

# Discovery

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## Buccaneers Blow Out Lazydays Park in Florida

### Buccaneer Blowout Scandal Sheet

Hospitality begins with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent minutes for our brave, lost friends aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle along with quiet moments to pray for our troops overseas...

Neutral beverages, wine & cheese, popcorn & crackers are enjoyed while the rockin' and rollin' Rallyans find their place toe tappin', movin' and groovin' on the dance floor. These boot scootin' boogyan team up with the beat of the band, foot stompin' and singin' when suddenly the floor opens to **Pete** and **RePete**, (**Pizzano** and **Germentis**). These "Pirate Petes" pleased the people with their regained footing of the long forgotten steps of the jitterbug, jivin' and swingin' to that old favorite "Go, Petey, Go!....Go, Go, Petey, Go!". (Or was that "Go Johnnie, Go?") For our entertainment value, these guys know how to make fun happen!

New companions found their way into our rally and we had a great opportunity to extend our hand in friendship and welcome those who may have been uneasy about joining a new club. People make this organization and we are glad each of you chose to join us. You are helping us broaden our base of friends.

On Monday, new and old members alike had the chance to visit various vendors to repair parts, check out new gizmos, exchange the furniture, and re-check that electrical circuit or to learn the convection bake method. This full schedule offered a wide variety of classes and seminars. Something for everybody, open to everybody...Did I mention the free driving course? This is available to all lead foos (Ahem!) who wish to learn or improve their driving skills with the use of a new RV. We applaud the patient, courageous instructors devoted to the task of training some of those less than willing, nervous drivers! In today's business practices, offering this kind of customer service is very rare.

Did you ever stop to think about the work and effort that goes in to serving breakfast AND lunch? The masses of people standing in long chow lines are quick to move to the front for their food portion. These men and women making, serving and cleaning up after all of us deserve many thanks. I hear stories where some RV'ers have difficulty making, serving and cleaning up after a party of two! To all the kitchen crew: You folks do a terrific job, thanks so much!

The catered dinners by Luptin were not only efficient and fast, but also very tasty. Once the delicious looking selections are in plain view, plates were piled high. Nobody walks away with just a morsel. These caterers know how to make mouth-watering bar-be-cues!

After dinner on the 3rd, Vane Scott's dramatic presentation on "OLD GLORY" was a strong reminder of why the colonists were determined to make a new life in a new country, using an untried notion of living under a Constitution based on freedom from an overbearing, intrusive government, freedom of religion, liberty to think and create and to grow by a capitalistic means. Mr. Scott used stories of historic battles to

teach the meager beginnings of the American flag and it's overall significance and importance to this great nation. His style moved us to the point where we actually felt American pride consume us. We are arrogantly proud to be Americans...an emotion people from other countries will sadly, never understand or experience.

Our bake, craft and flea market sale was something different we thought we might try. All of us have some kind of junk to dispose of and many of us are great in any kitchen. But I was surprised at the number of talented craftsmen and artisans in our club. These special skills displayed by our members deserve far more attention. This was our first attempt, which helps us to iron out the glitches. A new approach to increase those profit margins is on the horizon...(as suggested by a new member, **Frank O'Neal**)...the day before the sale, place special invitations on each and every RV in the park, every make, every model...to come to our sale.

While strawberries and cheesecakes were being sold, arrests were made by the whims of the pirate/sheriff which may have included but not limited to:

"Intent to Scavenge"

"Intent to Loiter"

"Wearing a Deceitful Smile"

"Failure to wear the name badge"

"Failure to wear the name badge, properly"

Holding folks for "Ransom" was a good, fun way to make a few dollars, gold doubloons or pieces of eight for the club.

That evening we consumed a delicious bar-be-cue rib dinner, and the festivities ended with Kirsta Marie singing to us in her special style.

This letter is ending with a warm thank you to the Rally Park employees. We are blessed to have receptive, caring individuals to attend to our needs. We appreciate all you do to make our visit so very pleasant and enjoyable. Even sales people driving around in golf carts are happy to pick up the weary walker! Thanks again to each and every one of you! Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

**Mary F. Stump**

Cape Coral, Fl.

