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## Happy Fall!

Hope everybody is ready for fun fall travels while the energy of DOAI's 21st National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado is still in your thoughts. It was an amazing event and many thanks go out to Jim and Susan Sullivan, from the Discovery California Chapter, for their hard work and leadership that made this rally such a success. Can't wait to hear all about it in the January 2020 issue of the newsletter.

Speaking of getting active now that the weather is cooling down, keep in mind that it is time, NOW, to register for the 2020 Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) January 27 - departing February 2, 2020. Once again the festivities will be at Lazydays in Seffner, FL and the usual culprits, along with some new faces, will be bringing you a major rally event full of fun and information. Registrations are completed online. See page 3 for the full scoop and get your registration and Lazydays reservations completed today so you can come RVing the Wine "D"ing Road.

Well, two years have passed and once again it is DOAI Board Election season. Beginning at the 20th Anniversary National rally in Goshen, IN last September 2018, and in subsequent newsletters through July 2019, the call went out for volunteers to run for office. The names came in and were vetted to ensure the potential candidates were fully eligible. In this issue, beginning on page 4, our Past President/Nominating, John Baker, introduces us to the candidates for all available offices. Voting this year will be entirely online in the month of December 2019. Please take the time to vote. Even though there may be only one candidate listed, a write in vote is always available. Each candidate must be voted in even if their position is uncontested. This ensures the integrity of the election process and it also shows your support of the volunteers willing to step up and take on the challenge of running this excellent organization.

This issue of the DOAI Express Newsletter is the last one for 2019. Between now and the New Years' 2020 Newsletter, some of us who appear regularly will go, some will move around and some will be right back where we left them (hint: read this issue for more details). Meanwhile, get out there and see the leaves change, visit new places, gather together for rallies and holidays and tell us all about it in the January 2020 issue. Oh, and register for the 2020 SE Regional Rally, Now! January 27th is not far away! ❖

### Quarterly Question Contest

What was Buffalo Bill Cody's middle name? James William Frederick Jefferson Please follow the instructions on page 20. Submit your entry by November 15, 2019, 11:59pm. Congratulations to Stanley and Beccy Talbert for submitting the correct answer to the July contest: In 1843, President John Quincy Adams was the first U.S. president to be photographed. While it was taken after he left office, it is the earliest known photograph of any U.S. President. This is the final episode of the Quarterly Question Contest. The DOAI Board of Directors has decided to end the contest, and we thank all those who have entered over the past four years. We'll announce the winner of this final episode in the January 2020 edition of Discovery Express. *by Nina Soltwedel.* ❖



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Ron Wacker

## President's report

This will be Kristy Green's last newsletter. Kristy has been the editor of wonderful newsletters and on behalf of myself, the Board of Directors and the whole membership we want to thank you for your service. Being editor of our newsletter is no easy task, and Kristy did it very well. I also want to welcome Glenda Angus as our new Discovery Express newsletter editor. Glenda will take over starting January 1, 2020. However, all articles for the January newsletter will be due to Glenda by December 1, 2019. Welcome aboard Glenda and thank you.

Bob Cook has been working with Robert Orr for quite some time transitioning the webmaster tasks over to Robert. Well Bob has decided the transition is complete so Bob is retiring from Webmaster and has turned over full responsibilities to Robert. Bob Cook was our webmaster for 20 years and has worked selflessly for those 20 years and has done a great job for us. Thank you Bob and Robert for your fantastic service.

This will be my last message as president. I want to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors and the membership for all of their support.

Donna and I also want to thank everyone for their support and prayers. Our trip to the Mayo Clinic was challenging but well worth it. Donna is doing better and slowly improving. God bless all and safe travels. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

## Member Care report

DOAI extends its deepest sympathies to the families of those who have gone Home:

\*\*Bill Pardini died June 19. He is survived by his life partner, Meg West.

\*\*Kenneth Donahoo died July 2. He is survived by his wife, Jo Clark Donahoo. They had just completed a 6,300-mile trip in their Discovery, creating many

wonderful memories.

\*\*John McLaughlin died July 30 from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia. John had just been released from his bladder cancer treatment regimen at MD Anderson in Houston and was on his way home to Pennsylvania.

DOAI sends get well wishes and prayers for recovery to these DOAI members:

\*\*Jack Romeyk suffered a broken ankle in June.

\*\*Donna Wacker has been dealing with serious heart issues since last December. She is undergoing treatment and the doctor is confident she will feel much better six months from now.

\*\*Jerry Willis was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and had to sell his Discovery.

\*\*Al Etue will be having prostate surgery on October 14.

\*\*Richard Money had surgery in late August; his recovery did not go as well as hoped. He had a second surgery on Labor Day to solve the problem. Upon his release, he will be transferred to rehabilitation.

Please send me an email ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)) whenever you or a member of your family is ill, is hospitalized, or if a family member has died. ❖

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MaryAnn Crowell

## National Rally Master's report

Well, by the time this issue is out we will have had our 21st National Rally. The “Rocky Mountain High” National Rally will be in the books as one to remember, I’m sure. The Southwest Chapters of Discovery California and the D’Zonas from Arizona, under the leadership of Jim & Susan Sullivan, will have worked their magic for all of those in attendance.

Planning ahead? Mark your calendars for the “RVing the Wine”D”ing Road” rally. Once again, the Mason-Dixon Discoverys are in charge of our Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) at Lazydays in Seffner, FL. Starting January 27th 2020 and departing February 2nd, 2020.

Your next National Rally for 2020 is still in the planning stages, but I know that the Blue Ridge Discoverys are working hard to make this a Wonderful Rally. Reminder: the SE Regional and National Rally registration forms are online. This is my last write up for the Express and I just want to say Thank You to all of you who have helped me so much through all of my years of being on the board in a variety of positions. Thank You So Much! ❖

## 2020 Southeast Region Rally – It's Time to Sign Up Now!

Our 2020 DOAI Southeast Region Rally will again be at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL, **Arrival date on Monday, Jan 27th, 2020. Departure date is Sunday, Feb 2nd.** This major rally is open to all DOAI members. It includes technical and non-technical activities. The technical track is based on the highly regarded Camp Discovery series of seminars. The non-technical track includes general RV lifestyle seminars, crafts and activities.



