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*Public calamity
is a mighty leveller.*
– Edmund Burke, 1775

*What lies before us,
or behind us,
are tiny matters compared
to what lies within us.*
– Ralph Waldo Emerson



**NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEMBERS
TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR ORGANIZATION!**

Included inside (page 13) is the ballot for electing DOAI leadership for 2006 and 2007. Also included are photos and brief biographical résumés of each candidate (page 10).

The nominating committee has supplied information about the candidates, and the board of directors has created a method by which your vote will be secret, *known only to you*. Please follow the instructions carefully so that YOUR vote will be counted ... **and please vote!**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2005.**

DOAI RESPONDS TO HURRICANE KATRINA

In response to the hurricane which assailed the Gulf Coast of the USA recently, the board of directors of DOAI has voted to donate \$1 for every member, or a total of \$1,326.00, to be divided equally between The Salvation Army and American Red Cross. Both of these great organizations are working 24 hours a day to make this tragedy less painful.

Additionally, the Discovery Pioneers chapter has donated \$100 to American Red Cross. The Pioneers encourage other DOAI chapters to make similar donations to the helping charity of their choice.



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Members are encouraged to send in articles, tips, and even questions and/or comments.

Material for the newsletter may be sent via e-mail or U.S. Post Office. Photos are welcome, and if sent via e-mail should be in either .jpg or .bmp format. Photos sent by regular mail will be scanned and returned unharmed to contributors. **All submissions will be acknowledged.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Phil Yovino



Another quarter has come and gone and a lot has happened. At present, we're all concerned about our friends and all the folks in those states involved with the monster

storm, Katrina. But help is there and much more to come. There is no doubt that it will take a long time for New Orleans to bounce back, but it will with the help from our great country, America.

The York rally was a complete success.

The work Dorie and John Baker did to develop it from the beginning was outstanding, and it showed from day one to the closing hours. The members of the Nor'easters, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, and Midwest Discoverers and so many more D owners stepped up and

did a super job, and a thanks to all of you. If you didn't make it, you missed a wonderful time full of good food, live entertainment, great seminars, games, and Fleetwood service, not to mention the friendship ... it was great.

The last newsletter included three DOAI brochures with applications for you to present to Discovery owners who are not DOAI members. This is an incentive

for you to earn a free year of membership in DOAI! Just sign your name to each one, and when these new members send the forms and checks to our membership director, she will give you credit. **Get three new members and you've earned a free year's membership!** All our chapters will have a supply on hand for the members. Don't forget to let me know of the Fleetwood Discovery dealers who are willing to place our brochures in their sales areas. In your travels and your region, make an effort to talk to these dealers when you have service or are looking at a new Discovery. We need your help in getting the news out about DOAI. We have a great tool in the DOAI brochures, and all it takes is to

hand it to a Discovery owner and let them read it.

Our vice president of development, Don Fuller, reported to me on the progress of the advisory council (as you know, we now have a direct connection with Fleetwood service). This means that if you are encountering repeated repair problems and have exhausted all means to have it resolved, then it's time to notify the vice president of your region. He will take all your information and contact Don, who will inform Fleetwood. Don is pleased with the response that Fleetwood service has made; all known owner problems have been resolved in a timely manner, and our owners are pleased with the way it was handled.

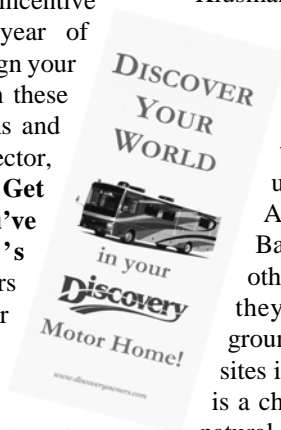
The board has acted on a motion to purchase a Canada national flag so that we can show respect for our Canadian members. The motion passed and we're making plans to purchase a flag. My apologies to our friends to the north for taking so long.

A member mentioned to me some time ago about forming a committee to study and report back to the board on rallies with suggestions on changes. This will be helpful for future rallies, as all of us who have acted as rally master know ... good ideas and suggestions are always welcome, especially for those chapters that are hosting.

Just a few weeks ago, Barbara Klusman, president of the Arizona Discovery Owners chapter, called me to say she was concerned about hosting the 2007 national rally. Her questions were, "Who will help? Will we have to pay the up-front expenses and others?" After answering her questions, Barbara felt confident her chapter and others will be able to put it on. In fact, they have already done some groundwork and are looking at some sites in the area. Hosting a national rally is a challenge along with some fear ... a natural feeling when you're asked to entertain some 300 to 400 people for four or five days. But, somehow, it all comes about and the party goes on and everyone is happy ... happy to have seen their friends and shared their thoughts since they last had a chance to visit. *Continued...*



Phil introducing the board of directors
Photo courtesy of Rex Lavoie



NATIONAL RALLY MASTER'S REPORT

by Pete Pizzano

What a wonderful life! What a wonderful country! Yes, our way of life in our motor coaches is the envy of many. Often when people hear of our lifestyle and how we travel the highways and byways of our country, they say, "I'm going to do that when I retire," or, "I wish I could do that."



In youth, did anyone think he or she would be an avid motor coach enthusiast? I certainly didn't. Thanks to the many club rallies and chapter campouts strategically scheduled throughout the country, I got to visit and camp in 49 states and most of Canada.

The well-run 2003 national rally in Washington state brought me to the northwest. I enjoyed driving along the California, Oregon, and Washington coastlines on my way to the rally. Former region vice president Arnie Thompson and his chapter members did an excellent job planning, executing tasks, and welcoming attendees.

The following year the national rally brought me to the north central part of the country, to Sedalia, Missouri, the home state of Harry Truman. Efficiently managed, the arriving coaches were ushered to sites in this spacious, excellent facility, the Missouri State Fairgrounds. I saw the Ozarks! Not as grand as the Rockies, but the scenery was beautiful. Branson, one of the entertainment capitals of the world, was a short distance away. The rally committee scheduled time for

seminars, leisure time, socializing, and for sightseeing. It was a pleasure to say "thank you" for their efforts in making another DOAI rally a success.

Most recently, our August 2005 rally in York, Pennsylvania, was an excellent example of what members can do to put on a national rally. Members had an opportunity to visit the northeast and see the culture and history of the region. Short distances from York were many battlefields of the Civil War, notably Gettysburg. The efforts of two years of conscientious planning for the five day-four nights *Dutch Treat Rally* brought in many compliments.

Three successive years our DOAI national rallies have been scheduled to attract members from the west, central, and eastern sections of the United States. For three successive years we have exceeded the projected ten percent membership attendance.

The 2006 national rally will be in San Antonio, Texas, the South Central Region. The Texas rally committee extends an invitation to experience their culture, foods, and history. A short distance from the rally site is the Alamo. The hosting chapter's goal is to exceed the ten percent members norm for rally attendance, a goal which, I'm sure, will be reached. They promise good food, entertainment, lots to do, and an opportunity to experience Texas.

To the volunteers whose names are rarely published, a big "thank you." Many members who volunteer to coordinate and assist in national rallies do it for the first time. It requires time and commitment. Ultimately, it is fun and rewarding when all tasks come together, resulting in a successful rally. It is YOU who make the DOAI rallies and campouts a success. ❖

TREASURER'S REPORT by Mac McIlvaine

The balance sheet below indicates that your club continues to enjoy a strong fiscal condition. The single liability account represents funds set aside to support future rallies; the inventory account represents the DOAI wearing apparel available at national and regional rallies.



I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your treasurer for the past four years. See you down the road!

2005 Assets and Liabilities
as of September 4, 2005

Bank Accounts:

First State Bank, Livingston, Texas	\$22,152
Money Market, First State Bank	31,581
Total Bank Accounts	\$53,733

Asset Accounts:

Inventory (DOAI shirts, etc.)	\$ 4,951
Membership Directory Revolving Fund	550
MotoSat DataStorm System	4,995
York Rally Advance	2,312
Zoll Defibrillator	1,895
Total Asset Accounts	\$14,703

Liability Account:

DOAI Rally Account	\$(17,271)
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Overall Total **\$51,165**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

Garry Shirey, vice president of the South Central Region, is at this moment putting together all the committees necessary to entertain our DOAI in 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. He has at his disposal two other chapters ... the Louisiana Mudbugs and the Discovery Texans ... along with his chapter, the Texas Disco Road Runners. Each year we learn more about putting on rallies and what we feel members want, so a lot of planning goes into making it happen. But it all comes back to you, the member, who steps up and asks, "What can I do?" when, at the end of the rally, many thanks and hugs are exchanged.