Florida Rolling Gators Chapter

### **A Message from our President**

Hopefully by the time you read this, news on the world front will be improved. At this time with the troops in Iraq, it is somewhat difficult to think and write about the good times many of us have planned for the upcoming summer months. Americans as well as others throughout the world are worried about the impact of the war in Iraq and what the future holds regarding acts of terrorism. There is a myriad of opinions. On TV and in the press we see accounts of pro war demonstrations and anti war protest, and undoubtedly those of us in the DOAI also hold a variety of views

concerning what should be the correct approach of our Country. But one thing that we are all united about is our hope that there will be a peaceful resolution to the conflict as quickly and with as little loss of life as possible.

I do remain confident that the conflict will not last long, and that DOAI members will be able to travel this summer without the emotional conflicts that we are now experiencing. My plans include attending the co-chapter rally of the Northwest Adventurers and the Colorado Pioneers in June. Carol and I truly look forward to seeing old friends and meeting many DOAI members for the

first time at this rally. Both of these chapters have members whose names I have come to recognize but whom I have never had the opportunity to meet face to face. Following the Montana co-chapter rally we are hoping to get to the Northeastern part of our Country and then into Nova Scotia. From here we will be ready to follow the Lewis and Clark trail to the Tri-City area for the DOAI national rally. This is a rally that I hope all DOAI members can attend. It promises to be an outstanding rally in one of the most beautiful regions of the country. For those in the East and Midwest, the scenery and travel opportunities on the way there, by themselves, will make the trip worthwhile. I encourage everyone to attend if at all possible. Come September, there will be a lot of Discovery's heading to the Northwest, so join up with someone and caravan out to Washington.

Please remember the DOAI elections that are to be held this year. **Lois Patterson** is serving as Chair of the Nominations Committee. If you would like to serve as an officer of our Association or know of someone who you believe would make a good officer, please let **Lois** know. There are many good people in our Association whose services get missed because they are inadvertently overlooked. The Nominations Committee will work hard, but they are dependant upon the membership for nominations. Let's all do our part in getting good people nominated for all the offices.

**Bob Baugh, President**

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### ***FROM YOUR VP's***

From **Phil Yovino**- VP South Central Region

If anyone in the South Central Region is interested in joining a chapter, or starting a new chapter, please contact me and I'll help you make it happen. Here's how to get in touch with me:

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From **Pete Pizzano**- VP Southeast Region

Now that the winter Buccaneer Blowout Rally is over, the Florida Rolling Gators Chapter is slowly returning from a high to normal. The Chapter's major concern is "What we did and how can we improve?"

Chapter President Gene Patterson extended to the Chapter "A JOB WELL DONE".

Don Wallace, the CEO of Lazydays Rally Park sent area VP **Pete Pizzano** a thank you note for DOAI acknowledging his employee's support.

It is time to begin preparing for our next winter rally at Lazydays Rally Park. The dates have been set for January 30, 31 and February 1,2 & 3, 2004. The timing is just perfect. The FMCA Brookville Rally starts on February 4, so those wishing will be able to caravan to Brookville a day early.

A new registration procedure will be used in 2004. A registration form from the newsletter is to be mailed to the registrar and a second registration form is to be mailed to the Lazydays Rally Park. The Rolling Gators and Rally Park feel this method of registration will be an improvement over past procedures. The Park will have your site assigned prior to your arrival and the sign-in process will be simplified. Lazydays registration can be done by telephone or E-mail instead of mailing the second form to Lazydays.

The Chapter has not yet agreed on a logo. **Gene Patterson** hopes the Chapter can come to an agreement at the Homestead campout.

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### **A REPORT FROM YOUR TREASURER- Mac McIlvaine**

The President appointed three DOAI members to audit the 2002 financial records maintained by the Treasurer as required by Article VII, Paragraph F of the By-Laws and Standing Rule No. 8. The members were: **Glen Camp, Gene Patterson and Sam Whitaker.**

The audit was conducted on February 2, 2003. At the conclusion of the audit, the members declared that the financial records were in good order and fairly represented the financial condition of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2002.

I submit the following as the DOAI operating budget for the year 2003 as approved by the Board of Directors on February 4, 2003 (except for including the actual results from the Lazydays rally).

