

# Discovery

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## EXPRESS



**ONLY 46 MONTHS OLD AND OVER 1400 MEMBERS**



## **LAZYDAYS WAS NOT LAZY IN DECEMBER**

It is difficult to imagine Sunday through Wednesday could possibly pass by so fast. Yet in that very short span of time we had time to go to seminars, visit vendors, enjoy three meals a day, quench our thirst at the welcome party as we nibbled hors d'oeuvres and be entertained three evenings by music, dancing, blue grass, magic and humor.

During our short stay at Lazydays Rally Park, three new Discovery motor coaches were sold. One couple who purchased a Discovery joined us for Monday's roast beef dinner. They commented that we are a fun group and they were glad they had purchased a Discovery.

I don't know how Barney Alexander got every RV driving student to drive a Discovery. He really extended himself. He got a big thank you from us.

Bill Osterhoudt's microwave cooking class attracted over two hundred students. There exists in my mind no doubt why women want this class. If the men knew you ladies had crusted roast beef, marinated pork roast, clump cake, cookies, toast, fish, baked potatoes and omelets, the number of attendees would double.

Every rally presents its unique limitations. To offset these difficulties the rally committees try to plan and write schematics in an effort to operate a rally that functions smoothly. To them we offer a thank you. For it is through volunteers that we function. Most every rally has a group of new volunteers. It is a feather in the DOAI cap to have such intelligent volunteers and members to understand that the slightest bit of confusion can be resolved. The DOAI has a goal - to conduct rallies with a minimum amount of confusion. We find that survey sheets are very informative. Member's input is valuable. Member's comments guide us in our effort to improve.

Winter Roundup Rally had 236 DOAI rigs in good standing register. Of this number 222 DOAI members actually came to the rally. This number exceeds last year's figures. At this writing, Rally Park and I, as your representative, are negotiating a contract for February 3-7, 2003. This is a five day-four night rally for next year. The Florida regional rally committee has for the past two years kept the rally price at \$105. With the increase of one night and one day, The registration fee next year will increase slightly. As is the policy of DOAI, we try to give you the best for the least amount of money.

HAPPY CAMPING! **Pete Pizzano**, Rally Master & Southeast Region Vice President

## 118 Ds INVADE BEAUDRY RV RESORT IN TUCSON

Cool and windy weather welcomed 118 Discovery's to beautiful Beaudry RV Resort in Tucson for our Southwest Regional Rally "Spring into Arizona" for 2002 hosted by the California Good Timers chapter. The cool and windy conditions did not last and they had no impact on 240 people having a great time. Sunday was check-in day with registration being handled very professionally by **Ralph Bailey**. It went like clockwork with Beaudry personnel doing the parking lead task for each rig. That evening we enjoyed a wonderful wine and cheese welcome party that was jointly hosted by Beaudry departments, Camping World, several of our super vendors and DOAI. There were several brands of wine to wet the pallet and accompanied by lots of chips, cheese and salsa. We were sorry to hear that our Rally Master and Southwest Region Vice President, **Don Fuller** and his wife **Karen** were unable to make the rally. A week before they were to depart for Tucson they were shampooing carpets at their home. **Karen** walked off of wet carpet and slipped on their ceramic tile entryway. She fell onto her left knee and shattered it, requiring emergency surgery. She will be in a cast for two months followed by much physical therapy. Their RV traveling days are severely hampered for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery. **Ed Watson**, who had been in charge of vendors, took over as Rally Master only to be hit by several personal tragedies on the trip. Our thanks go out to **Ed Watson, Sharon Ayer, Sonny Springer, Ralph Bailey, Pat Moraca** and many others for grabbing the ball to fill in for Don and making it happen in the good 'ol DOAI way. There is no other group that pulls together to make it happen and still have a fun time of fellowship and camaraderie like DOAI members. All attendees please give yourselves a BIG HAND!!! Another big hand is owed to the Beaudry RV Resort staff for all their help! THANKS!

Monday was filled with many seminars followed by a super "Little Bit of Country" dinner prepared by the Beaudry five-star restaurant chefs. We also had super entertainment by Beaudry's local "Rusty" and a friend playing saxophone (no, not Clinton). We hope to have write-ups on many of the seminars later in this issue so that those members that could not attend can benefit from the knowledge we gained. One of the most popular seminars was the Co-pilot's forum. **Sharon Ayer** chaired the Co-pilot's forum and there were lots of questions and discussions for the ladies. It always seem that our forums never have enough time to get everything covered. A lesson for future rallies!

Tuesday was a free day to roam around Tucson and enjoy all that the City and community have to offer. There was also a golf tournament organized by **Pat Moraca** for those that like to hit that little ball around in the sun. There was also a parade of homes for experienced owners to show off their update and mods to the rest of us. Boy, there's a lot of smart folks out there with some great ideas!

After all that fun on Tuesday, Wednesday kicked us into high gear with another day of great seminars and another super forum with some super leaders as our forum team of our DOAI "experts" made up of **Alan Shirley, Jim McLane, Denny Myhre** and **Dick Snyder**. Once again there was not near enough time! We finished off the busy day with Beaudry RV sponsoring a magnificent Mexican Fiesta dinner with mariachi entertainment during and after dinner. Many door prizes were raffled off to the members. Our door prizes

were provided by: Beaudry RV, Camping World, Howard Steering System, Travel Buddies, Satellites in Motion, Cleaning Products Company and many others.