This six-night rally will have four catered meals plus one pot luck dinner. We will have RV related vendors during Vendor Day, a Golf outing and entertainment. The nearby General RV dealer will host rally attendees for lunch and the opportunity to tour new Discovery motorhomes. They will provide a charter bus for transportation runs between Lazydays and General.

New for this rally: we are using online registration with DOAI, as well as, the ability to pay the DOAI Rally fee portion through PayPal or by check. The DOAI portion is **only \$11 for each person in your coach** plus \$15 for each Camp Discovery notebook ordered. This notebook contains a copy of all presentation material for note taking and reference and is **highly** recommended for first time Camp Discovery attendees or those who have not recently attended.

**Here is the link to the DOAI SE Rally Registration Form - [2020 SE Rally Registration Form](#). Use this to register with DOAI for the Rally. Those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.** Let them know you are attending the Discovery Owners Rally. You will pay Lazydays for camping and the rally meal package cost. Lazydays will collect the fee for your camp site and catered meals. Lazydays costs, including tax, are: Two person coach: \$429.77; One person coach: \$364.67; Guests staying in your coach: \$65.10 per person. There is a maximum of two additional days at the rally rate of \$49.93 per day. They will hold your credit card on file. Their cancellation policy is on the above linked reservation form. We suggest you make the call to Lazydays as soon as possible. Lazydays has set aside sites for the rally until December 31, 2019. If you register after that date, call Lazydays first to see if a site is available.

If you also plan to attend the Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) rally that starts Jan 21st, let Lazydays know. They can register you for that rally and, hopefully, keep you on the same site for both rallies. There is a one-day break between FMA and DOAI rallies. Lazydays will charge you our special daily rally rate for that night's stay.

The FMA rally is more social than technical. One nice benefit of the FMA rally is the on-site REV Rally Support Team. They are able to repair several types of issues. Labor is free and parts are significantly discounted. There is no guarantee the team will be there for 2020 but they have been for many years.

The 2020 DOAI SE Region rally truly has something for everyone. The technical information exchanged is unlike what you can find anywhere. It is a great way for new Discovery owners to quickly gain detailed information regarding key systems and equipment in their coach. The seminars are focused on Discovery coaches with model year specific information.

For those who have been through the technical portion or are not interested in that side of the RV adventure, you will have a great variety of non-technical options daily. We want this to be a fun-filled time for everyone. The rally master, Dick Tracy, and all members of the host chapter, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, are working hard to make this an outstanding experience for you. Take the leap today, click the link above and sign up now to be a part of **RVing the Wine”D”ing Road**. ❖



John Baker

## Past President's report

**E**LECTION TIME. In our home locations, we elect folks to serve in various positions in their communities, cities, counties, states, up to the federal level. At my home, this means some kind of election happens every few months. DOAI elects its officers every two years and that will happen in December 2019 for folks who will serve 2020-2021. Those who have stepped up for this cycle are noted below and we owe our thanks to them.


Each of us also needs to begin thinking about where we can serve in the following biennium. What is missing from this announcement?

There is no paper ballot because the Board of Directors has approved moving into the 21st century by conducting elections electronically. Our esteemed Webmaster will notify you when and how to cast your vote. Voting season will run the month of December 2019. Regular members in good standing as of November 1 will be eligible to vote.

The proposed slate recommends one person for each position. However, there will be an option for you to write in an alternate candidate of your choice. By voting, you are demonstrating support for the volunteers; it is a way of saying, "Thank you for serving". Every action and decision it takes to keep our organization moving and strong is accomplished by volunteers. We have no paid staff, so these folks do it all for us and they deserve our support. Please be sure to cast your vote. ❖



<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
President	Dick Tracy
Exec VP	John Ricciardi
Past President	Ron Wacker
Development	John Baker
Secretary	Cindy Welch
Treasurer	Ricky Keen
Rally Master	Fred Jecks
VPNC	Bruce Plumb
VPNE	Russ Baldwin
VPNW	Glenn Magnuson
VPSC	Harry Bruton
VPSE	Kerry Pinkerton
VPSW	Jim Sullivan

## Election Candidates October 2019



Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
President	Dick Tracy	I have been a DOAI member since 2007. I am a member of the Mason-Dixon Chapter, the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter and the Noreaster Discovery Chapter. I am a past president of the Mason-Dixons. I served as National Treasurer for DOAI for four years from 2014-2017 and was the DOAI Merchandise Director for 6 years. I am a retired Navy Officer, a Captain in the Navy Supply Corps, which is the business and logistical area of the Navy. I served 11 years active duty and 19 years in the Naval Reserve. I am also retired from an electric utility holding company, General Public Utilities, which has since been bought out by First Energy.	

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Election Candidates October 2019, continued

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		<p>At the time of my retirement, in 2000, from GPU I was Audit Manager in the Internal Auditing function for the holding company and its three Electric Utility subsidiaries. I am also retired from the County of Berks in Reading, Pennsylvania where I was the Deputy Controller for Internal Auditing from 2000 to mid 2005. I have a Bachelor's degree in business from the University of Idaho and a Master's Degree in Business from Pepperdine University. My wife Pat and I have driven our 99 36T Discovery in all the lower 48 states, made two trips to Alaska and many of the Canadian provinces. We have attended every National Rally and Southeast Region rally since joining DOAI and strongly encourage rally participation. If elected as President of DOAI, I will serve our membership to guide, develop, support and promote the activities of DOAI. I will work with the other officers and the membership to ensure the continued success and growth of DOAI. I am a strong believer that membership and participation in DOAI Chapters is to be encouraged and will work to promote chapter membership.</p>	
Exec VP	John Ricciardi	<p>I have been a member of DOAI since 2004. Having helped in the development of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter, I have served as the chapter's Vice President and President several times. I have assisted wherever needed when the Mason-Dixon Discoverys have hosted Camp Discovery at the Southeast Region rally. On a national level, I have served as Southeast Region Vice President, and am currently serving as Vice President for Development.</p>	
Past President	Ron Wacker	<p>Ron has lived most of his life in Florida, and began RVing with his family around 1960. In his professional life, he worked for a major computer firm for 22 years as a systems programmer and project manager. He started his own computer consulting company in 1999, and now is (for the most part) retired - albeit he dabbles with some websites and small networks. Ron and his wife Donna were among those who formed the Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter in 2011, where Ron served as president for the first four years. During that same time, he was the key coordinator for three highly successful southeast region rallies at Lazydays in Tampa, FL. Ron is completing his final term as DOAI National President and looks forward to continuing his board participation in the Past President/Nominating role being vacated by John Baker.</p>	