	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	
Member Dues	\$23,500
Interest Income	\$350
Donations	\$5,000
Rallies- Net Profit:	
Lazydays 2003 (actual)	\$458.17
Washington State- 2003	\$0
Total Income	<u>\$29,308.17</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$9,900
Chapter Grants	\$2,100
Insurance	\$1,950
Telephone	\$1,200
Board Expenses	\$2,100
Travel	\$1,500
Office Expense	\$1,200
Membership Expenses	\$3,700
Rally Gifts	\$1,200
Discretionary Fund	\$1,500
Web Site Maintenance	\$2,040
Advertising- New Members	\$154
Total Expenses	<u>\$28,544</u>
NET INCOME:	\$764

### **Things you may or may not know...**

By Dom Bollella

#### **"GENIE"**

The AC generator is often neglected because most of us stay in campsites that have at least water and electric hook ups. But, there will come a time when you will want or worse, need your generator. Problem: a generator that has not been "exercised" will probably not run when you need it. Gasoline powered units are most notorious for this. Why? The gasoline in the lines and the carburetor goes

'stale', and may also have accumulated condensation (water), which leads to oxidation of metal (rust). If the generator does start it will probably run poorly, especially if there is water and debris attempting to pass through the fuel filter. So, run your generator under a substantial load ever so often, and add a fuel stabilizer to your gasoline before you store the rig, or before you don't plan on using the generator for a long period of time. With the proper volume of stabilizer mixed into your gasoline run your generator, under a load, for a period of time, to get the stabilized fuel into all of the generator's system.

Diesel generators are more forgiving of 'stale' fuel, but are much more sensitive to water. Imagine it's hard enough to ignite water-laden gas with a spark plug, try causing diesel fuel to "explode" by mere compression if it's water logged. There are also fuel stabilizers for diesel fuel and these can also contain anti-gel or anti-fungal additives.

Probably the most forgiving type of generator is the LPG powered unit. Yes, it does take more volume of LPG than gasoline or diesel fuel to make an equal amount of generated AC power, but LPG doesn't go 'stale' and air (thus water vapor) does not enter the LPG fuel until it is about to be ignited. LPG generators also have the cleanest used spark plugs of any type of spark ignition engine. They will seem new even after several hundred hours of operation. So will the oil in these engines, don't be fooled, change that 'clean' appearing oil as per the manufacture's manual.

Another hint given to me by a RV service professional has to do with the generator. I was told never to run the generator without a load



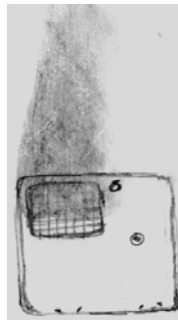
(electrical draw). If you wish to run the "genie" to give it a little exercise, do it with your roof airs running, the fridge on AC, and if you have an electric water heater element, turn it on.

## “Classical Gas”

LPG, propane, “LP”, or what ever you might call it, is the stuff that heats your water and warms you when it gets cold outside. It also lets your refrigerator cool things when there isn't any 110 [volts] around, or those of you that have or have had 3-way fridges, its there when 12 volt DC from batteries just can't cut it anymore. Oh, almost forgot the stove- 3 burners, or 4 burners, or even the little 2-burner range top. I also neglected that most overlooked and seldom used item, the oven, or as many of us call it, the ‘bread box’.

LPG is a colorless, odorless vapor (gas) of a liquid petroleum distillate that remains liquid only when it is kept under pressure. I know what is going through your head now, did I just read ODORLESS? Yep! It doesn't “stink” unless we add a “stinky chemical” just so we can smell it when it is around (the manufacturer does add the stink stuff). Why do we need to smell it anyway? Because its toxic and enough of it will make you dizzy, nauseous, light headed or worse – dead. The pressure thing is what scares some folks, that big heavy metal ovate tank attached to the bottom of your coach (of all places). LPG is a safe material if you follow some simple rules. Rule #1 **IT IS VERY FLAMMABLE!** (No duh!) Rule #2 **IT IS VERY FLAMMABLE!** Rule #3, don't forget rules 1 and 2. The slightest spark WILL ignite it. If you don't believe me, watch as the tiny spark emitted by your water heater's igniter explodes the LPG at the burner (be sure not to watch too closely, or you'll be missing an eyebrow or two).

