan to the National Rally in Richland, WA is beginning to shape up. We will be leaving the 1st week in September and heading north to the Dakota's and then west into Washington. Of course, we plan on many stops along the way – some will be on the spur of the moment. All are welcome to join us or join up with us along the way. Please call one of the officers if you are interested.

Remember that one of our goals is "HAVE A GOOD TIME".

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FROM THE FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS

In April the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators met at the Jolly Roger Campground on Grassy Key for a no-host rally.

Those attending were **Dave & Blanche Chestnut, Tom & Judy Ebbert, Tony & Maureen Muscarella, Gene & Lois Patterson, Bill & Marcy Ryan, Ron & Georgia Shane, Ron & Brenda Sliger, and Avrum & Norma Tennenbaum**. There were 20 rigs in all. The others being buddies.

The rally schedule was for seven days. Some stayed the whole seven days- some more, some less.

On arrival day **Ron & Georgia** hosted a Bait Bucket Margarita Welcome Party with everyone else providing enough munchies that I don't think anyone went to dinner that night. One evening we all went to dinner as a nice restaurant (Key

Colony Inn). Another night, buddies **Charles and Judy**, did a shrimp boil for us with **Georgia** and friend, **Betty**, providing Key Lime pies. Another day saw us going to the No Name Pub for lunch. On our last night the Jolly Roger held an ice cream social for us.

At 3 o'clock most afternoons there were people swimming and as 5 o'clock there was usually a social in the pavilion and at shortly after 7:45 there was usually a group watching the sunset over the water. Those of us who were not otherwise occupied by fishing, shopping, sightseeing, etc. attended these activities.

One morning **Gene** and **Lois** hosted a continental breakfast for the FDRG's at which time President **Gene** appointed the nominating committee for this year. It consists of **Ron Sliger**- Chairman, **Tony Muscarella** and **Bill Ryan**. We also discussed having a rally this summer and as you can see by the schedule, it was met with approval. There was much to do and plenty of time to do nothing!

2003-2004 RALLY SCHEDULE:

August 8-15, '03	Grandfather Mountain Boone, MC Hosts: Pattersons Phone: 2390282-5857 E-mail: pgene464@aol.com
Oct. 31-Nov 3	Travelers Campground Alachua
Dec. 5-6	Sunburst Lake Placid

Jan 2-5, '04

Great Outdoors
Titusville (Note: date change)
Hosts: **Sligers**
Phone: 321-757-0593
E-mail: rsliger@cfl.rr.com

Jan 31-Feb 3

Sunshine Strawberry Shindig
Lazy Days Park
Seffner
Hosts: Florida Discovery
Rolling Gators

Mar 12-15

Tropical Palms
Kissimmee
Hosts: **Tennenbaums**
Phone: 561-844-5581
E-mail: annfirtree@aol.com

Apr 30-May 7

Jolly Roger
Grassy Key mm 59
Note: date change
No hosts
Phone 800-995-1525 (have your credit card ready and tell them you are with the Bivouac)
Includes full hookups.

Submitted by **Georgia Shane**, Secretary

See what fun and social glee you are missing if you are not a member of one of our chapters. If you don't live near one, contact your Regional Vice-President for information on how easy it is to form a new chapter near you.

The following is an Email note from Leo Everitt that might be important to you:

I have found some information that is very disturbing to me and I think should be to others. The latest Michelin guide for tires used on our RV's have significantly changed the inflation pressures needed for specific loads. The bottom line seems to be that the blowouts we were seeing may in fact have been from under inflation as a result of Michelin mis-stating the proper inflation pressures required for the load. For example, the 235/80R22.5 which many of us have on the older D's formerly required 100#Psi for 4675# loading; that is now increased to 110#. In my case, I have been inflating to 100# thinking that I had a safety margin of 170# which I wasn't pleased with at all. Now, it seems I had no safety margin and have a deficit of 10# per the new table. I haven't had time to explore this further but think it prudent to call the new information to members attention and urge they get an updated Michelin guide dated 1/03 or go to web site at:

<http://truckus.webmichelin.com/tires/4/loadandpressure.html>

Note- rim capacity is 120# per Accuride data sheet.