Election Candidates October 2019, continued

Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
Development	John Baker	<p>John is currently serving as Past President for both DOAI and the Discovery Texans chapter. He has faithfully served as a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years. He is a frequent contributor to the DOAI E-group, offering his life experiences from operating his D for 20 years. He recently developed the current slate of officers for your consideration. In his professional life, John retired from SBC, the corporate predecessor of the new AT&amp;T, after managing various accounting and customer billing operations for 35 years. His last position was Associate Director of Finance Operations, where he was responsible for developing and controlling the budgets for SBC’s national payment processing operations. In retirement, he serves several leadership roles in his church and participates in a number of civic endeavors. His newest volunteer function is serving as Vice President of the Municipal Utility District which provides water, sewer and drainage (quite important in flat Southeast Texas) to his community. He says the “water business” is extremely interesting and quite different from the “communication business”. John and Felesa, a retired elementary classroom teacher, have been married 53 years. Their daughter and son-in-law live two doors away and have blessed the Bakers with five wonderful grandchildren.</p>	
Secretary	Cindy Welch	<p>Cindy was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She met Al, her husband of 39 years, at a bus stop in 1979 and took him along to Texas a year later. Cindy had a career in Occupational Health Nursing until retirement in June 2014 from Cytec Industries. There she had world-wide health and wellness responsibilities as Senior Medical Manager of the Engineered Materials Business Unit. In May 2013, they purchased their first and only RV, a ‘08 40-X, joining DOAI almost immediately. Shortly after that, they were pursued by Leroy Churchill to join the Discovery Texans. After enjoying their first DT rally in November 2013, they have participated in nearly all chapter rallies since then. They’ve also attended four national and three SE Region (Camp Discovery) rallies. Cindy was active in the Rockwall TX community serving as President of Soroptimist International and Treasurer of the South-Central Region. She also served on the Boards of several community non-profit organizations. They have been happy full-time RVers since August 2014 and plan to be for many years to come.</p>	

## Election Candidates October 2019, continued

Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
Treasurer	Ricky Keen	<p>Ricky and his wife Debbie are full-timers and have been DOAI members since 2010. They are among the founding members of the Ozarks Discovery Chapter. Ricky is currently serving as chapter treasurer and has chaired the DOAI Audit Committee since 2012. Ricky was a partner in a local CPA firm based out of Little Rock, Arkansas for 33 years before retiring in 2012. He and Debbie have been married for 51 years and have one son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. Ricky has served as his church's treasurer for 35 years and they are still active in their church when not traveling.</p>	
Rally Master	Fred Jecks	<p>Fred's lust for travel began as a child, as he grew up with RVing parents. Fred had already been to almost all of the states before graduating high school and having a career in the Air Force. His life's dream was to be able to quit work fairly early, buy a motorhome, and travel North America. He joined DOAI right after buying a brand-new 2013 Discovery and has been an active member with the Florida Discovery Sunshiners since. He even served as President of the Sunshiners for two years and helped plan two of the Southeastern Region Rallies at Lazy Days, including being the Registrar. He loves the camaraderie and shared knowledge that the club brings to its members.</p>	
VPNC	Bruce Plumb	<p>Bruce grew up in Texas and Kansas. He loves rural America. He found his bride Nancy (better known in these circles as Mrs. Plumb) when he landed in Coldwater, KS in the 8th grade. He earned a degree in engineering and spent most of his career in Salinas, CA working for Dole Food Company as Director of Engineering. During his 25 year career at Dole, he designed vegetable harvesting and processing equipment and vegetable processing plants. He has also owned and operated several small businesses. Bruce and Nancy obtained their first motorcoach in 1988 and their Discovery in 2008. They camped often with their children, and for the past 12 years took their grand kids on "See America Tours" for 2 weeks each summer. Bruce decided to retire in June 2019 but still works a couple of months per year and Nancy and he travel about 5 - 6 months per year. The rest of the year they enjoy living at Ranch Grand Kid, their 5 acres in the Ozarks near Branson, MO. Their first national rally was in Shawnee, OK in 2011. In April 2012, they formed a new DOAI Chapter in Branson, MO; the Ozarks Discovery Chapter, where Bruce has served as president since inception.</p>	

Election Candidates October 2019, continued



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VPNE	Russel "Russ" Baldwin	<p>Russ and his wife of 42 years, Pat, live in Tewksbury, MA. Since retiring in 2012 they have been enjoying family and traveling. They have twin daughters and two grandchildren who they continually spoil. After spending 40 years as a Mechanical Engineer in the military electronics field. Russ ended his professional career as part owner of an engineering firm. Russ is a lifelong camper, a habit his parents began when he was six months old with a tent camping trip. His experiences progressed to tent campers, then trailers and, after he and Pat retired early to enjoy a less hectic life, they purchased a Discovery. After buying their Discovery and visiting the Decatur Factory Service Center and becoming aware of DOAI, they joined DOAI in 2013. Their first rally was in Urbana, VA and after the generous welcome from other members and the wealth of information from the seminars, they were hooked. Over the years they have attended many Southeast and National rallies, now spending 6 – 9 months a year exploring the country. They enjoy traveling the USA and Canada, watching wildlife, and soaking up history while visiting numerous museums, battlefields and the National Parks System.</p>	
VPNW	Glenn Magnuson	<p>My name is Glenn Magnuson. My wife, Terri, and I live an hour north of Seattle, in Marysville, Washington. We have a blended family of five children, all grown, and, presently, four grandchildren. I retired from Boeing Company in March 2017, after a 28-year career in production and quality assurance. I am in the infancy of my 60's. I have done volunteer work for a festival in Seattle, Seafair, for the past 23 years. It consists of unlimited and other classes of hydroplane races, along with a very large air show, including the Blue Angels team. Our responsibility for the past seven years has been to transport the Blue Angels ground crew on our boat, out to a host boat for their show. We bought our 1998 36T three years ago and enjoy it very much. We also spend a lot of time on our 28-foot boat in the San Juan Islands here in Washington, catching Dungeness crab, and sightseeing.</p>	