Thursday was head-home day and we said our goodbyes to old and new friends and looked forward to our next opportunity for good fellowship and good food together with great people. Our thanks to all who supported this great rally, and especially to the volunteers who made it all happen.

## NATIONAL RALLY- Rayne, Louisiana

### **EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! BIG "KICKIN' CAJUN CELEBRATION TO TAKE PLACE IN FROG CITY, USA**

(RAYNE, LOUISIANA) MAY 8-11, 2002

*Discovery Owners from all over the US of A are gonna show up to have one BIG PARTY! That "Wild Bunch", the Discovery Texans Chapter are puttin' this show together for you and ya'll really don't wanna miss it! Ya'll need to bring yo selves on down to the FROG CAPITAL of the WORLD and join in the fun! We got biznesses that are gonna be there to show us how to do stuff; new motor homes to look at. Chef Roy is plannin' some bodacious fixin's and he's even gonna show us how to cook some of 'em, too. Man! It is sho' nuf' good! They's gonna be one of them games where people chase a little white ball all over the pasture after knockin' heck out of it and you might get a prize if you do good. And if that don't suit ya, you can go on a trip to see some of the genuine Louisiana places nearby. All I can say is I ga-r-ron-tee you will have a good time. Lassiez les bon temps rouler (Let the good time roll for us other folks).*

Hey ya'll Discovery Owners- brought yoself on down to Loosianna swampland - a lil community how you call Rayne, La. de Frog Capital of the World. Just jump in that Frog-Mobil and boogie on down fo one mo kicken cajun good time. I gauranteee yo goin to get some of the best Cajun kookin yo ever had. We gonna pass a good time fo sure - I guarantee!!!! We gonna chase that lil white ball around the cow pasture fo a while - eat - get some good educating on them frog-mobiles - eat - listen to Cajun music - eat - visit all them

friens yo done met at them other rallies - eat - & like I said we gonna pass one more good time. Don' wait - get them registratin papers in that mail and brought yoself on down.

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### **GREAT ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR RAYNE LA.**

Like karaoke music- well we will have it on Wednesday. At our sensational welcome party **FRED** and **SANDY LAIRD**, our own hometown twosome, will do their thing KARIOKE style. This welcome party will have a theme of Cajun style music, also with the LARRY MENARDS LOUISIANA CAJUN RAMBLERS. Don't miss it! Chips, wine and beer will be served. On Thursday we will have the Acadia Cloggers, followed by DAVE PETITJEAN- his quote [when you come to a fork in the road take it]. Dave uses his more than 30 years of selling and acting experience to entertain you Cajun style. He is a full-blooded, head to toe Cajun and seeing people "pass a good time" is always his goal. He delivers his humorous message Cajun style. His attitude is take life as it comes. He has a dynamic message with a Cajun humor. On Saturday we will be entertained by our very own [ladies], excuse me, I mean MEN style show. This should be very interesting.

**Fred** and **Sandy Laird** will be with us on Saturday night along with LOUISIANA CAJUN RAMBLERS so we can all dance to great music of the 50s.

### **WHAT ABOUT US GOLFERS AT RAYNE?**

Bayou Bend Golf course is located a short drive from Rayne, Louisiana and provides a nice outing for our Golfers coming to the May Rally. Tee time is 9:30 AM on Friday May 10th and the \$32 charge includes Golf, Cart and Prizes! (Friday is an open day to do what you like, so why not golf?). Check the Golf space on your registration form and include the \$32 per golfer in the total.

We'll play a best ball scramble made up with four person teams. Ladies are welcome. Advise your golf handicap or average score on the registration sheet. We will need this information by mid-April so we can make the correct number of tee times. We had forty golfers in Pueblo, Colorado at the Spring Rally, so lets make this outing even better!

--- Ben Lewis

### AGRICULTURE, CAJUN MUSIC AND VICTORIAN ELEGANCE

Visit with a Cajun accordion maker as he demonstrates how he crafts this instrument that is vital to all Cajun bands. Live Cajun music and complimentary refreshments, music shops.

Meet a jolly farmer as he entertains us with stories of his 500+ collection of miniature farm implements. Visit the CRAWFISH AND RICE FIELDS. See LIVE crawfish and observe the traps and how the boatmen "harvest" these crustaceans. HOME COOKED MEAL prepared and served by the farmer's wife.

Now, we travel into town to walk/ drive along the residential Historic District of Crowley, LA, which boasts of OVER 200 PROPERTIES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES. Tour our GRAND OPERA HOUSE of 1901 and enjoy shopping in the unique stores of the COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT. Visit to our Art Gallery where local artisans display there creations of various skills, paintings, wood carvings, beautiful handwork, porcelain paintings, etc. ENJOY PUNCH AND COOKIES WITH OUR MAYOR.

Group Fees: minimum 30 people- \$ 42.50 per person, includes ALL attractions, tours guide services and lunch.

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### Motorhome Technical Support - Rayne, Louisiana DOAI National Rally

Most of you are already aware that due to cost considerations, Fleetwood has reduced their level of Discovery rally technical support to a single rally per year. For 2002, this support will be at the DOAI Kentucky rally in September. For the

Rayne DOAI rally, our sponsoring Fleetwood dealer, Kite Brothers, LLC of DeRidder, Louisiana has agreed to step in to fill this service void.