We have a great club with great people who are willing to make many sacrifices to make members happy. I'm happy to be a part of it, and I thank you for being a part of it, too. ❖



Our excellent prez...



Coffee...we need coffee!

Photos courtesy of Rex Lavoie



2006 NATIONAL RALLY UPDATE

The dates for the 2006 national rally in San Antonio, Texas, have been **changed** to October 2-7.

This change was made due to a conflict in rally dates with the Fleetwood travel club, and Fleetwood's desire to provide technical support to both rallies.

Fleetwood will provide factory service for our DOAI rally October 3, 4 and 5, before proceeding on to Montgomery, Texas, for the Fleetwood travel club rally.

Our 2006 rally will be the tenth anniversary of the Discovery motor home, giving us another reason to celebrate in San Antonio! ❖

A TRIBUTE TO LOIS PATTERSON

by Pete Pizzano

It was six years ago that I first met Lois Patterson. We were in Richmond, Indiana in September 1999 ... a small group of DOAI members formulating ideas, working on the bylaws, and putting together managerial concepts. Our goal was to make DOAI the best. We needed conscientious candidates to take office and guide the club through its growing up.

Yolanda DeSantis was elected our second president (Jim Devine was our first elected president and served during the first months of the organization), and Lois Patterson was elected executive vice president. The club elected two women with excellent administrative backgrounds. Yolanda became ill in 2000 and regretfully resigned in early 2001.



Lois Patterson

Lois apprehensively accepted the presidency. Under her administration there was growth in membership and three chapter formations. Her patience and wisdom guided DOAI during those early years, setting a foundation for others to follow. One outstanding quality is Lois' ability to listen. Diverse ideas were heard, acted upon, and promptly resolved.

After completing her term, Lois was always willing to serve in some capacity; selling DOAI clothing, giving advice, working the registration desk, and making items for the welcome bags, to name a few.

Lois has traveled the road we all must eventually travel. She has had to resign herself to a new lifestyle; Lois and her husband, Gene, have had to sell their Discovery, a very difficult decision to make. They have moved to Lady Lake, Florida, where they will remain active and playing golf, since they bought a home near the second hole of a lovely golf course.

The Florida Discovery Rolling Gators voted to name the Grandfather Mountain campout, held August 19-26, 2005, the "Patterson Campout" in their honor.

Lois and Gene, from all your friends in DOAI, we wish you love, luck, good health, and happiness. ❖

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" FROM YORK

At the national rally in York, Pennsylvania, the non-profit organization to which the proceeds from the quilt raffle and the 50/50 game were given was ACCESS-York, Inc., a shelter "dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence." The executive director, Twilah Shipley, was in attendance at the closing banquet when she received a check from DOAI and an envelope of cash, along with an assortment of new animal pillows to be given to children at the shelter as comfort and companions. The following letter was received:

"On behalf of all of us at ACCESS-York, Inc., and most importantly, on behalf of all those whose lives have been touched by your kindness, thank you so much for your gift of \$1,276.00 (\$1,062 check and \$214 cash).

"Your generosity not only furthers our ability to continue our work and mission to eliminate domestic violence, but also sends a strong message to survivors of such violence, assuring them that there are others who truly care about them and their children.

"Thank you for joining us in our vision of one day achieving peace in each of our homes, within our communities, and throughout our world, a vision which will be

realized only through the strength of friendships and partnerships such as yours. Together, we can and do make a very positive difference in the lives of so many!

"With warm regards, Twilah Shipley"

Linda Wise of Richmond, Kentucky won the quilt created by Nina Soltwedel. Dick Holmes was the enthusiastic seller of tickets for that raffle, and deserves thanks for raising \$520. Thanks to Nina for putting the quilt together, which included fabrics from the 2004 national rally in Sedalia. G.A. Schaefer once again proved his mettle by hawking the tickets for the 50/50 game, and the half of the proceeds that went to ACCESS-York totaled \$470. Echo Richardson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri walked away with the other half. Two very happy women were at that closing banquet ... well, three, counting Twilah! ❖



Linda and Nina
and the quilt
Photo by Rex Lavoie

SCHEDULE OF RALLIES**OCTOBER 2005 –**

- 1-5 Nor'easters, Ives Run Recreation Area, northern PA
- 5-10 Midwest Discoverers, 1,000 Island Campground, Clayton, NY
- 14-16 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Country Way RV Park, Luray, VA

NOVEMBER 2005 –

- 3-6 Dixie Travelers, Hollywood Casino Resort RV Park, Robinsonville, MS
- 4-6 Texas Disco Road Runners, Canton Trade Days, Staway RV Park, Murchison, TX
- 10-13 Arizona Discovery Owners, Tucson, AZ
- 10-13 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Riverside RV Resort, Port Charlotte, FL
- 11-13 Louisiana Mudbugs, North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA
- 17-19 Discovery Texans, I-35 RV Park, Elm Mott, TX
- T/B/A Mid-South Roadrunners, New Orleans, LA

DECEMBER 2005 –

- 1-4 Texas Disco Road Runners, Galveston, TX
- 30-Jan 2 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Christmas RV Park, Christmas, FL

JANUARY 2006 –

- 19-21 Discovery Texans, Red Oak Ranch, Hempstead, TX
- 20-22 Northwest Adventurers, Blythe, CA, fairgrounds
- 23-27 Northwest Adventurers, Quartzsite, AZ
- 26-31 **Southeast Region Rally, Tri-Chapter Friendship Festival, Lazydays Rally Park, Seffner, FL**

MARCH 2006 –

- 16-18 Discovery Texans, Tres Rios RV Park, Glen Rose, TX

- 17-19 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, KARS Park, Merritt Island, FL

MAY 2006 –

- 1-8 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Jolly Roger RV Park, Grassy Key, FL
- 5-8 Discovery Pioneers, Santa Fe, NM
- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Shallow Creek RV Park, Gladewater, TX

JUNE 2006 –

- 5-9 Midwest Discoverers, Scenic Hills RV Park, Berlin, OH
- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Mesa Verde National Park, CO

JULY 2006 –

- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Colorado Springs, CO

SEPTEMBER 2006 –

- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Antonito, CO
- 12-18 Midwest Discoverers, northern Michigan (Mackinaw and Sault Ste. Marie)
- 21-23 Discovery Texans, Wilderness Lakes RV Park, Mathis, TX

OCTOBER 2006 –

- 2-7 **National Rally, Discover the Alamo, Blazing Star RV Resort, San Antonio, TX**

NOVEMBER 2006 –

- 16-18 Discovery Texans, Skyline Ranch, Bandera, TX

2007

- T/B/A **National Rally, Southwest Region**

JUNE 2007

- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Black Hills, SD

2008 National Rally, Southeast Region**2009 National Rally, Northwest Region**

Please send your rally schedule to the editor for inclusion in the next issue (**deadline December 20**). Thanks! ❖



Please continue to let the editor know of those DOAI members who need our thoughts and prayers. This time we ask you to remember . . .

. . . all our Gulf Coast members and friends. Good news: Jim and Dorothy Devine, Jimmy and Yvonne Necaie, and Joe and Edith Lefebvre reported in ... all are OK even though their homes and outbuildings incurred some damage.

. . . Don and Wanda Puryear, upon the death of their son.

. . . Elsie Tennant, upon the death of her husband, Eugene.

. . . Dorothy Devine, whose battle with a fungal infection continues ... but she is improving!

. . . Ray Beinlich, Ed Bertsch, Ken Wilkins, Alan Jones, and Betty Boggs, that their health conditions improve. ❖

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A TEASER FOR THE TRI-CHAPTER FRIENDSHIP RALLY

by Pete Pizzano

One rainy day, while I sat in a Fleetwood service center waiting for repairs to my Discovery to be completed, I overheard a conversation that went like this:

Two gentlemen, wearing name tags, walked into the waiting room and sat opposite me and began complaining. I was reading some correspondence from our president, Phil, and I looked up and read the name tags of the two gentlemen: Ed B. Holiday, Tennessee, and Peter S. Glenn, West Virginia.