### DOAI Calendar of Important Dates


DOAI Calendar of Important Dates is available on the DOAI Website. This calendar is fluid with changes and updates made as they occur. If you are interested, this calendar can be found at:  
<https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIImportantDates.pdf>



Election Candidates October 2019, continued

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VPSC	Harry Bruton	<p>My high school sweetheart Judy Jo and I bought our first motor home in 1971 and have owned some type of Class A motor home ever since. We are currently on number eight, the last three being Discoverys. We are active members of Discovery Texans and Judy currently serves as Chapter President. We joined DOAI in 2006 and have attended twelve national rallies and numerous regional rallies. We have changed the engine on a Winnebago from a Dodge 318 to a Dodge 440. We also changed the engine in a Kingshighway from a Dodge to a Turbo charged Isuzu diesel. We do most of our own maintenance in our home shop and refer to the professionals only when absolutely necessary. Thanks belong to our DOAI members who help diagnose problems. Judy and I have spent 45 years as Commercial Roofing Contractors. I served 2 terms as President of Texas Roofing Contractors Association, served on Taft ISD and Hospital District boards, as well as having also served on various advisory committees to the Texas State Legislature. We both have a pilots license and have had four different planes. Judy Jo and I reside in Lubbock, Texas.</p>	
VPSE	Kerry Pinkerton	<p>Kerry Pinkerton and his patient wife Carolyn have been married for 48 years, and they have two sons and three grandchildren. Kerry has a BS and MS from the University of Alabama (but is an Auburn fan). An Army veteran, he worked as a TV reporter and banker before completing his degrees and moving into the computer arena in the mid 70's. As a senior manager with Hewlett-Packard Consulting, Kerry traveled extensively in the US and abroad, leaving Carolyn to do much of the raising of their two sons. He retired from HP in 2001. Kerry and Carolyn built their current home outside of Huntsville, Alabama in 1985, doing 95% of the work themselves. While relatively new to their Discovery motorhome, Kerry has been a life-long 'gear head' and has restored many cars from the ground up. An interest in shaping sheet metal led to a retirement business building metal shaping tools called English Wheels. He also teaches metal shaping and does projects for other companies, including three large-scale architectural projects in Indiana. In addition to the never-ending project of their 2006 Discovery, Kerry is building from scratch an aluminum bodied Art Deco roadster and an art project named Monique. Other than singing in their church choir, Kerry is usually found in his shop, getting his hands dirty building, fixing, or breaking something.</p>	

## Election Candidates October 2019, continued

Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
VPSW	Jim Sullivan	<p>Jim joined DOAI in 2013 after trading in his 2008 Discovery for a new 2013 Discovery. He went to Camp Discovery in 2014, where John Baker encouraged Jim and his wife Susan to start up a new chapter in California. As a result, Jim and Susan are founding members of Discovery California. In January 2015, Jim was appointed President by Mike Scott who was then the DOAI Southwest Regional VP. Jim continues to serve in that role today with Susan as Event Master for Discovery California. In 2017 John Baker, after scraping the bottom of the barrel, strong armed Jim to take over the role of Southwest Region VP. Although Jim and Susan have only been RVing since 2010, they have traveled extensively throughout the US and Canada. Their original 2008 Discovery (which they bought right after Susan retired from teaching) only had 6500 miles on it. When they traded it in 2013, it had close to 75k miles. Their current 2013 Discovery now has 120k miles on the odometer. The Sullivan's travels have been curtailed this year due to hosting the DOAI National Rally in Pueblo. Jim took an early retirement from Hewlett Packard after almost 30 years with the company, and then started a manufacturing consulting company which evolved into part ownership in a third company that refurbished electronic devices for large corporations. Jim has been working at being retired for the last few years.</p>	

## Useful Links

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DOAI Consolidated Rally Schedule: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/rallyschedule.pdf>

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Glenda Angus

## Times of our Lives: Farewell and Welcome

Kristy Green has done a terrific job as our Discovery Express Editor over the past two years. Last January, she advised that her last issue would be the October 2019 or the January 2020 issue. She and husband Dennis were in the process of buying a small farm where they plan to create a retreat center and continue their work in teaching retired DIY newbies renovation techniques via video. Due to their increasing work schedule, they had carefully re-evaluated their RVing lifestyle and made the difficult decision to put their Discovery up for sale. DOAI is grateful to Kristy for her service as Editor, and we wish them both a happy and healthy future. See Kristy's message below.

At the recently-concluded national rally in Pueblo, Colorado, President Ron Wacker appointed Glenda Angus as the incoming editor of Discovery Express. Her first issue as Editor will be the January 2020 edition (watch for her "deadline approaching" email in November.)

We welcome Glenda and introduce her to those of you who have not had an opportunity to meet this delightful woman: Glenda Martin Angus was born at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, of a military family. She attended Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. She is married to Robert J. Angus, Jr. Together they are the parents of two sons, Stanley and Richard, grandparents of seven, and great-grandparents of seven. Glenda retired from the Federal government after 42 years. She served our country as a Congressional and Presidential Correspondent; a Criminal Investigative Support Supervisor; a para-legal; and an information technology specialist. Glenda is a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Tennessee and Indiana first families. She and Bob are members of the Blue Ridge Discoverys and Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapters. They have attended many regional and national rallies. *Submitted by Nina Soltwedel* ❖

## My Aunt Bea the "D" a Two-Fer Farewell



Kristy Green

As you know from other articles in this issue, this is my last newsletter as editor. I started to think about what I was going to say in my farewell message and I realized that this is more than saying goodbye to a position.

I am part of DOAI because of my Aunt Bea. Aunt Bea is the name of our 1998 Discovery. She came about that name because of the large pink and burgundy cabbage rose pattern of her upholstery, not counting the captain's chairs and one of the couches covered in tan leather, everything was busting out roses. I could just picture Bea Taylor's living room from the Andy Griffith show, with the little doilies on the sofa backs and overstuffed chairs.