Kite Brothers will have technical support teams on-site for at least two of the four-day Rayne rally. They will accomplish up to three *minor* repairs per coach to the extent of their deployed team capabilities. Kite Brothers will provide repair labor free, and parts/materials will be provided to our members at cost. WHAT A DEAL!! To aid in support planning, those attendees having known repair needs should contact Kite Brothers in advance. This will allow them to assess whether the repair can be accommodated at Rayne, and if so enable them to obtain any needed parts/materials. Repair problems that are not identified ahead of time can be reported at the rally and Kite Brothers will do their best to accommodate the unreported repairs. Following are the methods for advance communications with Kite Brothers, LLC:

Kite Brothers, LLC  
Attn: Robert Bradley, Service

Manager

1940 North Pine Street  
DeRidder, LA 70634  
Phone: (800) 456-2724 or (337) 463-5564  
FAX: (337) 463-5550  
Web Site: [www.kitebros.com](http://www.kitebros.com)

**NOTE: FAX is the preferred method. Be sure to state that you will be at the Rayne DOAI Rally, and include your coach information (year, model & serial number) with your repair request.**



## Michelin Tires Available at Rayne Rally

Using his Cajun style, winning smile and arm-twisting expertise, Phil Yovino, Chairman of the DOAI National Rayne Rally has negotiated a deal with TCI and their local dealer, Berlin Tire Center of Lafayette, Louisiana, to deliver Michelin tires at a price- too good to pass up. The Berlin Tire Center will sell un-mounted spare tires and deliver them to rally attendees at the following prices:

**235.80R22.5XRV 14 Ply \$231.78 (including taxes)**

**255.80R22.5XRV 14 Ply \$281.12 (including taxes)**

For pre-rally preorders: Contact Berlin Tire Center at (337) 234-8388, ask for Bryan Fontenot, and mention that you are ordering tires for delivery at the Rayne Discovery Rally.

To purchase tires before or after the Rayne Rally, contact the Berlin Tire Center. They will mount/balance tires at their facility for \$36.00 per tire/position.

Our thanks go to Phil Yovino for putting this deal together for DOAI members.

## Rayne Vendors & Seminars

Phil Yovino and his Discovery Texans crew are continuing their efforts to make the May 2002 *Kickin' Cajun Celebration* in Rayne, Louisiana one of the best Discovery Owners rallies ever, with something special for everyone - great food, super entertainment, fun games, good camaraderie, etc. To complement these events, we have also lined up a broad range of vendor exhibits, seminars and technical service designed to cover the gamut of member interests.

Kite Brothers RV of DeRidder, Louisiana will be the host Fleetwood dealer. They will step in to provide on-site technical support for minor coach repairs, and will provide displays of many of their new motorhomes. Freightliner will present an in-depth chassis seminar, and have a technical team

to assist with chassis problems. Fleetwood will have technical personnel to present a seminar on the latest in Discovery coaches and systems. Caterpillar will conduct a diesel engine seminar, and Exxon personnel out of Shreveport, LA will present a discussion of diesel engine fuels and lubricants. Kwikiee Products, Dometic, and Michelin will also provide on-site technical assistance. Moss Motors and Saturn of Lafayette, local Honda and Saturn dealers will have exhibits of their *prospective Toad* auto models.

Currently, nearly 40 commercial firms have committed to support our Rayne rally. In addition to the larger companies mentioned above, vendor participants will include:

Renowned Cajun Chef Roy Lyons – in addition to preparing great rally meals, he will conduct a *Cajun* cooking seminar.

Mr. Ed's Badges 'N Signs – first timers can get their Discovery badges here.

TCL Sales & Distribution – will again conduct their widely acclaimed microwave/convection oven cooking seminar.

RV Alliance of America – RV insurance and vehicle safety seminars, as well as sponsoring an ice cream social.

RV Safety Education Foundation (formerly A 'Weigh We Go) – will present RV weight & balance, and vehicle tire seminars, and for those that desire, perform motorhome weighing.

Watkins Products – seminars & sales of their wide range of food and health products.

River City Products – demonstration & sales of the highly acclaimed Dee Howard Power Center Steering system.

Satellites In Motion – automatic locking and tracking satellite antenna systems.

Adventure Caravans – RV rallies and caravans throughout the Americas.

Brake Buddy – towed vehicle braking systems.

J&W Wireless Communications – cell phone equipment, services, accessories and wireless internet access.

VIP Enterprises – Sensitor state of the art RV and towed vehicle monitoring systems.

Betty's Crafts – local Louisiana artisan specializing in Frog painted artifacts.

Creations in Gold – complete range of jewelry including gold charms.

J&L RV Sunscreen & Windshield Covers – custom window coverings.

Blackman Group – waterless car wash, electric bicycles & electric scooters.

Precise Satellite & RV Electronics – satellite & cell phone antennas, and RV electrical system monitoring and protection equipment.

Applique Buffet – iron-on appliques, ladies blouses & shirts.

Clearkote – RV & auto cleaning and protection products.

LRB Safety Products & More – Safe-T-Plus turn alarm, smarttire, RV'ers Friend, quality cleaning products, real leather purses, etc.

Mobile Sales – RV accessories, sunglasses, jewelry, charms, magnetic jewelry & therapeutic products.

Nanci – local Louisiana artisan specializing in handcrafted jewelry, cajun gifts & cajun tee shirts.