Mr. Holiday was saying, "Pete, he mocked me. I don't care what you say, he mocked me. No one has the right to mock a customer."

Mr. Glenn calmed Mr. Holiday down. For a few minutes there was silence interrupted by idle talk. Their conversation did not interest me until I heard the words, "my Discovery." I reread the same line of Phil's correspondence. My attention was drawn to their conversation.

Mr. Holiday asked Mr. Glenn, "Are you going to the January rally at Lazydays?"

I reread the same line again, and remained the silent third party in this conversation.

"I don't think so," said Mr. Glenn, "not with the price of diesel." He further said, "I always drive according to the manual to conserve fuel. The price of fuel really concerns me. I check my tire pressure, plan my route, drive at 62 miles per hour, and keep my engine tuned."

"What do you mean, you don't think so?, responded Mr. Holiday. "Why did you buy that beautiful Discovery? That's a lot of money you have setting idle at your farm. Have you read the latest Discovery Express? Didn't you read what that guy, whatshisname, wrote about the rally? Site and registration fee \$210...this is only \$42 a day for a six-day vacation."

"No," said Mr. Glenn.

It was nice to sit back and listen to what Mr. Holiday had to say. He did a great job in an effort to persuade the hesitant Mr. Glenn to travel to Lazydays Rally Park for the January 26-31, 2006 Tri-Chapter Friendship Rally.

Mr. Holiday then said, "I can't remember the wagon master's name. It's a common name like Don, Jim, or Mac, something like that. That guy always has excellent entertainment; he has Larry Doerr and Freightliner technicians to do minor service work on our Freightliner chassis. This service is certainly worth the price of traveling to the rally. You know, I got a class reunion notice yesterday. The reunion committee charges \$55 per person for one dinner; the hotel room is \$90 per night. For two nights this figures out to be \$180, plus \$110 for the two dinners, for a total of \$290. That does not include breakfast, lunch, and tip. That's a lot of money, much more than the \$210 for six days/five nights, all meals, entertainment, service on your Discovery, daily newspaper delivered to your site, and a BBQ picnic. Now, isn't that a deal?"

I looked at Mr. Glenn's face. He was seriously thinking. Then, in a loud voice that startled me, he said, "Gee, a deal I can't pass up. I will go to that Tri-Chapter Friendship Rally. Don't they give away door prizes and gifts?"

"Of course," said Mr. Holiday.

At this untimely moment, my name was called over the loudspeaker. I exited the waiting room, wondering if Mr. Holiday explained that Cracker Barrel restaurant and Camping World are on the premises, along with hundreds of motor coaches to visit. I hoped that Mr. Holiday remembered to tell Mr. Glenn about the many attractions nearby ... strawberry festival, Disney World, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Sea World, Water Country, and even a casino. I further hoped he reminded him about the many amenities at Rally Park ... the heated swimming pool, the hot tub, the top-notch camp sites, wi-fi, tennis courts, and clean restrooms. I cannot recall: did Mr. Holiday tell Mr. Glenn about the 4 p.m. welcome party and the Sunday continental breakfast?

After paying my bill, I walked to my Discovery. I spied a short, well-fed hawk majestically standing on a wood pile, searching the fields of corn for his flighty mate. I wonder if it was my approach, or the paging of Mr. Smith that frightened the hawk into flight. I'll never know.

I got into my Discovery, started it up and drove out of the Fleetwood service center. It ran as smoothly as the day we bought it. I thought to myself, "Thank you, Freightliner, for building a solid chassis, and Fleetwood, for constructing my Discovery, my home on wheels."

I could not expect Mr. Holiday to talk about the activities that are planned for the rally. The schedule of activities is not complete. There will be vendors, seminars, a Red Hat Society tea, bingo, and a flea market where all the cooks, bakers, candlestick makers, and crafts people can display and sell their wares.

Epilog

In this short story I have alluded to many members of DOAI. Can you find them? Three Tri-Chapter assistant wagon masters' names, along with some club officers, region vice presidents, past wagon masters, and members are embedded in this article. Alice and I had fun writing this fictitious story. We hope you will enjoy the name search. Come to the Tri-Chapter Friendship Festival rally and find out whose names are hidden in this story. It may be you! Write the names down, put your name on it, and hand it in at the registration desk.

I extend a special "thank you" to the Rally Park personnel who annually have helped make our rallies such a success: Kathy and Kim, the women at the registration desk, the maintenance men and recreation hall staff.

I thank Fleetwood representative Jayne Fairley, whose continued support, sponsorship, and encouraging advice have been a major factor in our Lazydays rallies. ❖



WHY BELONG TO DOAI? I like it that we all have the same coach, so we're not distracted by other coach brands' information. We can concentrate on Discoverys. — Mac McIlvaine

CHAPTER NEWS

Discovery Pioneers *by Joyce Wiechman*

We gathered at Elk Meadow RV Resort in Estes Park, CO, Labor Day weekend where our hosts, Bob and Sandy Greenwell, made arrangements for a fun time. At our chapter meeting on Saturday, our chapter rally master, Neil Elkins, announced the schedule for 2006 rallies, including May in Santa Fe, June at Mesa Verde National Park, July in Colorado Springs, and September in Antonito, Colorado. We even have a rally planned for June 2007 – in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to chapter members with some health problems: Jim and Dorothy Devine, Bob and Annie Hixson, Ivan and Sheila Backes, and Dean and Nancy Miller. Hope you guys get back to RVing soon.

Jerry and I extend an invitation to chapter members who find themselves in Arizona this winter to gather with us for a mini-rally, probably in January. Have a great fall! ❖



Joyce
Wiechman,
President

Northwest Adventurers *by Ken Swain*

Our chapter held a rally in Idaho, June 22-25. We had a small turnout but a great time. The rally was originally scheduled to be in McCall, but by the consensus of all who attended, it was moved to Weiser. We hope that we can get a better turnout for our next rally. We would like to plan one somewhere in the Idaho/ Montana/Utah area for October if there is any interest. The next one we have scheduled will be a two-part rally; part one in Blythe, California, January 20-22, and the second at Quartzsite, January 23-27. Members can choose to attend both or one. Both will be dry camping. Guests are always welcome. We have a great time every year, and our attendance has been picking up. I believe we had eight coaches last year, and would like to see at least a dozen this year. ❖



Ken Swain,
President

Nor'easters *by Dorie Baker*

We thank everyone who helped with the York rally. It was fun and you all helped make it that way.

Our chapter will have a rally at Ives Run Recreation Area in northern Pennsylvania October 1-5. For information call John or Dorie Baker. ❖



Bob Giordano,
President

Dixie Travelers *by Howard Taylor*

Six of our members were in attendance at the York rally. The grounds on which we met were great; the facilities were comfortable, and the weather was fine. All of us enjoyed the many seminars. We learned a lot about the new Discoverys. Fleetwood is to be commended for the fine team who worked to service our motor homes.

We enjoyed a hot dog dinner sponsored by Fleetwood, an ice cream social and two more dinners. Our ladies enjoyed wearing their red hats and purple clothes to another Red Hat



Howard Taylor,
President

Society tea. Our entertainment included the White Rose Dancers, who invited us to join in the polka dancing. Alice and Ken Stanley, and Jean and Manuel Salter got to ride in the White Rose Derby. Will 'till you see those pictures. Our photographer made great photos of each couple and snapshots of all activities. If you didn't see yourself in a picture, you were not there.

Our chapter met Thursday afternoon to discuss several issues. One important one was the plan to make centerpieces for the tables for the January rally at Lazydays. President Phil brought us up to date on the national membership and cost of dues.

We are scheduled to meet November 3-6 for a rally at Hollywood Casino Resort RV Park in Robinsonville, Mississippi. Each member is to make their own reservations. Notify Danny McCarley of your plans to attend. We hope to see all members there. ❖

Mason-Dixon Discoverys *by Dick Smith*

Our chapter members had a wonderful time at the York rally. This was the first time our chapter had been called upon to help, and boy! did we make ourselves known and heard and seen! I am very proud of the way our members stepped up and did whatever they were asked to do. This is the real spirit of volunteerism and it is what keeps DOAI going and so successful.