Now you may better understand why your coach manufacturer put that most annoying gas leak detector inside your coach down near the floor. When it goes off it will literally ‘awake the dead’ and continue making that “Godawful” sound until you figure out a way to disarm or ‘disembowel’ the darn thing. The newer leak detectors have a mute button that will stop the noise when a false alarm sounds, but after a short period of time it will reset itself and sound again if it picks up a vapor that will trip the sensor. Unfortunately, LPG isn't the only thing that sets it off. Lots of other not so dangerous vapors will fire off the alarm, even in very low concentrations. Such



things as: hair spray, spray cologne or perfume, some of the carrier chemicals in many aerosols will also trip the sensor. The most puzzling to me was the one time it kept going off each time we opened the refrigerator for any time more than a nanosecond. The culprit was finally uncovered (pun intended), an

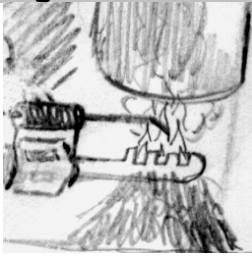
old ONION in the veggie crisper drawer. Because LPG is so clean and quiet at its work, it is often forgotten. Therefore, we often, forget to maintain our LPG appliances. Neglecting them will cause you to cuss and swear at a number of LPG appliances when they don't light, or constantly go out.

### Water heater:

When your propane fired water heater ignites you should be able to examine the flame through a sight ‘glass’ in the access door. The flame should be BLUE with a hint of yellow and it should emit a ‘roaring’ sound as it burns. Don't get too close to the exhaust grid, as the spent gases are very hot. If you notice a black sooty appearance to this exhaust grid, or worse, black soot on the surface of your motorhome, your burner needs adjustment. Generally it is a simple problem, with a simple solution. You need to adjust the air intake collar around the burner to reduce the amount of air entering the burn chamber. Do this in small increments until you achieve the ideal blue flame; emitting the ideal ‘roar’ as described above.

### Refrigerator:

This propane burner seldom complains, but its orifice doesn't like debris. Many small spiders for some strange reason love the ‘stink’ of LPG and will create a home in the gas tube, if given a chance. These are easily removed, but be careful not to insert anything into the very small orifice that the LPG must come out of. Also be careful and gentle when working on or around its copper tubing, remember it is much softer than the steel tools you may be using. Another seldom done cleaning chore will prevent you from having an ice cream mudslide’ in your freezer and some very un-tasty milk in the fridge. The burner for the refrigerator's ammonia heater is rather small and does not function like that of the water heater, no ‘roar’, and no big blue flame. It is more like a miniature range top burner. Since the burning of



LPG yields carbon dioxide and water this burner area tends to build up a little mountain of iron oxide (rust), which falls down the chimney and invariably piles up in or around and under the burner. As the mountain grows, the burner is eventually smothered and the flame will no longer burn, no matter how many times the 12-volt spark plug igniter fires off. Inspection and cleaning of this burner area is easy. Turn off the gas to the appliance. When the area is cool to the touch, swing the inspection door on the front of the burner chamber to the side and do a visual exam, preferably using a flashlight. Well there sits "Mount Rusty" covering the burner, at least you think the burner is still there. "How the heck do I get a brush small enough to fit in there to clean it out?" You don't. "My shop vac is much too big and powerful, it will probably suck up some of the critical parts and wiring." Yep! "So what do I do?" Obtain a plastic straw, one with the flexible part; bend it to reach inside through the little inspection door. Then with your eyes CLOSED blow through the straw. Simple! Check after each blow, and when the mountain is gone you are done.

Your propane tank has a manual fill gauge attached to it, and if you can read it after filling your tank you will see that your tank does not in fact read full. There must be a vapor 'head' from which to draw the gas (LPG) and not the liquid. Your inside monitor panel should read full.

*...Well, that's it for now. Hope to meet some of you out on the road. Dom*

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

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## 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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 Badges \$5.50, hangers \$3, s/h \$1 each

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**What's our DOAI Website address?**
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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 general deadlines for articles are the last week of the calendar quarter. The addresses below are for your newsletter editor:

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

Flexsteel beige leather love seat...52" long...excellent condition...was optional on my 2003 37V...asking \$300...call **Bob Switzer** at 860-480-3632 or write PO Box 1300, Live Oak, FL 32064-1300

2000 Discovery 37V for sale. Numerous upgrades, 10,500 miles, non-smokers, asking \$119,000 which includes a 1997 Saturn SW2 (station wagon) with Sterling Tow package. Call **Jean & Jacques Cohen** at 909-304-7432 or write 30135 Iron Horse Drive, Murrieta, California 92563

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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:**

Some of you may not be aware that **Tom Fields** has suffered a heart attack while in Homestead, Florida. He is currently (Feb 17) in the Homestead hospital waiting to be transferred to Miami Baptist for a heart catheterization. His blood platelets are currently too low for the procedure and it will be necessary to wait until they are high enough for the procedure. Tom's wife **Sandy** indicates he is mentally OK except for boredom of constantly staying on his back. Our prayers and thoughts are with Tom and Sandy.