Aunt Bea was purchased used (she was 8 at the time) and her primary purpose was to be a rolling office for Dennis' part-time CPA tax practice. She was a good choice because of her opposing sofas and sleek, well appointed, cabinetry as well as the roomy dinette, she easily looked like an office with a waiting area. With the computer set up at the dinette and the big printer/scanner on the Corian covered stove top, she really looked official. She served in this capacity for several tax seasons and sometimes did a side stint as a family fun vehicle for long weekends. But the concept did not always work for the business, which was meant to go to the client's homes and be a convenience to them. But on a few occasions the neighborhoods were just too cramped or driveways too steep to make it work and parking lots became a secondary choice. When Dennis moved to a new position, in a new agency, with restrictions on other outside employment, he had to give up his independent CPA practice. From then on Aunt Bea sat on the sidelines, literally, on the RV pad we had created on our property, with full hook-up and nothing to do. Well, she didn't go many places and when she did it was not very far or for very long, but it was fun.

During this spell she did serve for a couple of months as a temporary home for one of my office mates when her apartment building flooded and she had to search for a new home. And again for a coworker when she was moving to another state from DC and needed a place to stay for her last couple of weeks. Bea was always that spare bedroom when the numbers of family members exceeded the capacity of the house.

Aunt Bea was an absolute blessing when our second grandson was born and had to spend 3 weeks in Neonatal ICU at Chapel Hill, NC. The local Ronald McDonald house was chock full so we found a campground, amazingly close to the hospital and open in the winter, where we set Bea up. The parents and both sets of grandparents used her as a home base, taking turns cooking, sleeping, babysitting the toddler, and keeping watch at the hospital over the newborn. In fact she had more support functions than vacations for most of her life from being a support vehicle

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## My Aunt Bea the "D" a Two-Fer Farewell continued

for our bike riding club, to use as a break room for youth attending church rallies and later as a waypoint - our grandsons' school was 35 miles from their home - so to give our daughter more time to do her graduate degree homework, save gas, save time, and save the babies from two 35 mile round trips in car seats, we found a campground near the school and set Aunt Bea in place.

In January of 2017 when I retired from government service a couple of months after Dennis did, Aunt Bea's circumstances experienced a sweeping change. Within 6 weeks we zipped from the East Coast, where she had been all her life, down the road to AZ where we began working with our son on his movie, Killing Margery Keller. Aunt Bea suffered the desert heat (dry heat, blah blah) as we dry camped on location shooting near Arlington, AZ. I doubt if her generator and AC units had ever run that long. And she was not much happy with the sand and the spiny, squatty bushes that crowded the dirt paths, and the mice that infested her every nook and cranny, but she made actors and crew cool and comfy between takes and made it easy to provide meals and beverages, not to mention the plumbing convenience similar to residential styles. As soon as shooting was complete she was shuttled on back to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to provide a shelter for our daughter, myself and our baby granddaughter while our daughter was doing two weeks of teacher observations, and then we set off to Richmond, VA to attend our second son's wedding. Aunt Bea had the summer off until we headed out to attend the 2017 DOAI National Rally in Shawnee, OK. Done there and it was on the way back to AZ for additional movie shoots.

As I said, it is because of Aunt Bea that I am here. I don't remember rightly, if the dealership bought our first membership to DOAI or just gave us the information and we did it ourselves. Through all those years we received the newsletter; this newsletter. We would take time to read it and wish that we could go to the various rallies but we had work, family, or other volunteer commitments that conflicted, so we lived the RV life vicariously through reading your stories. That is, until retirement.

We sold our house in Virginia, it closed late September 2017 and we were off, we were actually a day late to the Cummins Rally in Ohio but the next stop was Shawnee. And we liked it so much that when I heard there was an opening for the newsletter editor, I looked at Dennis and he said, "it's up to you". And so I volunteered.

I have enjoyed this effort and I will miss it. Why leave it? Well for the past two years we have lived in both of our RVs. Aunt Bea may have had the summer of 2017 off, but we didn't, we bought a 37' bunk house travel trailer to take 3 of our grandsons across the Southern US and up the West Coast, after which we have lived full time between Aunt Bea in Arizona and Light (as our travel trailer is known) in North Carolina. But when we were back in Arizona we spent so much time at our son's house we didn't take Bea anywhere. Since storage costs were cheaper in NC we decided to take her back there. We knew Aunt Bea had a few problems so we had a bunch of her innards fixed in Phoenix and then on the drive back she had another problem so we had a bunch more of her innards fixed in Little Rock, AR. Once back to NC she went into storage until we took her to the 2018 DOAI National Homecoming Rally in Goshen and the Cummins Rally in OH (missing out on Hurricane Florence which totaled our car parked in NC.). After that she wound up back in storage.

In addition Dennis and I came to agree that we wanted a settled living situation. Something we talked about all our lives was to have a farm. And we found it, 18+ beautiful acres in Tennessee, with a wonderful 6 bedroom house, barn and one full RV hook-up! We are planning to grow it into a small group retreat center and raise miniature horses while we continue to work on DIY properties for our Retired to Renew (r2r) video project. A project at the top of our list is to widen the driveway to get our Light up the hill to the hook up.

We have been strongly admonished by mechanics and technicians for not driving Aunt Bea enough, "diesel engines are made to be driven" and hers is just now getting broken in they say. In light of that, Aunt Bea made what might be her last journey with us to Houston, TX. She is at PPL on consignment, pending sale at this writing, we hope she has found a family that will really, fully enjoy her. She will be missed.

So until Aunt Bea is sold, we are still DOAI members and proud of it. This is such a wonderful community and I am glad to have helped continue the newsletter heritage. I think when we started with DOAI we were with the Mason-Dixon chapter. Since we knew for over a year that we would be relocating to Tennessee, we renewed with the Blue Ridge Discoverys. I have had the pleasure to receive the BRD Newsletter for the past year now and it is great! Why do I mention this? Well the lady responsible for it is none other than Glenda Angus. Glenda will be taking over from me as the DOAI Express Newsletter Editor beginning with the January 2020 issue. Welcome Glenda and thank you for stepping forward, your talent will be greatly appreciated. ❖



Elaine Holley

## Membership Coordinator's report

Please *“Welcome”* our new and reinstated members listed here. Please make them feel at home in DOAI, encourage them to get involved, and introduce them to our many chapters. It is still the best place to meet and make new friends. We continue to ask members to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, after three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership. *Congratulations* and a free year's membership goes out this quarter to: **Robert & Glenda Angus** and **Rick & Diana Blaher**. ❖