Marshall Mauck did an outstanding job handling the parking and getting everybody's electrical problems solved. Marshall Godwin handled the seminar coordination without a hitch. Barb McCormack and her helpers did an outstanding job on the ice cream social. Alan Ritchie was super in putting the golf outing together. Tony Bohn arranged and led the Harley-Davidson tours. Ray and Lila Nuzzolo were a great help to Dorie before the rally, and all week in getting prizes donated. Sue and I, with the able assistance of Toni Calzone, Heidi Bohn, Ron and Alice Kiebler, John and Jean Zidek, and Tony and Paula Faverio, served the continental breakfasts every morning. Paula, along with Alice Ritchie, Becky Godwin, Barb, Jean, and others (and I know I have missed some) did a great job on the DOAI apparel sales. John Baker, Alan Headly, and others picked up our garbage each morning. And of course, Dorie Baker as rally master (with the assistance of her husband, John) did an unbelievably great job in putting this rally on. All of the above-named people are members of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys and it is they, and many more people like them, that make our DOAI the great group it is. You will see that many of them have been nominated for national office. I ask you to consider them when you select officers to lead our association for the next two years.

Our next big rally will be the regional rally at Lazydays next January. We accept members from all states. Our primary area is North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. If you want to join us, we certainly won't hold it against you if you don't live in one of those states. I don't have the final tally yet, but I think we picked up five new couples at the rally. ❖

More chapter news on next page...



Dick Smith,
President

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Heartland Discoverys *by Dick Snyder*

This year has been busy for the Heartland Discoverys. The chapter has met four times so far with two planned rallies.

At the Ludington, Michigan rally in June I have to remember the battle of the awnings and the wind. Everyone came to Ludington and put out their



Elfers Marzahl, President



Good food at Ceraland rally

awnings, expecting a nice warm time in Michigan. The wind decided differently. I know we left ours out thinking it would end. Finally we put it in and for two days the wind blowing, along with the sand, made it rather

undesirable. So with the battle of the awning and the wind, we have to say the wind won.

But then the rains came and the wind stopped, the sun came out, and we spent our days sightseeing. We went to Amber Elk Ranch, with elk of all sizes and lots of antlers ... what a wonderful place to visit. Our nights were spent eating and sitting around Glenn Camp's fire with a sing-along with Dick and Sylvia Holmes. These are the great times we never forget.

The lighthouse gifts that Marg and George Brewster made were cherished by everyone. The drive down to see the Badger Ferry arrive with Ralph and Ruthele Bailey and their coach was something to behold.

We enjoyed reading the local paper and seeing Mary Sue Schaefer's picture in it several times. Who can ever forget the



Attendees at the Ludington rally

House of Flavors ice cream store with Mister Pig. The brunch at the Ramada was delicious and very filling. The two optional days at the Country Farm and the Scottsville Clown Band was worth the extra stay.

All things considered, we had a very good time in Ludington rally, and thank you, Debbie and John, for all your time spent on this wonderful event.

Our next outing was a pre-rally at Ceraland Park in Columbus, Indiana, prior to going to the York rally. For three days some of our time was spent at the campsite around the fire. Our first evening was spent eating lots of finger food and we had a weenie roast, prepared by Bobby and Wanda and Dick and Brenda.

Thursday morning was spent on a tour of the Cummins Walesburo Midrange plant, and in the afternoon we took the Columbus Architectural Tour. Thursday night was again spent around the fire with s'mores and pies fixed on the fire

Friday morning, we woke up to a gourmet breakfast prepared by Charley and Echo. The afternoon was spent driving to Nashville, Indiana for shopping and sightseeing. Friday after dinner at the Nashville House we all went to the Little Nashville Opry. On Saturday, it was time to say goodbye until we would all meet at the DOAI rally in York.

York was another classic rally ... flawless! Thanks to everyone who made it so terrific. ❖

YORK MEMORIES



Which way?



Signing up for tech support



Need clothes? We got clothes!



Umm, donuts!



The food was terrific!



It's a dog-meet-dog world



Gentlemen, start your horses!

All photos courtesy of Rex Lavoie

NOMINEES FOR 2006-2007 NATIONAL DOAI BOARD

The nominations have been made, and now it's up to you, the members of DOAI, to choose the individuals who will lead our organization for the next two years. The nominees have provided brief résumés, and they are presented here, with photos of each nominee, to help you make a decision on your selections. After reading through these résumés, and giving it careful thought, please cast your ballot, found on page 13 (and please follow those instructions carefully).

PRESIDENT

Phil Yovino

Phil is currently serving as national DOAI president (2004-2005). Prior to serving as president, Phil served DOAI as South Central Region vice president (2002-2003), and his first national position was national rally master (2000-2001).

Phil was born in New York, and served in the U.S. Navy (1952-1956), receiving an honorable discharge. Upon leaving the military, Phil and Dorothy moved to Houston, Texas, where he had his own truck repair business. In 1969 he joined Bland Cadillac in Houston. He worked in all phases of retail auto sales, and retired from Bland in 1988 with the title general sales manager. Since 1989, Phil has had his own business as a general contractor.

Phil bought his first RV (a Pace Arrow) in 1994, and served as rally master for the DeMontrond RV Club for four years. He purchased his first Discovery in 1998 and joined DOAI (member #217).

Phil and Dorothy have two children and four grandchildren, and recently moved to LaPorte, Texas, where Phil is renovating an old house.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Fields

Tom currently serves as national DOAI executive vice president (2004-2005), having joined DOAI in January 2000. Tom has been president of the Discovery Texans chapter since January 2002, and has worked for two national rallies and one regional rally as vendor chairman. He will perform the same duties for the 2006 national rally in San Antonio, Texas.

Tom retired from the U. S. Air Force in May 1980 after serving our



country for 27 years. His various assignments included command and instructor pilot; and engineer and program manager for weapon systems research, development, test, and system acquisition programs. Tom holds a bachelors degree in aeronautical engineering and a masters degree in aerospace engineering/air weapons specialty. His engineering and technical consultant services cover 20 years as a systems engineer and program manager for consulting staffs of 20-40 engineering, technical, and administrative personnel.

Tom and Sandy live in New Braunfels, Texas, and have been Class A RVers since 1978. They purchased their first Discovery in 1999 and joined DOAI at a regional rally in California. Since then, they have attended every national rally, and the Southeast Region rally in Florida four times.

Marshall Mauck

Marshall currently serves as acting president of Mid-South Roadrunners chapter, and joined DOAI in 1999. He has been an active participant in DOAI's eGroup.



Marshall was born and raised in Virginia, and is retired from the Arlington County Fire Department in Arlington, Virginia. As a fireman, he put out fires, supervised men, worked in the training bureau teaching electrical problems related to the fire service, and served for a short time in the fire marshal's office.

At the same time, Marshall worked part time for an electrical contractor, until setting up his own business, getting his masters license, and then the Virginia State Class A license. At one time he had eight men working and six trucks on the road. After his fire department retirement, he continued with the electrical business until the age of 65. His electrical background and expertise has enabled him to solve many electrical problems with the Discovery.

VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Marshall Godwin

Marshall is a founding member and current vice president of the Mason-Dixon chapter, and served as a seminar coordinator for the 2005 national rally. He has volunteered to serve as the registrar for the 2006 Southeast Region rally at Lazydays.

Marshall was born in Mobile, Alabama, and he and his wife, Becky, reside in Colonial Beach, Virginia.

Marshall joined the U. S. Navy right out of high school. After serving in a technical field for 13 years, he was accepted for a Naval officer program; he received a degree in business management and was commissioned as an ensign. After serving 15 additional years, Marshall retired as a lieutenant commander in 1993.

Marshall then co-founded an information technology company that grew to over 500 employees. He served in the positions of vice president, president, chief operating officer, and chairman of the board. He retired from business in May 2005.



SECRETARY

Becky Godwin

Becky was born in Mobile, Alabama. She and her husband currently reside in Colonial Beach, Virginia.



Becky is secretary of Mason-Dixon chapter and was responsible for filing chapter organization documents, creating a member roster, maintaining chapter minutes, preparing articles for this newsletter, and helping with rally activities. Becky also served as volunteer coordinator for the 2005 national rally in York.

Becky's work experience includes a number of sales and service positions. She has worked in the marketing depart-

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ment of a Florida newspaper, sold business insurance, and worked in resort property sales for 15 years. She also served her congregation as secretary.