**Bob Copeland** is recovering from surgery and his wife is undergoing tests. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers **Chris Dinklage** and his family on the passing of his wife **Jimmie**.

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**Editor's Note- thanks very much to all those that provided articles and photos for this issue**

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

Lake Elsinore West Marina and RV Resort was the site of a meeting of our Chapter the first weekend in April. We had a blast and enjoyed the beautiful Southern California weather. Our next outing is tentatively planned for November. Stay



tuned for details. Join us for a blast. Interim officers until the next meeting are:

President-	<b>Don Fuller</b>
Vice President-	<b>Mike Carlson</b>
Treasurer-	<b>Ed Watson</b>
Secretary-	<b>Jackie Ouellette</b>
Rally Master-	<b>Ray Ouellette</b>
Membership-	<b>Jackie Ouellette &amp; Dorothy Smith</b>

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 TEXANS

Our January rally was at Quail Springs in Uvalde, TX and to the surprise of many of us, this park is a "sleeper". In spite of trees with low hanging limbs and a huge bunch of Winter Texans, 17 of our members had a terrific time there. It was cold but the Italian meatball/spaghetti dinner and the chili cook-off warmed everyone up. The Winter Texans moved over to give us room and we enjoyed sharing the facilities with them. Nothing can deter us from having a great time when we get together.

Sixteen of our chapter headed over to Lazydays for the S/E regional rally where we got together with Discovery owners from all over the area plus all the DOAI officers were there. The Louisiana Mudbugs chapter joined our group one evening for a cookout and the next night, we joined them for one.

We are happy to report DOAI vice president & Discovery Texans president, **Tom Fields** is recovering well from the heart attack he sustained after the Lazydays rally when they were returning from the trip they made down to the Keys. He and **Sandy** appreciate all the prayers & concerns as well as offers of help from other Discovery owners.

The next rally for us is at Havens Landing in Montgomery, TX and it will be our 2nd annual "senior olympics". This was such fun last year that the hosts have planned a repeat. Discovery owners are invited to visit us at any of the rallies listed

and, if eligible, consider membership in the Discovery Texan chapter. There are two rules governing membership in the chapter:

1. Be a member of DOAI
2. Have a Texas address. Contact any of the officers listed for information or to make reservations at one of our rallies.

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### Future rallies:

Mar. 20-22 Havens Landing,  
Montgomer, TX

May 15-17 Guadalupe River,  
Kerrville, TX

July 17-19 Palo Duro, Canyon,  
TX

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

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

### FROM THE NORTHWEST ADVENTURERS

#### LET'S GO WESTWARD HO!!!

About two hundred years ago Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived at the confluence of the Yakima, Snake, and Columbia Rivers. In commemoration of this event, the DOAI is having a national rally in the area. Aren't we glad that our "D's" can get us there so comfortably? Lewis

and Clark took months to arrive traveling by walking and canoes and arrived there in 1804.

Field trips will be available via jet boat (60 miles per hour) into the Hanford Reach to display atomic bomb history and wildlife to our members. Also available will be the Sacajewia Park with presentations concerning this early history. Since then a giant wine industry has been created. There are over 60 wineries and many beautiful golf courses.

We will have a welcome wine party, dinners, golf tournament, and tremendous entertainment. There will be numerous vendors and seminars. Friday night we have been privileged to have the Montana Ranchers for our enjoyment. They put on a tremendous program of music and humor.

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES. Yes, we have something special for the ladies. A Red Hat Social. Be sure and bring your red hats and purple shirts. It will be a tremendous afternoon to exchange recipes and visit and get to know one another.

The facilities are at the Benton County Fairgrounds, which we feel are very convenient to the vendors and seminar buildings and comfortable camping on grass with electricity and water.

For Discovery Owners that wish to arrive early or stay longer following the rally, we have made arrangements at a wonderful RV park in the area for those wishing. We feel all should want extra time here, for there is much to see and do in this wonderful northwest region.