Our Place RV Accessories – campsite mats, tote bags, visors, caps, purses, etc.

Road Vac – RV central vacuum systems.

Sky Med International – emergency medical transportation services.

Tintin' USA – RV & auto glass tinting.

Travelin' Sales – RV mats, custom water hoses, electrical surge protectors & miscellaneous RV supplies.

Seminars – we have 25 commercial seminars on tap covering a wide range of subjects from cooking and craft demonstrations, motorhome systems, operations & maintenance, RV and towed vehicle systems and accessories, electronic equipment including cellular, internet, and satellite, etc. In addition, we plan to have Discovery pilot, co-pilot and entry door wind noise round table discussions.

All in all, we believe that Rayne will have one of the most complete and varied line-ups of vendor and seminar support of any Discovery rally - that will serve to round-out the slate of super *Kickin' Cajun Celebration* events and activities. So ya'll bring yo selves on down to Rayne 'n join in the fun & Mardi Gras atmosphere of the Frog Capital of the World and *lassiez les bon temps rouler* (let the good times roll).

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#### **PRESS TIME AD-ON**

Allen Kite of Kite Bros. RV in DeRidder, LA has arranged for a free charter bus to transport our D owners to the GRAND CASINO COUSHATTA in Kinder, LA on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Departure is 9:30 AM and return at 5:30 PM. Lunch will be provided free. For reservations, contact Allen Kite, 1940 N. Pine St., DeRidder, LA 70634 or fax 337-463-5550.

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**BOWLING GREEN NATIONAL- Sept. 10-14**  
**Keep a close eye out for news in the next issue about the September National Rally in Bowling Green, Kentucky. You don't want to miss this one!**

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1-800-322-8216

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**Want to know where to get propane??**

Go to this address on the web-  
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**MaryAnn Crowell**, Membership Director  
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**Send requests for Discovery Badges to:**

'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)

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

**J.B. Vaughn**  
 303 California Street  
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**Freightliner Customer Service**  
 1-800- 385-4357

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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)

Discovery Love Seat in light tan leather for sale. Removed when coach was new. Now in Tigard, OR, but if you are interested we will be in Palm Desert in January thru March. Will consider any offers or trade for ??

Dennis Pillar (503) 590-3132 or (505) 703-7297  
[Pillar@aol.com](mailto:Pillar@aol.com)

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**Please help our Membership Director. When you send in your dues for renewal, don't forget that the renewal amount is \$16, not \$20. It makes for a lot of extra work and we don't need the extra \$\$.**

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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:**

**Dorothy Devine** is due anytime for open heart surgery to repair/replace heart valves. Your prayers and thoughts are in order for Dorothy. We wish her a speedy recovery

**Joe Desantis** has just reported that he is going in for surgery soon for removal of a section of colon that contains a tumor. Remember Joe just lost his wife Yo to cancer last year. Hang in there Joe, we are thinking about you!

**Karen Fuller** slipped on a wet floor and shattered her left kneecap and will be cast & wheel chair confined for two months. No travels for a while for **Don and Karen**. Speedy healing and recovery, Karen.

**Ed Studer**, 5510 Windward Way, New Port Richy, Fl. 34652 is reported to be terminally ill. **Alice Pizzano** says he would like to get cards.

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## **NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS**

### **Texas Disco Road Runners**

Our rally to Big Bend was FANTASTIC!!!! We had 8 rigs that traveled from various parts of Texas. Some of us stopped at Junction for a night's stay and then an early morning stop at the

Cavern of Sonora, on to Fort Stockton. The Terlinqua area offered a central location for daily trips into the park, to Mexico and all of the surrounding areas. A wonderful time was had by all. We parted with some of our chapter and pick up one more of our members for the caravan trip to the Western Rally in Tucson, AZ.

Our next rally will be at Havens Lading RV Resort, Montgomery, TX. Arriving on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May and leaving on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. While in Montgomery, we will be close to a variety of things to do. Montgomery has antiques shops and historic homes to visit. Spring, TX. (25 miles) has Old Town Spring, Gift shop, specialty shop and antiques. Conroe, TX is only 13 miles east and has all kinds of shopping and restaurants. There is a major mall in Woodland, TX. (19 miles) and in Willis, TX (15 miles) an outlet mall. For those of you who are tired of shopping or it's just not your thing, in College Station, TX. you will find the George Bush Library and Texas A & M. A schedule of events and rally fees will be in the next chapter newsletter.

We will leave on the 6<sup>th</sup> to caravan to Rayne, LA for the National Rally May 8<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter will be helping with the parking and registration for this rally. Please make sure that on your registration form for Rayne that you check in 2 days early.

Remember that you don't have to be a chapter member to join us, just a "D" owner in good standing with national.

For more information call:

**Garry & Gayle Shirey**

(915) 388-4746

**Charlie & Renee Bazar**

(979) 836-0561

**Don & MaryAnn Crowell**

(254) 584-2400

Balance of our 2002 rallies:

Humming Bird Festival

September 11-14<sup>th</sup> at Rockport 35 RV Park, Rockport, TX.

Halloween Night & First Monday Trade Days

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at Staway Ranch RV Park, Murchinson, TX.

If your address is in Texas, you are eligible to join. If you are near one of the rallies, ya'll come.