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Lonnie/Laura Anderson, Stone Mountain GA	Joseph/Cindy Hunt, Orlando FL	John/Kathy Pomroy, Altadena CA
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## Editor's Note by Kristy Green - Thank You

I am pleased to welcome the new DOAI Express Newsletter Editor, Glenda Angus. She will be taking over for the January 2020 issue. Please assist her to make this newsletter reflect what you want to see and know. This newsletter is all about you, your chapters, your regions and your activities. If you have photographs of your latest rallies and chapter activities, please submit them to your chapter president or secretary for possible inclusion with their quarterly report in the newsletter. Also, if you have done something special featuring your D that you would like to share, please send in your article and pictures. Pictures should be high resolution, preferably jpeg, color and able to fit in an e-mail. Please identify people individually if the group is of 16 or fewer people. The next newsletter deadline for submissions is December 1, 2019. Questions or submissions can be sent to the editor at: [doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com).



Bob Cook

## Website Committee report

It is time for a change and a change that I am very excited about. And you should be too. And that big change is...Robert Orr is officially taking over as DOAI Webmaster! Robert will not only serve everyone well with keeping the website going - he is also working on a major improvement to the design and usability of the website. I cannot overstate how much work this requires, but this really demonstrates his deep commitment to serving you. Robert will be attending the DOAI National Rally in Pueblo. If you are there, please make it a point to meet him and thank him for his service.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve DOAI for the last 20 years. It has allowed me to make many friendships that may not have otherwise happened. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to publicly thank Al de Haas for major assistance in the past on many technical issues including transitioning the website hosting. And, also to Toni Calzone for filling in when I was not available.

I will still be here, but only as an assistant to Robert. Hope to see everyone down the road! Thanks for the last 20 years and all your support! ❖



Robert Orr

## Robert Orr bio

I was born in Alaska to New Zealand parents. I was raised in Washington State and grew up running around the Cascade Mountains and high plains of Eastern Washington. I grew up around fast cars and horses, but it was the mechanical intrigue of cars that held my attention longer than livestock did. My father was a race car driver from my earliest memories, racing road course tracks from Oregon to British Columbia.

My one and only career working for Yamaha Motor Corporation started when I was 25 when they moved me to Milwaukee Wisconsin for 4 years. As my career progressed, I was relocated to North Georgia where I currently reside. My primary roles at work have revolved around technical service of our various product lines, but primarily our WaveRunner and Jet Powered Boats.

Computers and technology have always been a hobby of mine. I vowed early on that my children would never learn or know more than me regarding technology and computers, and so far, I have been able to keep that promise to myself.

I am the very proud father of 2 lovely young ladies. They have been two very sturdy pillars in my life, especially throughout my recent divorce with their mother.

I currently live with my girls, my best friend Nikki and our numerous animals. We travel in our D as much as possible, but we are definitely looking forward to the retirement years when we can really get out and travel. There is a lot of lake time with the family, which has provided a lifetime of wonderful memories for me already. ❖



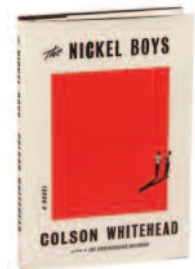
Jeanne Stewart

## Book Club report

As this is being written, I'm at the National Rally in Pueblo Colorado. It has been a really wonderful time and the Book Club was well attended by a great group of ladies. More on that in the January 2020 issue. Ideas and suggestions were put forth in the meeting and we chose the book *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehouse to be discussed at the Book Club meeting at the 2020 SE Region Rally in Seffner, FL. If you didn't make it to the National Rally, we missed you, but now you have your assignment for

January. Pick up or download a copy of *The Nickel Boys* and get a head start.

And remember to Register for the SE Region Rally, Camp Discovery, now. ❖



## Remember To Register For The SE Regional Rally!

Here is the link to the DOAI SE Rally Registration Form - [2020 SE Rally Registration Form](#)  
Register today! Use this to register with DOAI for the Rally. **Also, don't forget that those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.**



## Region and Chapter reports



President  
Jim Pinkerton

### Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

Not much to report as far as club activities for the group since June. Some of us summered at our home bases, while others meandered around the country taking short trips and spending time with family and friends. Kathy and I traveled West with three other Blue Ridge coaches. We stopped in East St. Louis, IL; Kansas City, MO; Sioux Falls, SD; and then across SD with stops in the bad lands and Mt. Rushmore. Along the way we picked up a couple of other Blue Ridge coaches and we all headed to Colorado Springs, where we staged with other Blue Ridge coaches and rolled into Pueblo together. Some of our club members attended the FMCA rally in Minot, SD. Our Blue Ridge fall rally will be in East St. Louis, IL Oct 2 through Oct 6 departing on the 7th. A handful of us will caravan from Pueblo to East St. Louis with stops in Wakeeney and Topeka KS.

All who wish to join us are welcome.

Because of some health issues a few of our club members who regularly attend the national and club rallies will not join us in Pueblo. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Richard Money, Frank Cason, Bill Humphries, Laura Johnson, Anne Spearman, Tim Ridgley and Greg Yapple.

The 2020 National rally committee continues to work with The Ridge RV Resort, local entertainers and food vendors. Our rally master will give an update at Pueblo. See you all in Pueblo. ❖



Blue Ridge Discovery Spring Rally  
Sevierville, TN



Lunch at Brown and Loe in Kansas City,  
KS. Left to Right: Julia/Gerald Scriven -  
Kerry/Carolyn Pinkerton - Kathy/Jim  
Pinkerton - Tony/Tom Abel



Visiting the Truman Home In  
Independence Missouri  
Left to Right: Gerald/Julia  
Scriven - Jim and Kathy Pinkerton -  
Tom/Toni Abel



Tom and Katy Lydec visit  
the home of Popeye while  
visiting Chester III



Visiting Sioux Falls SD  
Left to Right:  
Jim/Kathy Pinkerton - Tom/Toni Abel -  
Keith/Donna Honnold -  
Carolyn/Kerry Pinkerton

## It's Almost Time To Vote!

Remember - casting of ballots is all online now. The DOAI Webmaster, Robert Orr, will send out an email notification explaining when and how you can vote. The voting period will be scheduled for the month of December 2019. Only members in good standing as of November 1, 2019 are eligible to vote, so make sure your membership is up to date.