TREASURER
Louise Mauck

Louise was born in Alexandria, Virginia. Upon graduation from high school, she went to work for the Air Force in the accounting and finance office. She also worked for the Commonwealth Hospital in the accounts payable department, paying all bills and invoices, making daily deposits, and balancing the checkbook each month.



When her husband began his own business, Louise did all the office work including typing invoices, doing the payroll, handling accounts receivable, bank deposits, balancing the general ledger, and all the other attendant duties.

In the mid-1980s, Louise went to work for a small printing company in Fairfax, Virginia, as supervisor of the accounts payable department. Within two years the company expanded into Maryland, North Carolina, Richmond, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Louise was responsible for a large amount of cash, bank deposits, and training new employees. She retired in 1997.

NATIONAL RALLY MASTER
Jay Keneson

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Jay retired from the Army Nurse Corps after 36 years' service in the U. S. Air Force and U. S. Army. Jay is a registered nurse with degrees in nursing and business administration.



Jay and his wife, Lorrie, own a 2002 Discovery and are members of the Texas Disco Road Runners. He has served two years as the chapter rally master, and planned, organized and directed the "great" 2005 rolling rally to west Texas and the Big Bend.

Jay also assisted with organizing the 2004 South Central Region rally at Havens Landing, and is an active chapter member. He and Lorrie have attended all planned rallies, endeavoring to insure a good time for all.

Lorrie is also a retired Army nurse after 30 years' active service. The two Kenesons enjoy their RV travels and plan to almost full time within the next year. Jay says, "If I am elected, I will personally visit proposed sites for national rallies to assess and insure the greatest acceptability of facilities and potential for an interesting and fun-filled event."

NORTH CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Dick Snyder

Dick and his wife, Brenda, live in Seymour, Indiana. He is a retired lineman with 30 years' service with Cinergy PSI, and has been actively involved in real estate since retiring.



The Snyders have a 1998 Discovery and have been DOAI members since April 1999. They are also members of three DOAI chapters. Dick was elected this region's vice president for 2004-2005, and worked to form the Heartland Discoverys chapter. That chapter was chartered in May, 2004, and boasts 33 couples as members.

Dick's goal in the next two years is to improve communications within DOAI between the board and general membership. Dick says, "I believe we could have another chapter in the North Central region, and will help to make this happen. I will be available to help all DOAI members in expressing any problems they have with their Discoverys."

Dick and Brenda, who is a retired nurse, have two children and three grandchildren.

NORTHEAST REGION VICE PRESIDENT

John Zidek

John was born and raised in San



Antonio, Texas. He joined the U. S. Navy in 1959 and spent 20 years in military service. During his Navy career, he served on four guided missile destroyers and traveled around the world. He also attended numerous technical training courses and served as a technical instructor at the Mare Island Naval Missile school in California. He was assigned as a maintenance representative in Charleston, South Carolina, and completed his 20 years there before transferring to the fleet reserve in 1979.

At that time John joined RCA at Cherry Hill, New Jersey. RCA was purchased by General Electric and subsequently sold to Martin Marietta, which later merged with Lockheed. During that period of time, John advanced within the organization to ultimately manage several different training programs, including the Aegis Combat System installed in CG and DDG naval ships with members based at four facilities in New Jersey and Virginia. His final assignment was managing the Air Force Satellite Control Network training in California and Colorado until October 2002.

John attended the Citadel, the College of Charleston, and Rutgers University. Married to Jean for over 30 years, the couple has four children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

NORTHWEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT
Bob Soltwedel

A native of Richland Center, Wisconsin, Bob has lived in Boulder, Colorado for 31 years. He is a retired electrical engineer, and served in the U. S. Navy (1955-1959), receiving an honorable discharge.



Before moving to Colorado, Bob worked at the University of Chicago, and designed packaging for the Venus Pioneer Probe, which was a joint National Science Foundation project with Ball Aerospace.

Since mid-2001, Bob has doing volunteer maintenance/groundskeeping work for his church on a weekly basis.

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He and his wife, Nina, have two children and one grandchild.

Having bought their first Discovery in 1998, the couple joined DOAI in early 1999. As an active DOAI member, Bob has enjoyed being helped by and helping other Discovery owners, through chapter membership (Discovery Pioneers), attendance at national and regional rallies, and via one-on-one troubleshooting sessions.

Bob has been treasurer of Discovery Pioneers since 2003. He assisted Ed Kennedy in procuring vendors for the 2001 national rally in Pueblo, Colorado. In 2003 he worked with Carl Ropp to provide parking at the national rally in Pasco, Washington. At the 2004 national rally in Sedalia, Missouri, Bob assisted his wife, Nina, who was the registrar. He continues to enthusiastically support her in her duties as editor the DOAI newsletter and the chapter newsletter.

Bob and Nina have been unofficial ambassadors for DOAI as they travel around the country. When they find a Discovery in a campground, Bob will ask the owners if they are members of DOAI. If the answer is no, Bob gives them a copy of the newsletter and a "soft sell" sales pitch. Bob says, "I believe strongly in the positive influence our organization has upon the RVing public, and will do whatever I am able to further the aims and mission of DOAI."

Jerry Woods

No biographical résumé submitted. Jerry has been region vice president for two years.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Garry Shirey

Born in Houston, Texas, Garry says, "That means I'm 14K Texan. I love my state, as well as my country. I'm 66 years young with a *sometimes* good back."



Garry completed some college before joining the U. S. Navy. While in the employ of Uncle Sam, Garry saw the Far East. He has always enjoyed

working with his hands and helping people. He was a machinist/mechanic by trade and worked for Terry Steam Turbine as a field service engineer for over 12 years. He covered most of the southwest and worked in Mexico, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Garry also was the shop foreman when he wasn't on the road working.

Garry served three years on the Community Center board of directors in Kingsland, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Gayle.

Garry and Gayle founded the Texas Disco Road Runners in November 2000, and he is still the chapter president. His hobbies are hunting and traveling. Garry says, "I'd like for people to be honest in all they do. I believe in God and Jesus Christ as my **only** savior. I'm not a fanatic about my religious beliefs, but do believe in right and wrong."

SOUTHEAST REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Pete Pizzano

Pete has a bachelors degree from Boston College and a masters degree in education from Bridgewater State College. He also received certificates and diplomas from six other colleges. Pete served as an officer during World War II and the Cold War.

After helping with the foundation of the DOAI with the original board, Pete has served as national rally master, as well as region rally master for many large DOAI rallies. He served two years as vice president of the former Eastern Region, then two years as vice president of the Southeast Region, and 2004-2005 as national rally master. He has worked diligently to strengthen DOAI's alliance with Fleetwood and Freightliner.

Pete and his wife, Alice, have been married 50 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Pete says, "My philosophy is the DOAI is a member club. The more members we involve in club activities, the more we strengthen the club. Diverse ideas promote a harmonious atmosphere."

Dick Smith

Dick Smith lives in Joppa, Maryland. He and his wife, Sue, have been members of

DOAI since November 1999 when they purchased their Discovery motor home. They are on the road about seven to eight months of the year. Their winter home base is Lee County, Florida.

Dick and Sue formed the Mason-Dixon Discoverys in June 2004 and he is president of the chapter.

Dick and Sue have been married for 50 years.

Dick says, "I have no particular qualifications for this or any other office in DOAI, *except* my love and respect for DOAI and my love and respect for every member in it, *and* my passion to see that DOAI remains for Discoverys. I have made many great friends in DOAI, and as they trade for other coaches, I wish them every happiness in the world. But let's keep this **Discovery Owners Association, Inc.**"



SOUTHWEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Gerald Embry

Gerald was born and raised in Mississippi, and attended a business college in Memphis, Tennessee. He worked for General Electric in that area, transferring to the Los Angeles area in 1969, where he stayed until his retirement in 1990. While at GE, Gerald spent about 25 years in management. He also served six years in the U. S. Army during the same period.

Gerald and his wife, Julia, became active in RV clubs in 1992. Gerald served as wagon master, then vice president, and finally president of the Victor Valley Rolling Wheels RV club. He also was president of the Discovery Club of California during 2001-2002. In the summer of 2004, Gerald was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Ray Lemmons.