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### Discovery Texans

Discovery Texans again turned out in large numbers to support the Eastern Region DOAI Rally held at Lazy Days RV near Tampa, Florida on February 3-6, 2002. Sixteen D's proceeded in two caravans and individually to Lazy Days to partake of 3-full days of fun, comraderie, entertainment, great food & seminars. Some took advantage of the free driver confidence course offered by Lazy Days, many ate their weight in strawberry shortcake (a la mode) at Plant City, and a few even found time to watch the Super Bowl.

**Phil Yovino, Peter Germenis and Susan Stone** made several super PR talks to excite DOAI attendees toward attending the Rayne, Louisiana rally this coming May. Others talked-up Rayne in group and one-on-one pep rallies. DOAI attendee reaction seemed to be favorable indicating that many planned on coming to Rayne.

Following the Lazy Days festivities, our D's headed in many directions for touring, an FMCA rally, visiting family and friends and just relaxing before returning to Texas.

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### SOUTHEAST AREA NEWS FLASH

Are you ready? Don't you think we should? Our area has set silently watching other DOAI area boast of the number of chapters they have. Now it is our turn.

The forming of a chapter is quite simple. The procedure on how to form a chapter is clearly laid out. Anyone interested in starting a chapter in any southeastern state, please contact me. I'll get the information to you.

Florida is on the move. Over twenty DOAI members in good standing met at the Lazy Days

Rally Park indicating an interest in forming a Florida Chapter. The first campout is planned for April 11-14, 2002 in centrally located Lazy Days Rally Park. All Florida residents and snowbirds are invited to attend. Please contact **Bill Ryan** campout coordinator at 942-627-5363 or **Pete Pizzano** at 727-376-2502. Reservations can be made directly with Rally Park at 800-905-6627. Identify yourself as a DOAI member to get the rally rate.

**Sam Whitaker** has stepped forward. He is willing to initiate an Alabama & Mississippi chapter. Sam has experience in chapter formation and excels in management skills. He extends an invitation to all DOAI members in good standing to join him. Call him at 252-233-5966.

Now we need a chapter in the state of Georgia. There are twenty-two DOAI members in Georgia. Come on Georgia! Won't someone step forward and get a Georgia chapter started?

From the perspective of an area VP it would please me to boast as I travel in the southeast area "I'm going to a chapter campout with \_\_\_\_\_." You can fill-in the chapter name here.

Maryland is a state ready for chapterhood. Thirteen good standing members reside in Maryland.

North Carolina is a beautiful state with forty-seven DOAI members. Two chapters could easily be formed in this Tar Heel state. North Carolina is a strong competitive state. We need someone to take the lead and start a chapter. I'm planning and hoping North Carolina will have a chapter.

Tennessee has a chapter. It is moving along just fine under Chapter President **Ray Easter**. Which bordering state is going to stand tall and match the ambitious Mid-South Roadrunners Chapter? They have a campout planned in Lewisburg. **Glenn Camp** is the rally chairperson. He invites all to come to the June 6,7,8, 2002 campout. Call him at 304-536-4249.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is another member rich state with twenty-four DOAI

members. Are you Virginians going to take a back seat to your neighbors? We need a chapter in Virginia. Who knows, we may again have a rally at Bethpage. So we will need a chapter to coordinate this rally. Come on Tom, Dick and Patty- get a chapter formed.

All interested in starting a state chapter will get a state roster upon request. Simply contact me and I'll get the information to you via the mail the next day.

**To use a quote so very much appropriate- Southeast states- "LET'S ROLL" and get those chapters started.**

**Pete Pizzano**, Vice-President Southeast Region

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## NOTES FROM YOUR WEBSITE

The DOAI website is packed with over 250 pages of information for DOAI members. The website serves as a means to disseminate information to DOAI members quickly and it is not limited to size as is the quarterly newsletter. Here is a brief "tour" of the website, which should be beneficial to old and new members alike.

### The Homepage

<http://www.discoveryowners.com> serves as an introduction to the website. This page should always be your starting point for browsing. This is the page where important announcements regarding DOAI, recalls, safety info, etc are posted. Since this page changes often, you will need to use the "Refresh" button in your browser if you have it set up to cache pages.

At the top of each webpage is a navigation map. To go to another section of the website, point your mouse at the section you want to go to. Most of these are self-explanatory, but a couple of them merit additional comments.

### EGroup

The eGroup is technically known as a list processor. A message sent to the eGroup gets

sent to every member on the eGroup. This provides an excellent forum for member discussion or to ask questions. We have representatives from Fleetwood and Freightliner that are members of the group and provide outstanding technical assistance to the eGroup - for free! In addition, all messages are archived and you can search these messages for any prior discussions on a topic of interest. You must be a member of the DOAI to join the eGroup, and instructions for joining the eGroup are on the website.

### Hints & Tips

This section of the website contains a wealth of information on your Discovery and also some topics on RVing. Topics are listed alphabetically. Click on a link to read about the topic. A Search Engine is provided to assist you in finding information on the website. Some topics may also include pictures. Most of these pictures have been "thumbnailed" - which means that they have been shrunk in size so that they will download faster. To view a larger picture, click on the thumbnail (small picture).

### Rally Info

Information about upcoming DOAI rallies, along with downloadable registration forms, are available on the website. Also, DOAI Chapter and rally information are also available.

### Chat and Bulletin Board

A 24-hour chatroom is available for members online. A weekly chat is scheduled for 9AM Eastern Time and all members are invited to join. Note that this is a java-based application and it takes a little while to activate. Once activated, you will see a box appear on your screen, and you will be able to type messages to others that are online.