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

In March the FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS met at the Miami Everglades KOA for a rally hosted by **Tom and Judy Ebbert**.

Those attending were **Arnold & Gloria Carroll, Sam & Sandy Childs, Tom & Judy Ebbert, Tony & Maureen Muscarella, Gene & Lois**

**Patterson, Henry & Edna Pendergrass, Bill & Marcy Ryan, Ron & Georgia Shane and Ron & Brenda Sliger.**

**Tony & Judy** provided a nice array of munchies for us on Friday evening. Everything was decorated with St. Patrick's Day in mind and we each got a potted shamrock (oxalis) to take home with us. We were on our own for dinner.

Saturday morning we had sticky buns with coffee and orange juice followed by a business meeting. **Sandy, Maureen** and **Georgia** volunteered to judge the decorated coaches for prizes to be awarded at diner. We welcomed new members **Sam & Sandy Childs**, thanked **Tony & Maureen** for the great job they did in raising 50/50 money at the regional rally in February and thanked **Tom & Judy** for hosting such a fun rally.

A great corned beef and cabbage dinner was prepared by **Tom & Judy** with the help of their daughter and son-in-law. They even had shamrock and leprechaun decorated cupcakes for dessert. Everything as so good and we were ready for seconds when the skies opened and we were all scurrying for cover. Needless to say the prizes didn't get rewarded until the next day. Third prize went to the **Carrolls**, second to the **Pattersons** and first prize went to the **Ryans**. As one of the judges, I can attest that it was a hard call.

On Sunday we had more sticky buns, etc. Because of Saturday's dinner being interrupted, we had leftovers on Sunday instead of potluck. Lois and Sandy each brought a salad to round out the meal. Oh, poor pitiful us!!

Submitted by  
**Georgia Shane**, Secretary

### **FROM THE TEXAS DISCO ROAD RUNNERS CHAPTER**

The Road Runners are ready to start the 2003 season, we have a new officer. **Renee Bazar** is now the Vice President, while the balance of our officers remains the same.

Our Rally Masters have come up the following rally schedule for this year. At this writing we are just weeks away from our 1<sup>st</sup> rally of the season.

March 27 – 30 RV Ranch in Burleson, TX  
 June 14 – 18 Palo Duro Canyon PV Park  
 in Canyon, TX  
 August 4 – 7 Schulenburg PV Park in  
 Schulenburg, TX  
 December 8 – 12 Alamo Fiesta RV Park,  
 Boerne/San Antonio, TX

We are also planning to caravan to the National Rally in Richmond, WA. We are talking about leaving the TX area around Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to sight see and meander up the states to arrive for the rally Sept 23 – 26. If you want to join us and have ideas as to what to see and stay, please contact one of the officers.

As always, there are spontaneous get togethers, when a member gets an urge to go somewhere and calls the membership and off we go. This part is one of our goals- to HAVE A GOOD TIME. We

will also continue to keep up our adopted two-mile stretch of highway just outside of Fredericksburg.

#### Contact for Information

#### **Garry & Gayle Shirey**

Phone (915) 388-4746 E-mail:  
[garryts2@moment.net](mailto:garryts2@moment.net)

#### **Charlie & Renee Bazar**

Phone (979) 836-0561 E-mail:  
[cbazar@industryinet.net](mailto:cbazar@industryinet.net)

#### **Don & MaryAnn Crowell**

Phone (254) 584-2400 E-mail:  
[relaxn2@aol.com](mailto:relaxn2@aol.com)

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**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.**

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### **The Rowdy Bunch from California Good Timers at Lake Elsinore**