Gerald says, "I look forward to serving the next two-year term, and am planning to re-establish the California Goodtimers and to organize new chapters." ❖



BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2005 ELECTIONS

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BALLOT

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Jay Keneson _____

REGION VICE PRESIDENTS

All members vote for every region vice president

North Central Region

Dick Snyder _____

Northeast Region

John Zidek _____

Northwest Region

Bob Soltwedel **Jerry Woods** _____

South Central Region

Garry Shirey _____

Southeast Region

Pete Pizzano **Dick Smith** _____

Southwest Region

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DISCOVERY MODIFICATIONS, CHAPTER 5

Many DOAI members have made modifications to their rigs, some very extensive and other less arduous to attain. When Neil and Marlene Elkins bought their 2005 Discovery, one of the first things they did was to take out the four upholstered dining chairs, replacing them with two wooden chairs with padded seats. Their next step was to have a computer desk unit custom built; it fits under the dining window, and has a removable table (see photo 1).



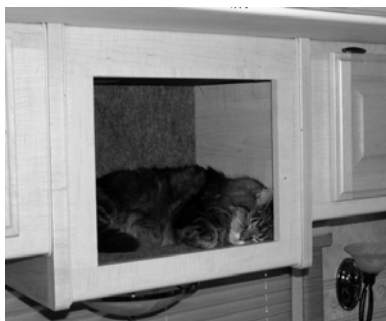
1 - The Elkins' new chairs, table and computer desk. That's Maggie (their watch cat) enjoying one of the padded chairs.

Bob and Nina Soltwedel followed them in removing the dining chairs from their 2005, and purchasing the same wooden chairs for their rig. Both sets of chairs were obtained from an unfinished furniture store in St. George, Utah. The Elkins' chairs were finished to match their interior maple; the Soltwedels' were finished to match their interior birch.

The Soltwedels went one more step: they removed the coffee maker from the cabinet over the table, and ordered a door to turn it into a "real" cabinet (see photo 2).



2 - The Soltwedels' new chairs and "real" cabinet.



3 - Maggie in her new sleeping area.

This action sounded good to the Elkins, and they followed suit ... except that in between taking the coffee maker out and measuring the opening for a door, their cat, Maggie, commandeered the space as her new sleeping spot. Now Marlene and Neil are torn between wanting to put a door there and letting Maggie sleep in that snug cubbyhole (see photo 3). They may solve the problem by putting a "rising" door like the overhead cabinets, which can be left in the raised position while Maggie occupies the space.

If you wish to learn more about the computer desk/table combo purchased by the Elkins, please contact Neil and Marlene at arnie1938@aol.com.

What modifications, if any, have you made to your rig? How about sharing your experiences with the membership via this newsletter? Contact the editor at soltwedel45@hotmail.com for details. ❖

YORK RALLY MEMORIES CD by Peg Lavoie

If you attended the York rally last August, you know about the fun we had and the friendships we made. Now you can re-live those times and share them with family and friends.

As requested by members at the rally, Rex and I are making a CD available of the presentation given at the final dinner in York.

York Rally 2005 Memories is a 12-minute program, visiting the sights and events of the rally, and portraits of most of the attendees. You can order this presentation, which will run on any PC computer, by sending \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping/handling to:

Rex Lavoie
1423 US 127 South
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Your CD should arrive within two weeks after we receive your request. Please send your orders **by November 15**, as we will be traveling after the holidays and will be unable to fill orders while on the road.

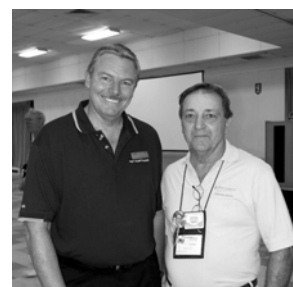
THANKS TO ALL OUR RV FRIENDS

Rex and I thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, notes, cards, and e-mails during my mom's recent illness and passing. And a special thanks to the members of the Midwest Discoverers. You have all helped make this difficult time a little easier, knowing that we have so many friends to lean on. Thank you! ❖

**MORE
YORK
MEMORIES**



You scream,
I scream,
we all scream
for ice cream!



Fleetwood's George Weart and DOAI President Phil



FLEETWOOD TECHNICAL INFORMATION: SEALANT MAINTENANCE *by Terrence Mills*

Aside from the scheduled maintenance items on the engine and running gear which everyone is familiar with, there are scheduled maintenance items that must be performed on the house portion of the coach to ensure trouble-free enjoyment, and to protect the warranty coverage from Fleetwood and the individual manufacturers. It may pay dividends to review these items on a regular basis.

These checks should be done on a monthly basis or prior to each trip. Remember to only perform checks you are



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comfortable doing it, and be sure to wear protective eye-wear and gloves.

Starting on the outside of the coach at the electrical

compartment, check the water level in the house batteries. If the cells are not within $\frac{1}{8}$ " of the top of the fill well, they should be topped off with distilled water. While you are in the battery compartment, the battery hold-downs should also be cleaned with a wire brush and sprayed with a corrosion-blocking spray. The chassis batteries are normally sealed and will not require adding water.

Going to the utility compartment, next check the water pump strainer. Locate the water pump strainer in the utility compartment and loosen the clamp at the inlet end of the strainer. Pull the water line off and unscrew the strainer from the pump. Turn each end of the strainer and pull it apart and flush it out with clean water to rinse off the screen prior to reinstallation.

Moving forward to the front of the coach, the oil and coolant levels in the generator need to be checked. The generator oil check level should be between the *add* and the *full* mark on the gauge, and the coolant check level should be between *full* and *low* on the gauge at the side of the reservoir tank. While at the front of the motor home, also check the windshield wiper blades and the washer reservoir to insure it is topped up.

As you move around the motor home, open the access panels at the back of the appliances and vacuum them out. Check any air intakes and flues for obstructions such as wasp or bird nests and spider webs, as these can restrict airflow to the appliance and may present a fire hazard.

Moving under the coach, inspect the hydraulic leveler fluid levels. Check the hydraulic fluid in the leveler reservoir with the jacks retracted; the fluid level should be within $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the

fill port lip. Extend the levelers to clean the chrome shaft of hydraulic levelers and lubricate with a silicone spray. For coaches equipped with electric jacks, you should clean off any mud or debris and spray the telescoping leg with silicone spray.

While under the coach, the slide room should be checked for obstructions. The inner slide room rail assembly needs to be cleaned of any dirt and debris build-up. A coat of light oil may be applied to the drive shaft, but grease *should not be used*. Before entering the coach, the power step mechanism should be lubricated using *KwickLube* spray lubricant as recommended by the step manufacturer.

Once on the inside of the motor home, check all the slide rooms for proper function. Check to insure that the bulb seals are fully compressed against the slide room and no daylight is visible around the closed seals. In the interior of the coach, the carbon monoxide and smoke detectors should be vacuumed monthly and the test buttons should be pushed to insure the detector is operating correctly. Press the GFI test buttons as well to insure they working properly; the reset button should pop out and all outlets on the GFI circuit should go dead. Pressing the *restore* button should restore power to the circuit and lock the button back in place.

Test the LP detector by exposing the sensor to a steam of unlit butane from a lighter. This will simulate an LP leak and should cause the alarm to sound. The alarm will continue until the gas level drops to a safe level or until the mute button is pushed. **This test should be done weekly when the coach is in use.**

The last stop on the monthly test is the driver's seat. The dash air conditioners should be turned on for between two and five minutes with the engine running to lubricate the compressor seals.

Every three months there are several additional checks that are required. Most of us are familiar with the quarterly inspection of the sealant around windows, doors, seams, and roof components, however this is not the only quarterly requirement.

The TV antenna needs to be lubricated quarterly. Spray silicone spray lubricant on the elevating gear on the roof mount with the lift in the down position.

Then run the lift up and down several times to evenly distribute the lubricant through the entire mechanism.

Inspect the roof air conditioner air return ducts for blockages. Remove the inside filter and clean it in a mild soap and water solution and allow it to air-dry before reinstallation. While the filters are drying the refrigerator and freezer should be defrosted. ❖

Note: The information contained in this article is to educate customers on what should be done to help keep up with the maintenance of your RV. Fleetwood always recommends that the actual inspection and maintenance be performed by a Fleetwood authorized dealer.

Terrence Mills has been with Fleetwood Motor Homes since July 2001, and has provided articles to company publications. Terrence works in the Fleetwood Service side of the company. We thank Fleetwood and Terrence for providing helpful articles for our members.

FROM THEN TO NOW, PART THREE

A brief look back at our beginnings, following the road we have traveled to the present.