The Bulletin Board is the latest addition to the website. The Bulletin Board differs from the eGroup in several important ways. You do not have to be a DOAI member to post a message. You do not receive an email when a new message

is posted - you have to browse to the Bulletin Board to read messages. Fleetwood and Freightliner representatives do not participate in the Bulletin Board. Messages are threaded by topic, which provides a convenient way to follow a topic. Only the most recent 500 messages are presented and old messages are not archived when they are removed.

### Member Database

A member database is available online. For security reasons, you must use a login ID and password to have access to the database. The login ID is DOAI2 and the password is diesel2. Capitalization must be as shown. Also, note there is only one number ("2") in the login id and password. NOTE - if you want to change your information in the database, please send an email to MaryAnn Crowell (relxn1@aol.com). Please do not send your request to the webmaster as the database is ONLY updated based on information supplied by MaryAnn.

The website has been set up so that its operation does not incur any expenses. For this reason, you will see some advertisements on the eGroup, chatroom, bulletin board and search engine.

The website is administered by **John Veach** (ke4d@escapees.com) and **Bob Cook** (cookrd1@juno.com). If you have anything that you would like to see posted on the website (or comments or questions), please let one of us know! We also administer the DOAI Chapter websites, and chapters are encouraged to keep their information current!

## TUCSON DISCOVERY RALLY

### Co-Pilot Forum – March 18, 2002

Forum Leader: **Sharon Ayer**

Attendance – 48

1. Washer – Take clothes out and shake before putting in dryer; it takes out most of the wrinkles.

2. After partially drying clothes, hang on metal rack to dry, rack stands in shower and was purchased at Bed & Bath. Cost \$30.
3. Shower tension bar to hang clothes to dry, purchased at Camping World.
4. 97 Coach – Washer can be taken out for repair or replacement by taking out toilet.
5. 97 Coach – Remove bathroom door to turn toilet for more space.
6. All drawers have unused space behind them, drawers can be extended to add extra space.
7. Kitchen booth – drawer has been added underneath to hold mail, silverware or other small items.
8. Ceramic tile laid in entry way and bathroom.
9. Sofa pull out, added piano hinges to lift up to get storage boxes underneath.
10. 96 Coach – Installed 27" drawer to slide out under sofa, added the piano hinges to lift up the pull out, heat vents had to be moved.
11. Shelves added in place of washer/dryer.
12. Made shelf in bathroom to hold coffee cans soldered together and painted the color of the coach. Cans can hold toilet paper and other small items.
13. Cover made out of plastic to cover outside refrigerator vent to keep water supply from freezing when parked in cold climate.
14. Add fan to the refrigerator compartment to improve inside air circulation.
15. 2000 Coach – Angle sink – used a 2 X 4 to mount a drawer. There is also a place for storage on the mount.
16. Added 300-watt inverter to install stereo and surround system. Sonny Springer has information on how to install.
17. Modify to vent microwave outside.
18. 97 Coach – Bedroom door – hook to hang long dresses or jewelry bag.
19. Small loads in washer and dryer work better.
20. Added pantry in bathroom area reversed the door to open into bedroom.
21. 99 Coach – Pantry lights installed in cabinets. Added cool lights to run around stairwell and throughout coach. Purchase at Lowe's or Home Depot.
22. Triangle hamper can fit behind bedroom door.
23. Added extra shelf in kitchen cupboard above sink and also in bedroom closet.
24. Support beam in clothes closet to mount another rod on one side to hang shirts and

- shorter items. Mounted shoe bag in back of closet.
25. Glued plastic towel rack in shower to hold wet rags, etc.
  26. Plastic boxes under bed for storage.
  27. Took towel bar in toilet off of wall and mounted on door. Added extra cabinet for storage on the wall where towel bar was. Also, added shade in toilet for extra privacy.
  28. Took wide elastic and mounted on sides of bed to hold shoes.
  29. Added a knob to open screen entry door.
  30. 97 Coach – Plexiglass mounted behind stove for easy clean up. Mirrors can also be extended across area.
  31. Picture frames to hang made from felt and plexiglass.
  32. Wine cabinet fits underneath mirrors by dinette. Extra space in bedroom to store cabinet when traveling.
  33. 99 Coach – 34 Q – Towel bar mounted underneath cabinet.

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## A MEXICO TRIP REPORT

On February 20, 2002, five Discovery's along with 22 other RVr's left Presidio Texas on a 20-day caravan. This trip included five days with our coaches loaded on flat cars as we traveled through the Copper Canyon.

The Discovery caravaners were, **Glenn & Gail Camp, Jim & Lynn Casimir, Gervase Schwenk, & Theresa Stratman, Dick & Brenda Snyder, and Wil & Betty Weinzapfel.**

Our first stop was in Chihuahua, Mexico where a bus tour took us to a museum, the government building, a beautiful home, and a city park overlooking the whole city.

Our next stop was in Chahtemoc where the Mennonites had settled in 1920. Since that time they have improved the land and it seemed like we were back in the USA with all the improvements they have made.

La Junta would be our next stop where we loaded our Ds on the train for the trip through the canyon ending in Los Mochis What an unbelievable site

the canyon was. It was everything and more than we expected. It was fun sitting in our motorhome and leaving the driving to someone else. Each afternoon the train would stop and we would sit on a siding overnight. There was usually a bus tour at each stop with a dinner in the evening.