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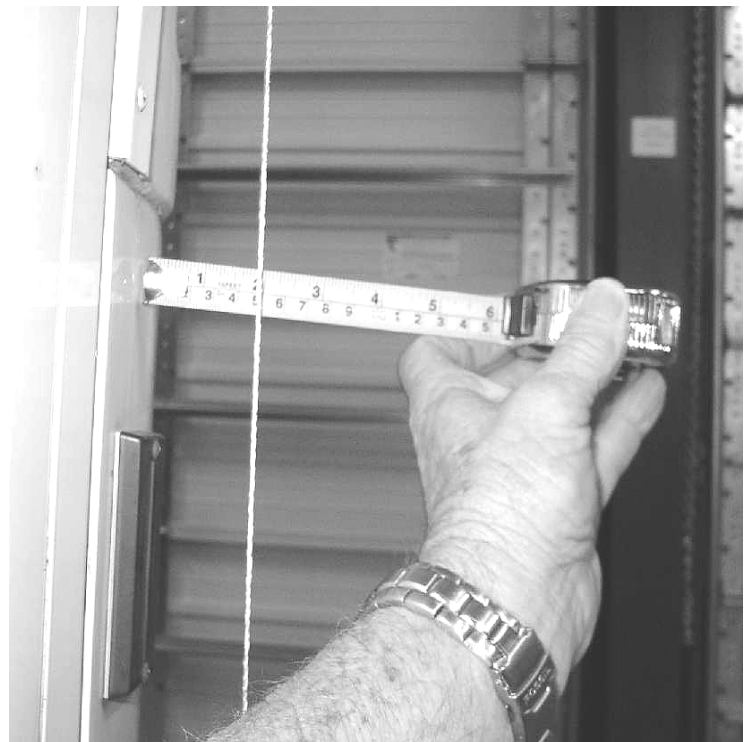
## ATTENTION: OWNERS OF YELLOWING DISCOVERY'S

1. Did you purchase a 2001 or 2002 DISCOVERY because of the beautiful WHITE exterior color scheme?
2. Did your new DISCOVERY fiberglass begin YELLOWING very soon after you made the purchase?
3. Did you know it has been acknowledged that the fiberglass will begin YELLOWING within 2 years of service?
4. Did you know there is an offer on the table to paint the compartment doors a contrasting color for \$3500?
5. Did you know the YELLOW fiberglass has been painted WHITE again on some coaches under warranty?
6. Do you think the YELLOW fiberglass should be restored to its original beauty under warranty?

Please contact our group [YELLOWINGD@aol.com](mailto:YELLOWINGD@aol.com) where you can get all the latest information and together we can make a difference.

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**ANYBODY ELSE GOT THIS PROBLEM? 2 INCHES OUT!! OUCH!!**



IF YOU ALSO HAVE THIS PROBLEM, CONTACT BILL SERVICE AT [bsservice@sport.rr.com](mailto:bsservice@sport.rr.com).