Let's Go! Westward Ho!

To

**Benton County
Fairgrounds
Kennewick, WA
September 23rd – 27th, 2003**

Vendors, Entertainment, Seminars

Fleetwood Support

Four Nights, E/W

3 Dinners with entertainment following, including a
Wine and Cheese –Light Dinner -RV Comedian
(Tues)

Dinner-Lewis and Clark Presentation/Cloggers (Wed)

Dinner-Montana Cowboys – Ringling 5 (Friday)

Ice Cream Social

First Timers Seminar

4 Large Facilities for Dinners, Seminars, Meetings,
and Vendors and if you desire optional
Golf Outing, Boat and Winery Tours



Location and Directions

Benton County Fairgrounds

1500 S. Oak Street

Kennewick, WA 99336

N 46° 11.786' W 119° 05.993'

From either I-82 E or W

Take

I-395 N to W. 10th Street

Right at Light to S. Oak and

Right Into Fairgrounds

Have A Safe Trip

EARLY ARRIVAL INFORMATION

**EARLY ARRIVALS PERMITTED STARTING SUNDAY September 21st
at \$12 per night**

**It is recommended that those coming earlier make reservations
direct at nearby Sandy Heights RV Resort by calling toll free 1-877-
894-1357 and get a nearly 30% reduced rate of \$21.03 for DOAI
National attendees. You must tell them you are a member of DOAI.**

IMPORTANT
National Rally Special Registration Information

You will need to take affirmative action to avail the following services or programs.

Tire Purchase –Special Offer

Special prices on Goodyear and Michelin tires will be offered to Attendees. You will need to call the dealers direct to ensure deliver to fairgrounds for mounting there.

Jet Boat- River Tour

One or more chartered boats will take attendees up the Columbia River to the Hanford Reach with an interpreter on board to describe both historical and ecological facts along entire trip. We have taken this trip and found it to be extremely interesting. You will need to call the tour operator to reserve a space on this tour.

Coach Weighing by RVSEF

Knowing the weight profile of your coach is critical to your safety. RVSEF has other commitments, which make it impossible to weigh coaches during our normal rally days. They have agreed to come a day early (Monday) to weigh coaches if enough interest is shown. You would need to come in early on Sunday to take advantage of this service. You must advise us of your interest by the August 30 registration deadline.

Full Information will be sent with your registration acknowledgement. You may advise your intent on RVSEF weight program anytime by e-mailing us at rallyregistrar@earthlink.net or calling 435-940-1390 8 am – 8 pm MDT

OTHER WA NATIONAL RALLY INFORMATION

Red Hat for women

LADIES-LADIES a reminder to you all- Red Hat Social will be held. Be sure to bring your red hats and purple shirts!! A Red Hat tea, recipe exchange and fashion show will be held. Look forward to having something special for all the ladies.

Winery Tour

A tour of a number of wineries and a microbrewery is planned. Two wine areas will be toured – Prosser and Tri-Cities. A guide will give historical and local wine industry info. Sign up can be done at the registration desk. Full details will be included in registration acknowledgement letter.

Golfing

Ken Jardine has played several courses of the many great courses locally and picked one of the best for those attendees to play. You can sign up at registration desk.. We have asked a question on the registration form to find level of interest for planning purposes.

MC Ken Swain

Ken Swain will MC each nights dinner festivities. He plans to make sure that those of us doing the introductions keep to the essentials. We have some great entertainers planned and he plans to keep focus on them.

2003 NW National Rally Registration FORM

Names/Address/Phones

Supply Your DOAI # _____

First _____ **Last** _____

Address _____

City _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone Home _____

Phone Cell _____

E-mail _____

Co-Pilot Name

First _____ **Last** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

First Time AT National RALLY Yes ___ No ___

Motorhome

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Slides #** _____

Toad/Trailer Yes ___ NO ___

Handicap Yes ___ NO ___ **Special Need** Yes ___

If Yes, please explain on in an attachment what is specific requirement

Willing to volunteer? Yes ___ Where _____

Interested in playing golf?