After we left La Junta, the train stopped at Creel, Divisadero, Bahuichivo, El Fuerte and ending in Los Mochis. We saw the Tarahumara Indians living in the canyons, who remain the most primitive tribes in North America. There is thought to be forty five thousand of these Indians between Creel and Bahuichivo.

The canyons between Bahuichivo and El Fuerte were spectacular. We spent seven hours traveling over trestles and through tunnels and the train descended from 7,500 feet to 500 feet in El Fuerte. There was one area where we could see three levels of railroad tracks winding down the side of the canyon.

We unloaded our coaches at Los Mochis and ended at a campground along the Sea of Cortez, which was about 20 miles west of Guasave. We spent four nights here along the ocean and enjoyed our time with warm days and cool nights.

The rest of the trip included two days in Alomos, and three days in San Carlos Bay. This area is very beautiful with mountains surrounding the bay. The San Carlos Bay area is very clean and the RV Park had a pool, spa, and tennis courts. Most of the people can speak some English in the area.

Our final day was spent driving the 260 miles to Nogales, Arizona and we were all happy to be back in the good old USA.

Safe travels from,

**Dick & Brenda Snyder**

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**EMERALD DESERT DISCOVERY RALLY****Co-Pilot Forum - JAN 8, 2001**Forum Leader- **Carolyn Little**

Attendance: 64

1. Storage under couch – Hinge front and drawer or rolling boxes work fine.
2. Trays can be purchased at Wal-Mart that will fit under the Sofa.
3. Computer Desk (already made) fits by the Recliner.
4. By the recliner, shelves can fit nicely.
5. Quartzite, AZ – You can purchase parts to fit Discoveries.
6. Walts in Fontana, CA. also sells cabinets, etc. to fit in motor homes.
7. Kitchen Counter – add a railing so things don't slide off.
8. Over Washer/Dryer – Left door was attached to Right door to open up as a folding door in order to take up less space.
9. 34Q – To clean between shower and small cabinet, take a dowel and put masking tape on the end to pick up the dust that collects. Also masking tape can be used on the ceiling carpet for cleaning.
10. 2000 – To cover the skylight to cut down on the heat from the sun outside, take quilted aluminum foil and hold up with two wooden yardsticks. Also to cut down on the heat from the sun, cover windows with the quilted aluminum foil.
11. There is plenty of space in the cabinet over washer and dryer to make the cabinet deeper.
12. Take inventory of your canned goods or any other food in the cabinets. Keep the inventory attached to the door. This way you can mark off when you use an item and know when to restock.
13. By reversing bedroom door in 36Q, you can easily build a pantry to fit nicely in the bathroom.
14. 34Q – Coffee maker can be installed in cabinet above the table.
15. Small drawer under sink can be modified into longer drawer by adding extension.
16. Silverware tray can be built to attach to Dinette.
17. You can store a small vacuum or dirt devil under bed.
18. Storage bags for shoes beside the bed. You can buy or make them yourself. Also a good thing to use to store you shoes is to buy a towel or towel bars to attach to side of your bed.
19. In medicine cabinet, to keep items from falling out when doors are opened – buy small trays from Wal-Mart (very inexpensive.) You can also cut Plexiglas to fit across to keep items from falling out.
20. To hang pictures of family – buy corkboard or magnetic board and hang in hallway of bathroom.
21. Small compartment made of plexiglass on driver's dash to hold maps, etc.
22. 36Q- standing medicine cabinet or shelves can be purchased and fits nicely behind the toilet.
23. Purchase dash mats at Quartzite; also can purchase at flea market in Yuma, AZ.
24. Cotton throw rugs or carpets do not slide or creep.
25. 98/99 – Cabinets above bed have plenty of room at top to add shelf to stack items.
26. Attach hanging bags to bedroom closet inside to hold small items.
27. 34Q – Wal-Mart – Hamper for laundry fits in corner of bedroom under TV.
28. 34Q – Door installed under pantry to make more storage. Can move the pipes out of the way very easily. There is a lot of space. You can purchase the door from Fleetwood.
29. Purchase three stackable storage boxes to fit nicely behind co-pilots seat. You can place scarf over to also use as a table.
30. Make shelves in the place where washer and dryer go. Can make shelves of different sizes to store odd items.