## Region and chapter reports, continued



Southwest Region VP  
Jim Sullivan

### Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

Well, this report is going to be a little dull as Disco Cali has had no rallies, so that means we have no photos of Paul Stein looking dejected by not winning his pot of gold playing Left, Right, Center (LRC) nor do we have any stories about Frank Petronzio getting a blowout driving down a windy, two lane mountain road, in the dark of night in eastern Oregon. Things have been boring for the club in the summer. Normally, we have very little going on as most California RV parks, where it is cool, are full of people escaping from the heat.

Susan and I have been super busy wrapping up the planning for the DOAI National Rally in Pueblo. By the time you read this, the rally is over and hopefully we will never be asked to do it again. We have been fortunate in that we have been mentored along by a few friends who have shared their experiences, notably Bill and Linda Johnson, who on paper are responsible for registration and parking, but they have helped to keep us focused and they have offered us a great deal of sage advice. We have had a great deal of support from so many, like Frank & Fonda Petronzio, Kerry Pinkerton, Nina & Bob Soltwedel, Judy Jo Bruton and her Discovery Texans, Paul & Sheryl Stein, MaryAnn Crowell, and many, many more. Thank you VERY much!

After returning from the wilds of distant Colorado, we will be heading to Vegas, Baby. Frank and Fonda Petronzio will be hosting a rally in Las Vegas, November 7 - 11. Some planned events for this rally are putting and corn hole tournaments, touring the Shelby American Factory Tour & Museum, and our annual membership meeting. Passing through? Join us at the beautiful Oasis RV Resort for only \$52 per night. What a deal! Contact Fonda Petronzio at 909-773-8840 or email [fondapet@aol.com](mailto:fondapet@aol.com).

Discovery California has adopted a fund raiser that benefits the Ronald McDonald House. We do that by collecting the tabs off aluminum cans (could be soda, beer or even the bubbly water kind). We collect the tabs and we turn them over to one of our members, Paul Stein, who collects them for the Elks. The Elks have a deal with Alcoa that basically gives Ronald McDonald House a dollar for every tab. For example, Alcoa sent to Ronald McDonald House \$88.7 million dollars in 2017. Our club was singled out in a thank you letter for our involvement to this noble cause. We have one member whose son-in-law collects tabs at the officers' club at the Pensacola NAS. My son collects tabs at his fire station in Portland, Oregon. I have a friend who sends me a bag every other month or so from Tampa. If you would like to contribute, please send your tabs our way for this great cause. Contact Paul Stein at [paulhstein@aol.com](mailto:paulhstein@aol.com) for more information.

Just before the last edition of the DOAI Express was published, we had the unfortunate news that one of our members passed away, Bill Pardini. As I stated last month, Bill will be missed by all of us. A number of us journeyed to Fresno for his service. Discovery California made a donation in his honor to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. ❖



Chapter prez  
Judy Jo Bruton

### Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans do not schedule rallies in the summer as it is just too hot. We do, however, find many interesting places to travel in this great country.

The Discovery Texans members traveled in different directions with destinations in: Virginia, Colorado, Texas Hill Country, Maine, Washington State, Oregon, the Dakotas and Germany.

We were very fortunate to see our club grow this summer and look forward to welcoming our new members; Russell and Lana Nelius, Tony and Debbie Vallorani and Ray Cox, at our next rally in Gladewater, Texas. We welcome you.

We have one rally left this year which will be November 6 – 9 at the Antique Capital RV Resort in Gladewater, Texas. We love guests and welcome you to our fun group. We have wonderful food, a great movie night, bingo and games during the day. If you find you are able to attend please fill out a guest registration and mail to our treasurer, Linda Griffith.

If you find Gladewater isn't a possibility, join us in 2020 for one of our rallies:

January 8 – 11 Longhorn RV Resort, Niederwald, Texas

March 25 – 28 Coffee Creek RV Park, Santos, Texas

Apr 29 – May 2 The Vineyards at Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Texas

Safe travels to all. *Submitted by Susan Smith.* ❖

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Marshall Goodwin

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

We have made it through the sultry Dog Days of summer and are now in the middle of hurricane season in that part of the US where hurricanes are a threat. Dorian's impact in the Bahamas provided a much too deadly example of the devastating impact of a powerful hurricane. We were in south Alabama when Dorian brushed the east coast so we saw less bad weather related to the storm than if we had been home in Virginia.

Now the calendar is moving into some of the best time of the year for camping. I enjoy a fall evening when the temperature invites the warmth of a campfire but you don't have to worry about freezing water lines.

Many of our chapter members gathered for a rally that fell over Halloween last year. So it is again this year. We have 15 coaches registered for our Fall Rally that starts October 30, at Americamps RV Resort in Ashland, VA, just north of Richmond. All the sites set aside for us by the campground are taken but it is still worthwhile for anyone who desires to attend, to call the campground to see if a site is available.

We have a full schedule that includes golf, shopping, seminars, touring new Discoverys, dinner outings, and time to finalize details in preparation for our chapter to host the 2020 SE Region Rally.

It takes much advanced planning to have a successful rally. It also takes the effort of chapter members to host the rally. Perhaps you have never attended a SE Region rally. Well, this could be the year to change that. We need your help. See Dick Tracy's article in this edition of the Express, click on the link to the DOAI rally registration form, submit the form, then call Lazydays Tampa to register with the campground.

This will be my 17th consecutive SE Rally. It will also be the 11th consecutive Camp Discovery. Lets all gather in Florida for a winter party. With a rally theme of RVing the Wine"D"ing Road, you should expect a fun and informative time. Take care. ❖



Chapter prez  
John Hooper

### Midwest Discoverers chapter

If you were not one of the attendees during the Spring Rally at Port Clinton, Ohio, you missed a great Rally!!! Val and Les Whipple out did themselves in planning and executing a wonderful time for all.

If you want to get a feel for the fun the Midwest Discoverers Chapter had during this Rally, go to Port Clinton and check out activities like: Kelleys Island: Glacial Grooves, Restaurants, golf cart rentals, winery, Put-In-Bay, Perry's Victory and Peace Memorial, Aquatic Visitor's Center, Doller Estate, South Bass Island Lighthouse, Red Tour Train, Heineman Winery and butterfly house to name a few. Port Clinton Aviation Museum was particular fun for me because the B-25, that was restored there, came in for a landing and we got to see it taxi in and be placed in the hanger.