Yes_ No_ # Players__

For planning purposes only. Actual signup at rally

Mail In RALLY FEES (see dates below)

\$130/coach (2) Persons _____

Additional Attendee/s- ___ x \$35/person _____

Early Arrival - ADD \$12/night # _____

TOTAL FEE DUE in USD _____

Check Payable to DOAI

Mail In Registrations must be postmarked no later than August 30th. No refunds after August 30th. Registration will be accepted any time at rally at cost of \$145

Send Registration and Check To:

Jackie Everitt 7591 SUSANS CIR

PARK CITY, UT 84098

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

**SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY SHINDIG of 2004
LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK at SEFFNER, FLORIDA
JANUARY 30,31, FEBRUARY 1,2,3**

ALL PAVED PLATFORMS and GRASSY SITES with CABLE, ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER HOOKUPS. SITES WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED SO TO PARK TOGETHER YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS TOGETHER

PLUS

VENDOR DISPLAYS & SEMINARS, NEW COACHES, GAMES, HOT TUB, TENNIS, SWIMMING, ENTERTAINMENT, BINGO, RING TOSS, BEAN BAG BASEBALL, MEXICAN TRAIN, CARD GAMES, COMPUTER HOOKUPS & COMPUTERS, ON THE ROAD DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS, CAMPERS WORLD, FLYING J, CRACKER BARREL, THEME PARKS AND HISTORICAL SITES NEAR BY, ALSO TWO DINNERS.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH COMPLIMENTS OF LAZYDAYS. (MONDAY Thru SATURDAY)

Feb 2nd WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR FUN DAY

Craft Classes will be scheduled on Feb.2nd along with a flea market.

Bring your white elephants, books for swapping and a cake sale.

BRING ARTS/CRAFTS FOR SHOWING AND SELLING

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

SEND RALLY FEES TO REGISTRAR AND PARKING FEES TO LAZYDAYS

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

RALLY FEES \$30.00 PER COACH

MAIL TO: EDNA PENDERGRASS, REGISTRAR

\$20.00 PER SINGLE PERSON

3261 MAPLE HAMMOCK DRIVE

\$20.00 PER GUEST

SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34235

PH: 941-355-8720 E-MAIL: epender2@aol.com

No Refund after January 19,2004

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address:

Home _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

DOAI Member Number _____ MH year _____ Length _____

Handicap Parking? Yes ___ No ___ Is this your first DOAI rally? Yes ___ No ___

Guest Name(s) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CALL WITH CREDIT CARD # OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK
6120 COUNTY ROAD 579

JANUARY 30,31- FEBRUARY 1,2,3, 2004

SEFFNER, FLORIDA 33584-2968

PARKING SITE FEES FOR DOAI ___ \$104.76 EXTRA DAYS ___ \$30.23

PHONE # 1-800-905-6627

CALL OR MAIL TO LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Last Name _____ First Name _____ CoPilot _____

Address:

Home _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

Discovery Model _____ Length _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Number of Days _____

Check number _____ Bank _____ Charge _____

Card# _____ Visa/Mastercard _____ Expiration Date _____

CHECK IN at 1:00 PM- OUT at 11:00 AM

CANCEL RESERVATIONS 1 MONTH PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DAY TO AVOID 1 DAY CHARGE. LAZYDAYS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE EMERGENCY HARDSHIP, BREAKDOWNS or ILLNESS FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION

**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.

Please, payable in US funds only!

Mail with checks, payable to: Discovery Owners Association, Inc., to MaryAnn Crowell, Membership Director, 207 County Road 3000, Lott, TX 76656. Questions-call 888-594-6818.

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**

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR DUES ARE DUE?
REMEMBER- RENEWAL FEE IS \$16 NOT \$20.**

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!**

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MARYANN CROWELL, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
207 Country Road 3000
Lott, TX 76656**

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