September 15-18, 1999 was the date of the fall DOAI national rally, held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana. In attendance were 191 rigs, and aided by the staff of Tom Raper RV, the rally was well organized and packed with fun and educational offerings.

Seminars were offered by “the usual suspects” – and thank heavens for them! – Fleetwood, Freightliner, Cummins, Brake Buddy, Sky-Med, and many others.

Each day began with a continental breakfast, and from that point the days were filled with lots of activities. Tom Raper RV had the 2000 Discovery coaches on display, and a special seminar was held to point out the significant changes.

Very importantly, the food was terrific, from the welcome party of BBQ sandwiches and salad (with a local area band providing the entertainment), to the traditional potluck dinner, to the farewell dinner of smoked pork chops and more live music to hear and dance to.

A slate of officers was chosen by the nominating committee, to serve the next two years.

Here are some photos from that rally. Perhaps you’ll spot a friend or two!



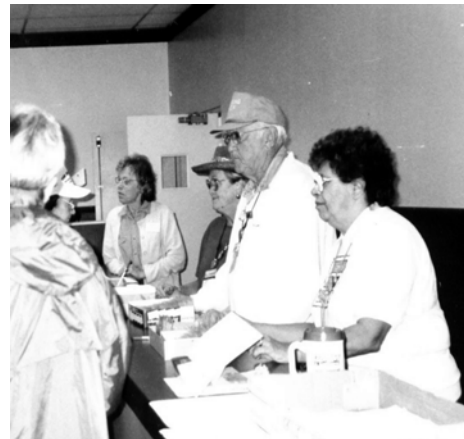
Freightliner chassis and good helpful advice



Lots of hungry folks enjoyed lots of good food



Early morning breakfasters were aided by terrific servers



Lois Patterson, Gene Patterson, and Yolanda DeSantis “manning” the registration table



Card bingo was very popular



There was time for small groups to gather for fellowship

IF YOU WEREN'T AT YORK, YOU MISSED A GREAT RALLY!

Photos courtesy of Rex Lavoie



Early registration al fresco!



Marshall, Jay and Phil .. just havin' a chat



Great tunes from a German band



Did you get online, Bob?



Dave Drinkwater created these napkin holders for each table. Thanks, Dave!



The Derby winner!



Pledge of Allegiance



The Red Hats enjoyed their gathering.



Lots of creative things to buy



Dorie Baker, Twilah Shipley, Mac McIlvaine



Rex said, "Wave, everybody!"



And we did!



Just one of several chapter meetings



We all had hearty appetites



Media Camping Center donated some prizes



Good looking folks in that picture!

IF YOU WEREN'T AT YORK, YOU MISSED A GREAT RALLY!, CONTINUED



There were many excellent vendors...



...and some of them gave us more food!



We even filled out surveys



Some of us wore lots of badges and pins...



...others played card bingo...



...and others got all gussied up for a style show!



And Rex said again, "Wave!"



In fact, you would think we were on the ocean...



...there were so many waves!



It was a wonderful rally, and DOAI members came from all over the country. Hope to see **your** license plate (and you and your Discovery) in San Antonio next October!



NEW MEMBERS



We extend the hand of welcome to our new members who have joined Discovery Owners Association since the last issue of this newsletter:

Jorge Alarcon, West Palm Beach FL
 Murray/Helen Blackwell, Mechanicsville VA
 Barry/Rosanna Bradley, Kenburn ON
 Bill/Sadie Burns, Springfield MO
 Mark Butler, Lake Mary FL
 Joe/Estelle Cellucci, El Cajon CA
 Hank/Sandy Charbeneau, Algonac MI
 Caroline Charpie, Tarpon Springs FL
 Blane/Sharlyn Chrisma, Knoxville TN
 Michael/Edith Clark, Red River NM
 Mike/Sandy Cotton, Huntington Beach CA
 Bill/Charlene Cummings, Kingsland TX
 Charlie/Nola Danan, Yuma AZ
 William Duffin III, Spring Hill FL
 Frank/Kay Edmondson, Lansdale PA
 Jan Eggenfellner, New Smyrna Beach FL
 Matthew/Natalie Fleet, Hartfield VA
 Allen/Nancy Fohl, Chesapeake VA
 Harry Fornarotto, Jr., Wilson NC
 Alfred Frederic Jr., Lagrangeville NY
 Stewart Gray, Millsboro DE
 Leroy Grom, Largo FL

Russell Hallenbeck, Winter Garden FL
 Neal/Jean Harris, Beaverlodge, Alb Canada
 Doug/Stephanie Hemminger, Jacksonville FL
 Lucien/Vinnie Hiatt, Henagar AL
 Skip/Lana Hobbs, Holley NY
 John Jalo, Valrico FL
 Mark Kennard, Worthington KY
 John Kinmaney/Jennifer Bettis, Tunbridge VT
 Joseph/Harriette Kowalkowski, Cascade WI
 Brad Kuehn, Hastings NE
 George/Bonnie Ladley, Golden CO
 Otto Ledsome, Inglis FL
 David Leister, Sugarloaf Key FL
 Laurie Levesque, Woodford VT
 Walter Lewis, Cary NC
 Michael Mauro, Ospey FL
 Glenn/Bobbie McCracken, Freedom NH
 Jeffrey McKeand, Indianapolis IN
 Robert/Mary Moat, Klamath Falls OR
 Bruce/Karen Morehead, Erie CO
 Tom/Nancy Nelson, Federal Way WA
 Waldemar Nieves, Jr., Severn MD
 Clyde Nobles, Eustis FL
 Foster Pinson, Franklin NC
 William/Winifred Sharon Pitkin, Nashville TN
 Gene Racz, Felton DE
 James/Kathy Randolph, Santa Rosa CA
 Teddy/Donna Ricks, Gray GA
 James Rifenberg, West Palm Beach FL
 Gerald Ritsick, Plains PA
 David Rommel, Punta Gorda FL

Rodney Rosenstiel, Pace FL
 Wilma Skibbe, Santa Rosa Beach FL
 Allan Smith, Tallahassee FL
 James Smith, Fruitland Park FL
 Herbert/Alice Spencer, North Clarendon VT
 Bill Stapleton, Missoula MT
 James Starnes, Commerce MI
 Bert/Marcia Strefling, Port Charlotte FL
 I.B./DeAnna Strickland, Rocky Point NC
 Donald Thomas, Jr., East Haven CT
 Gary/Carol Toohig, Jefferson OH
 Ronald/Angela Tyler, Williamsen GA
 Doyle Vanarsdale, Minot ND
 Robert Varner III, Somerville AL
 Gary/Patty Velasquez, Las Vegas NV
 Alejandro/Sylvia Vidal, Springfield VA
 Jim/Angel Wall, Cordele GA
 Jim/Sandy Walls, Junction City KS
 James Watson, Newberry FL
 George/Toni Wegman, Milan IN
 A. Herbert/Dorothy Wilson, Palmdale CA
 Jimmie Wilson, Kings Bay GA
 Lee/Carol Wilson, Phelps NY
 John Windmill, Sanford FL
 Bill/Linda Wise, Richmond KY
 Jerry/Charlene Wood, Cumming GA
 Warren/Diana Woodcock, Tyler TX
 Fred Worch, New Madison OH ❖

GOOD FOR YOU!

All too often we only hear complaints from RV owners about sales and/or service. This new column is for all DOAI members to share good news about the many excellent RV sellers and service centers in our country. If you have a candidate in mind, contact the editor . . . we're waiting to hear from you.

Carl and Marge Ropp, Cheyenne, Wyoming have sent in the first of our "Good for You" accolades for an RV dealer, Broadmoor RV and Truck Center, Pasco, Washington:

"We had two very bad experiences with two different dealerships, and then we met John Ramsey and his staff at Broadmoor RV and Truck Center in Pasco, Washington, at the 2003 national DOAI rally. Broadmoor sponsored the rally, and we thank them very much for their support. Their service begins whenever you meet them.

"We ordered a new coach at the rally, with changes to our liking. Delivery time of the coach was in December, well after our arrival for the winter in Arizona, so they had a very dependable driver bring the coach to our door. What more could one ask?"

"Upon our return to Broadmoor RV in August 2005 for warranty repair, we were welcomed by John Ramsey, the owner of Broadmoor, and by Jim Godfrey, service manager, and the rest of the Broadmoor employees. Their professionalism is beyond reproach from sales to complete customer satisfaction.