**DON'T EVER FORGET  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

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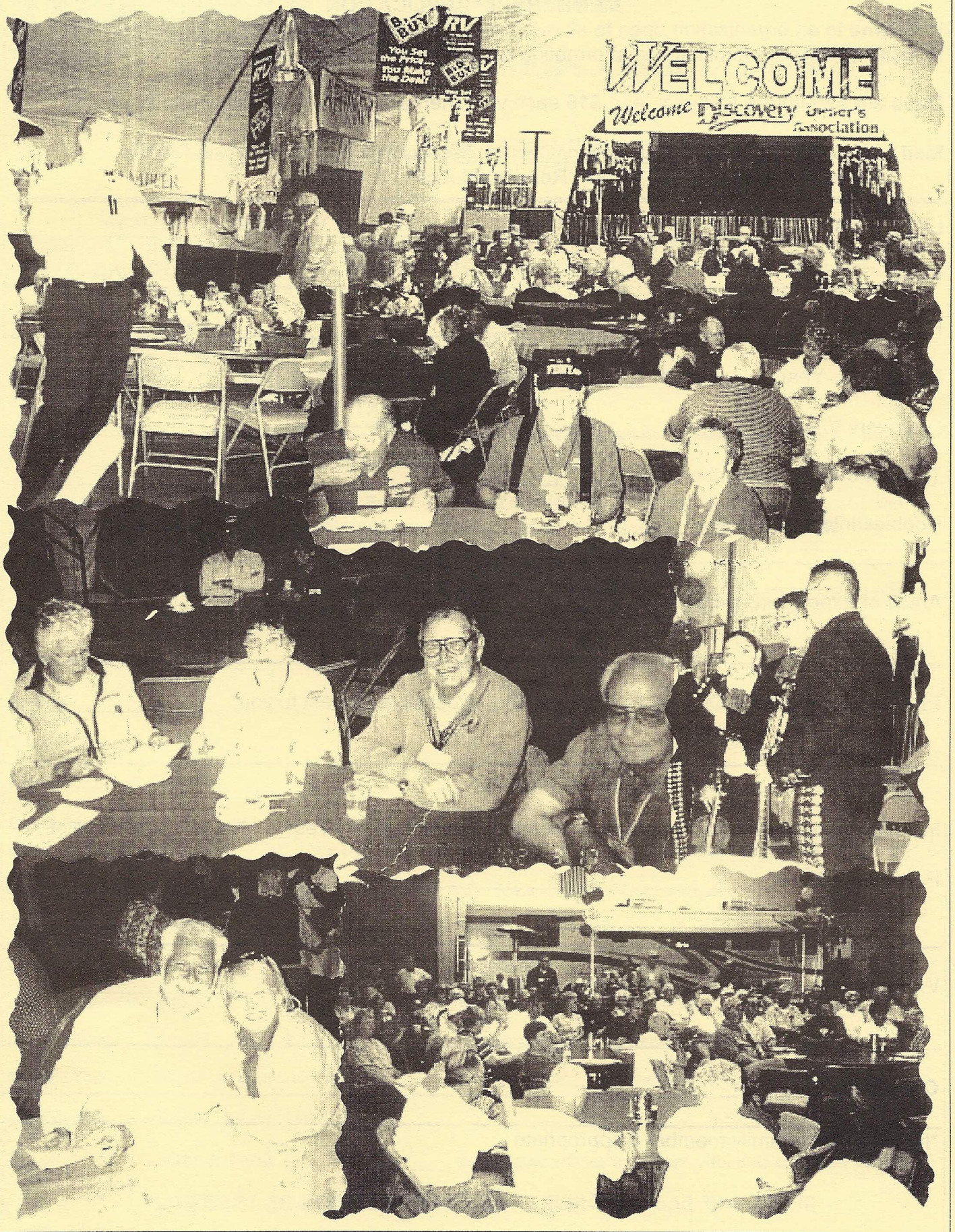


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**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**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



# OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## “KICKIN' CAJUN CELEBRATION” NATIONAL RALLY

RAYNE, LOUISIANA – May 8, 9, 10, 11, 2002

BEAUTIFUL PARK WITH SIX HUNDRED SITES, FRENCH ACADIA COOKING CLASS, SEMINARS, HISTORIC TOURS, COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS, FLEETWOOD COACHES, SATURN, HONDA ON DISPLAY, TECH SERVICE, CELEBRITY ENTERTAINMENT, GOLF SCRAMBLE AT BAYOU BEND, TWO BREAKFASTS AND TWO DINNERS INCLUDED. CASINO IN AREA.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MAIL TO: CLAIRE WEBER, REGISTRATION**

**15814 PEBBLE BEND  
HOUSTON, TX 77068**

**[Toll Free] (888) 857-7048 or Della Quinn [Toll Free] (866) 229-7137  
[cweber@houston.rr.com](mailto:cweber@houston.rr.com)**

**Directions to: City of RAYNE RV Park:** I-10 East or West, Exit #87, go South (on Hwy 35) one Traffic Light, take right, follow signs into RV Park. (Rayne is 14 miles West of Lafayette, LA)

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**MAIL this SECTION with CHECK for DOAI REGISTRATION "KICKIN' CAJUN CELEBRATION " NATIONAL SPRING RALLY in RAYNE, LOUISIANA MAY 8 – 11, 2002**

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Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Check here if :**

Need Handicap Parking?  You are a DOAI Officer?  Vendor?  This is your first National DOAI rally.

| Cost (By April 20, please)               | TOTAL    | Volunteers Needed – Yes, I will help :             |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Coach with two \$120.00                  | \$ _____ | Parking ___ Seminars ___ Golf ___ Tours ___        |
| Coach with one \$85.00                   | \$ _____ | Registration ___ Door Prizes ___ Entertainment ___ |
| Add per person \$45.00                   | \$ _____ | Welcome Bags ___ Reporter ___ 50/50 game ___       |
| Golf & prizes \$32.00                    | \$ _____ | Breakfast helper ___ Vendor helper ___ Other ___   |
| Historic Tour \$42.50 (each, Inc. lunch) | \$ _____ | Photographer ___ Cleanup Crew ___ Where needed ___ |
| Early Arrival \$12.00 (per extra day)    | \$ _____ |                                                    |

**Check Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see related articles in this issue for details on rally activities)  
LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER” (Let The Good Times Roll)**

***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!

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