My military service was during the Vietnam era, but as an Air Force veteran, I have always admired the WWII air-planes and crews.

Future Rallies have been posted on the DOAI website. Again, a log on ID and password is not required. Go to the DOAI website, click Chapters, select Midwest Discoverers, then Rallies and you can see the location of Rallies through 2021.

By the time you read this, the Fall Rally in Indianapolis will be completed. Gordon and Andie Newlin served as the Hosts for the Rally in Indianapolis. The itinerary, when you see it, you will agree that all those that attended had a super treat.

I pray joy, peace and safe travels to all DOAI members. ❖



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

### Noreaster Discoverys chapter

Nothing new to report on Noreasters, we are currently attending our Fall Chapter Rally in Mystic, CT. Good weather and attendees having a wonderful time and taking lots of pictures. Saw the Mayflower II in the Harbor at Mystic today, she has been refurbished and will be setting sail in May of 2020 to Boston - very exciting. Hoping to see many of our Discovery friends in Pueblo - safe travels to all. ❖



## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Bruce Plumb

### Ozarks Discovery chapter

There may be just enough time to sign up. Act now! The OZARKS DISCOVERY CHAPTER will soon be having our 2019 FALL RALLY, October 10 – 13, 2019 at the Mountain View RV Park, Mountain View, AR. This will be our 4th trip to Mountain View, AR. It has become one of our favorite destinations for a Chapter Rally. The area is best known as the "Folk Music Capital of the World".

What we enjoy the most about Mountain View are the local artists who gather for an informal "jam session" and end up entertaining us tourists! This is free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chair and move around to see many different impromptu groups! The area is also known for outdoor recreation opportunities, including Blanchard Springs Caverns, trout fishing on the White River and the Ozark National Forest.

The Ozarks Chapter WELCOMES all DOAI members to our rallies. Other than RV parking at around \$25 per day, the only other cost for this rally is a \$5 per head food charge. If you can make it, email Bruce Plumb at [bruce@ranchgrandkid.com](mailto:bruce@ranchgrandkid.com).

The Ozarks Discovery Chapter is going strong 7 years after organizing. It was conceived by Bruce Plumb at the 2011 Shawnee Rally and organized in May 2012. We have grown from our initial 7 coach families to the current 27 and still have 4 of the original Charter Members! We continue to have at least 2 rallies per year. In addition, many attend Camp Discovery and the National Rally. We are an easy going group with very few "rules". We just enjoy each other's company (and food) and the camaraderie enjoyed in the common ownership of a Discovery motor coach. We welcome everyone. We "target" DOAI members who live in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. However, we welcome EVERYONE, with about half of our members from other states. ❖

## Remember To Register For The SE Regional Rally!

Here is the link to the DOAI SE Rally Registration Form - [2020 SE Rally Registration Form](#)  
Register today! Use this to register with DOAI for the Rally. **Also, don't forget that those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.**



## DOAI – More Than “Just” A Newsletter

Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) and you'll be taken to the DOAI website. There you will find links to:

- Consolidated Rally Schedule
- Helpful Contacts for Discovery Owners
- DOAI Name Badge and Decal ordering information
- Classified sale ads for Discoverys and Discovery-related items
- Hints and Tips
- Forum (eGroup) and Bulletin Board
- How to join Discovery Friends

- DOAI Membership Sponsors
- DOAI Information/Invitation for Non-Members
- Application for DOAI Membership
- National Rally information and registration form
- Regional Rally information and registration form
- Chapters and Chapter Rally Schedule
- Past issues of this newsletter
- and so much more...

## Future National Rally Regions



- 2020 Southeast Region
- 2021 Northwest Region
- 2022 North Central Region
- 2023 Northeast Region
- 2024 Southwest Region
- 2025 South Central Region



## Quarterly Question Contest Rules

Each issue of Discovery Express will feature a question on the front page, and the answer will appear somewhere within. Find the answer and submit the response. A drawing from all correct responses will be made, and the winner will receive a year's free membership in DOAI.

### Contest Details

1. The quarterly question will appear on the front page of Discovery Express. The answer to each quarter's question will be a word or a year. It will not be highlighted in any way except that, if the answer is a proper noun, it will be capitalized. It will be contained somewhere within the newsletter.
2. Entries are to be emailed to Nina Soltwedel ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)) and must contain:
  - a. The member's name and contact information
  - b. The page number where the answer is found
  - c. The complete sentence in which the answer is contained
3. All DOAI members are eligible to participate. A member is a coach, thus one entry per coach per quarter. A member is limited to one win each calendar year.
5. The contest will open the first day of the month of that issue and close the fifteenth day of the succeeding month of that quarter. Entries may not be submitted until the first day of a quarter (January, April, July, October), and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter (February, May, August, November). Responses received before the opening date will be disqualified.
6. The receipt of an entry will be acknowledged via email. One winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries.
7. The succeeding issue will name the previous quarter's winner and announce the new question.
8. The DOAI Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time. If you have any questions about the contest, please contact Nina ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)). ❖



**This will be the last Quarterly Question Contest so be sure to participate. Winners will be notified in the January 2020 issue of the newsletter. Thanks to all who participated over the years!**

## Summary Of Links

### Summary of Links found in this issue of Discovery Express:

Rally links:

SE Region Rally Registration Forms:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTlzA1WRaGr4W-Booyud4lpw4RAh2WRm\\_LPxHIWU38K48Nxg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTlzA1WRaGr4W-Booyud4lpw4RAh2WRm_LPxHIWU38K48Nxg/viewform)

<https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm> for links to all rally registration forms.

For Discovery Texans Chapter Members rally form: (<http://www.discoveryowners.com/dtexrally.htm>).

For Non-Discovery Texans Chapter Members i.e.: Guests registering for a Discovery Texans rally event: (<http://discoveryowners.com/DTEXGUEST.pdf>)

Interested in attending Ozarks 2019 Fall Rally, Oct 10 through 13, 2019:

Contact immediately: [bruce@ranchgrandkid.com](mailto:bruce@ranchgrandkid.com)