"Word of mouth is the complete advertisement. Stop by

Broadmoor if only to say hello and meet truly professional, friendly people."

Jerry and Joyce Wiechman, Scott City, Kansas have sent the second of our "Good for You" accolades, this time for Cummins Mid-South, St. Louis Branch, in St. Louis, Missouri. They write: "You know how our human nature is always quick to hand out blame when things don't go to our thinking ... but we don't always give credit where credit is due.

"We had been fighting a power loss problem in our D for about a year, and had taken it to several Cummins dealers to get help. The first week of August 2005 we were on our way to the national rally in York. We started calling Cummins dealers along I-70, hoping to get it repaired. We were turned down the first three calls, but call number four was to Mid-South Cummins in St. Louis, who said, "Yes, we can take your coach on Monday morning, August 8."

The tests showed the D had only 125 horsepower out of a 300 HP engine. The shop foreman informed us that we were not leaving until we had our 300 horses back. When the first shift ended, the lead mechanic stayed on to fill in the second lead mechanic on the progress. Each day was that way. Two days later we had our 300 HP engine. It was too late to make the long drive on to York, so we opted for Branson before returning to Kansas.

"Our thanks go out to the office staff and shop crew who were willing to stay with it until the problem was solved, even if it meant missing the rally. To them we say, 'Your efforts were appreciated!'" ❖



SALE PAGE FOR MEMBERS

This feature is available to any DOAI member, free of charge. Simply send the information to the editor, preferably via e-mail. Include full information, and send a photo, too. Items for sale will run in two issues of this newsletter.

2001 DISCOVERY 36T: Loaded, with less than 10,000 miles. Dixie Chadwick, 928.768.5532; dlc104@msn.com

1998 DISCOVERY 36T:

Cummins/6-speed Allison, two ACs, slide, washer/dryer, awnings. No smoke, no pets. Side-by-side refrigerator, CD player, CB radio, automatic satellite dish, batteries one year old, MW/convection, back-up camera, free-standing table w/4 chairs. Blue Ox drop hitch, wired for lube pump and brakes. 59,000 miles. Located in Wisconsin. Harvey and Marian Becker, 715.366.8038, or 928.210.4120; becker365@aol.com. **Price: \$66,500 OBO.**



1999 DISCOVERY 36T:

300 HP Cummins, very good condition, no smoke or pets, 55,000 miles, 11mpg. Large kitchen, living room slide, leather loveseat, leather couch, dining booth, MW/convection, refrig w/icemaker, two ACs, two TVs, satellite and regular antenna, DVD, leather pilot and co-pilot seats, back-up camera, inverter, LP gen., new batteries, front tires have 15,000 miles. Tow package including 1991 Tracer station wagon. Everything works. Rob Hess, 918.756.1316; fax 918.756.1315; rhess@firstokmulgee.com. **Price: \$79,000.**



2005 DISCOVERY 35M:

Two slides, Cat 330 diesel pusher, Allison 6-speed tranny, Onan diesel gen 7.5KW, washer/dryer (never used), side-by-side refrig/freezer w/icemaker, Corian™ countertops, MW/convection, central vac, much more. Exterior charcoal, interior Stonehenge w/Fairfield maple wood. Transferable extended warranty 50,000 miles or five years. Mileage under 8,000. Located in Dover, Florida, ten miles east of Tampa. Bob and Mary LaFleur, 813.719.1332 or 813.763.1092; rlafleur@tampabay.rr.com. **Price: \$156,000.**



2003 DISCOVERY 39S:

Three slides, equipped with every top-of-the-line option, awnings for every window. Allison 6-speed tranny, 330 HP Cat engine, 7.5KW diesel gen. All leather seats, including two swivel/recliners, dining table and chairs, custom cherry built-ins, and more. Exterior black/white/gray; interior neutral light gray color scheme. 12,000 miles, bought new. No smoking, no pets. PLUS 1997 Jeep Cherokee, all leather, all options, 67,000 total miles. Bought new, garaged, perfect care. Hitch, hook-ups, etc. *Will sell without Jeep.* Burell Boyd, 256.796.2668 **Price for both: \$135,000.**



2001.5 DISCOVERY 37:

Two slides, A/Cs, awnings, 37,000 miles, 330 HP Cat engine, excellent condition, no smoking, loaded. Call for information on the many extras. Cynthia Biestek, 574.320.6094; roadwladylady@aol.com. **Price: \$105,000.**

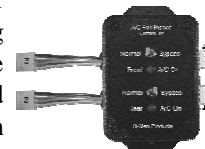


2005 DISCOVERY 38U:

Onan 7.5 KW gen, MW/convection, Norcold 4-door w/icemaker, hide-a-bed sofa, satellite dish, satellite radio, central vac system, queen bed with air mattress, bedroom lav, 20" and 27" TVs, VCR-DVD-CD, tinted windows, reverse osmosis water system, Super Steer bell crank, Safe-T-Plus steering control, 8,000 miles. James Jestes, 928.342.7132. **Price: \$145,000.**



AC FAN BYPASS CONTROLLER: If your coach has Intellitec ECC Air Conditioning controller and you're annoyed because the AC fan runs all the time, save wear, tear and electricity! Check out the new AC Fan Bypass Controller at g-mann.home.comcast.net. Gene Hamelman, 972.495.6342; g-mann@comcast.net.



DON'S HUB NUT WRENCH: If you don't want the tire technician who is changing your tire to use pliers and a rag on your chrome decorative retainer nut of your rear duals, get this wrench! It can be used on most coaches on a Freightliner chassis with aluminum wheels and the screw-in decorative nut. It also makes polishing the rims easier with the rear axle can off. Donald Cullins, scdc432@sbcglobal.net. **Price: \$12.95 each plus \$3 s/h.** ❖





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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS by Nina Lee Soltwedel



That was a grand rally in York, Pennsylvania this past August. The weather cooperated ... well, it was a tad warm and the humidity was right up there with the temperature ... but none of us let that interfere with our enjoyment at once again attending a DOAI national rally and having the opportunity of greeting old friends and making new ones.

The seminars were very well planned, the breakfasts and dinners were excellent, the registration went very smoothly, the entertainment was delightful, and Dave Drinkwater proved he is a top-notch emcee. Not only that, Dave's charming napkin holders on each table were the envy of everyone. Lucky were those whose birthdays were closest to Dave's at each table ... they walked home with the napkin holders!

The factory tour of Harley-Davidson ranks right up there with the best, in my book. Harley-Davidson produces an excellent product, and to watch those hogs come down the line was fascinating.

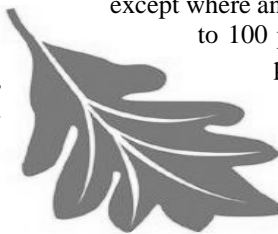
While the Pfaltzgraff factory tour wasn't to be, several of us helped the company's bottom line when we went to the store and bought lots of wonderful stuff.

I had fun making a complete fool of myself during the chicken dance with the polka group. I figure we gotta do that once in a while to keep us from becoming too complacent.

Rex Lavoie deserves great praise for his tireless efforts to record the rally in picture form. Most of us went home with a lovely memento of a wonderful time in York.

Leo Everitt Writes...

"I just read my article in the last issue (Monitoring Tire Pressure, page 11, Summer 2005), and despite many reviews by me and others, I goofed. The information on first- and second-stage alerts are stated in terms of psi, and actually should be percent values, i.e., 12.5 percent and 25 percent, except where an example calculation is done on a tire inflated to 100 psi ... then the absolute value would be 12.5 psi." Thanks, Leo, for the correction.



A Member Promotes DOAI

Carolyn Barnes, president of the Louisiana Mudbugs, sent an e-mail, telling of their stopover in Jackson, Mississippi on the way home from Nova Scotia. Another Discovery was spotted parking nearby, so Carolyn, good DOAI member that she is, high-tailed it over there to promote the organization.

She was pleased and surprised to meet Pete Shaffer, a DOAI member! Pete was sent to Jackson as part of his job with FEMA, and will probably be on the job for at least six weeks. However, Carolyn had the right idea: being willing to promote DOAI to other Discovery owners whenever they can. Good for you, Carolyn!

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Is this your first RV? Yes No Are you a full-time or part-time RV'er?

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