**Let's Go ! Westward Ho!**

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

**Vendors, Entertainment, Seminars**

**Fleetwood Support**

**Four Nights, E/W (Dump Available)**

**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)**

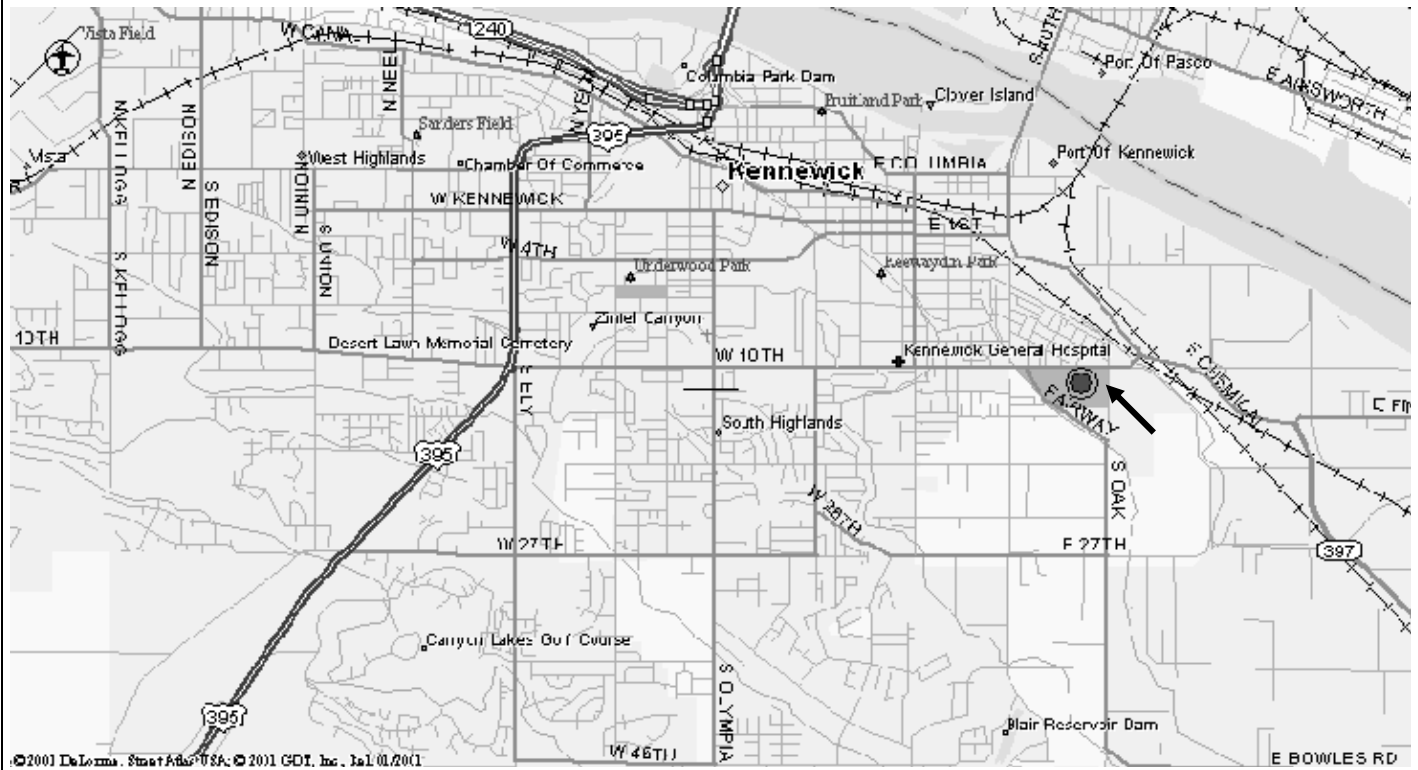
**Ice Cream Social**

**First Timers Seminar**

**4 Large Facilities for Seminars, Meetings, Vendors**

**And if you desire**

**Golf Outing, Jet Air Boat Tours, Wineries**



## 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

The contract for lease of fairgrounds prohibits arrivals before opening day  
September 23rd (except for setup committee members)

It is recommended that those coming early 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.



**2003 NW National Rally Registration**

**Names/Address/Phones 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** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Trailer** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ **Length** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicap** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Need** Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**If Yes, please explain what is specific requirement**

**Willing To be a Volunteer leader?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ volunteers signup at rally \_\_\_\_\_

or call Rally masters- **Arnie Thompson** 1-877-238-7095

**Jerry Woods** 1-888-857-7048

**Interested in playing golf ?** Yes\_ No\_ # **Players**\_\_

**-For planning purposes only. Actual signup at rally**

**RALLY FEE**

**\$130/coach (2) Persons** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Attendee/s-** \_\_\_ x **\$35/person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Setup Personnel ADD \$12/night #** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEE DUE in USD** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note—No early Arrivals Permitted**

**See further info on Page 2**

**Make Check Payable To: DOAI**

**Send Registration and Check To :**

**Jackie Everitt 7591 SUSANS CIR**

**PARK CITY, UT 84098**

**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 Rally Survey

1. How far would you be willing to travel to attend a rally? \_\_\_\_\_ miles
2. How many days should the rally be? 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ or \_\_\_
3. Would you want to return to same facility? \_\_\_ How many years before you would come back to the same facility? \_\_\_ years
4. How much advanced notice would you want for rally dates?
5. Should annual national rally only be in the fall of each year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. How many regional rallies should we hold each year? \_\_\_
7. Where should we hold regional? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where would you want to hold national rally in 2004 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where would you want to hold national rally in 2005 \_\_\_\_\_
10. How important are local area attractions? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11. How important is full hookup? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
12. How important is holding the rally at five star resort 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
13. How important is holding the rally at fair grounds (w/e) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
14. How important is commercial entertainment at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
15. How important are commercial vendors at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
16. How important are factory seminars at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
17. How important is free day at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
18. How important are Discovery owners seminars (pilots/co-pilots) 1234567810
19. How important is breakfast at a rally? 12345678910
20. Are you willing to pay \$5.00 each for a full breakfast? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
21. Would you be willing to have a potluck meal to hold down cost of rally? \_\_\_
22. What price range should we structure our regional rallies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
23. What price range should we structure our national rallies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
24. Give first, second & third choice of area of country for a rally & what season?
25. List the top three items that influence your decisions to attend a rally.

Please take a few moments to fill out this survey, as it will help us better serve you.

Return it to:

Mary Ann Crowell 207 Co. Rd. 3000 Lott, TX 76656.

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

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