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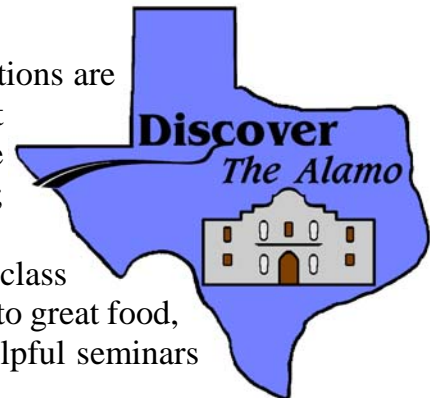
*It's a big, beautiful country out there,
and an RV is a great way to see it.*
— Steve Natt
Auto writer and host

Lots of Information for You! News you can use and things you need to know, including:

DISCOVER THE ALAMO

Time is getting short...registrations are due by September 15. Don't miss out on a great rally! See pages 4, 5, and 23 for more details; registration form is on page 22.

You'll be staying in a first-class luxury RV resort; you'll be treated to great food, super entertainment, and lots of helpful seminars and classes. Y'all come!



IMPORTANT WEB SITE MESSAGE

Be sure to read Bob Cook's article about the DOAI Web site. Changes are being made that you need to know about. Portions of this valuable benefit for members will be restricted to members only beginning July 20, 2006. See page 7 for details.

TWO RALLIES ON THE HORIZON

2007 Southeast Region Sun-N-Fun Rally at Lazydays RallyPark, Seffner, Florida, in February! See page 6 for an invitation and details.



2007 DOAI National DISCOVERYS IN THE DESERT Rally at Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage, Arizona in November! See page 6 for a teaser.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Phil Yovino

Hi again, Discovery owners!

Your board, working together and using all its talents, put together a plan to revive the California Goodtimers chapter. Starting with the slogan, "Let's save the chapter," I wrote a sample letter addressed to all Discovery owners in California and invited all board members to pitch in with their thoughts. It took off and the results are great. Gerald Embry, VP of the Southwest Region, also invited all the DOAI California members to come join the newly revived chapter. Bob Cook, Nina Soltwedel, Portia Williams, and Marshall Godwin took part in putting the final touches on the letter that made this idea come to life. Gerald received 25 applications to join the chapter and is planning their first get-together. This took some work, and with the help of Fleetwood to do the mailing, the California Goodtimers chapter is alive. Gerald and member Betty Ruiz were the roots of this action; they were the only chapter members available to keep the chapter flame burning. Betty held the chapter funds in a savings account, drawing interest until now. We owe Betty many thanks for her loyalty to DOAI and acting as treasurer and safeguarding the chapter funds. This is what it's all about ... members helping members to accomplish a goal and it works.

The Mid-South Roadrunners chapter voted at their chapter meeting in May to sever their affiliation with DOAI and form another chapter. We were in hopes that this could have been avoided, but it wasn't. I wish them well. There are former members of that chapter who want a new chapter in the area. Dick Smith, newly appointed VP of the Southeast Region, is working to form a new chapter and inviting those members to join a chapter in the region. If you have an interest in belonging to an outgoing and fun chapter, contact Dick at poppop4171@msn.com or toll-free at 877.238.6953. Chapters are a great place to meet new people, travel our country and visit wonderful places, exchange ideas, share travel experiences, coach upgrades and, of course, your favorite recipe.

Pete Pizzano, VP of the Southeast Region, resigned his office, and the board appointed Dick Smith to complete the term. He is the past president of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter. We're pleased to have Dick on the board, as he feels as we do ... keep the DOAI for Discoverys only, to enjoy our coaches, travel to wonderful places, and camp where there are no strangers.

Welcome, Dick!

With that behind us and fuel prices being what they are, we need to adjust our daily lifestyle. There are many things that we can do to help. I intend to keep camping and enjoying my D as I did in the past, with some adjustments. We can start with keeping our coaches in top running order, not only for fuel savings, but also safety. Check the tire pressure for the correct psi before each trip and at least once a week when not traveling. Use the cruise control and the economy mode, staying between 55 and 60 mph, which offers the best mileage for our coaches. Wash, wax, and polish as often as needed to cut down on friction, and using low-friction lubricants in the Cummins or Cat will help. The use of coach fans during moderate weather (and not the A/C) will conserve fuel and horsepower. If you enjoy the DOAI eGroup as I do, there are any number of ideas from members on this subject that will help. If you're not connected to the DOAI eGroup, contact Bob Cook, our super Webmaster, and he will get you connected.

Soon Discovery owners will come together in San Antonio for our annual national rally to renew their friendships with other Discovery owners, and enjoy all the great things in and around the city. The host chapters, Texas Disco Road Runners, Discovery Texans, and Louisiana Mudbugs, are planning for a great event. The Blazing Star RV resort has all the good things we like; this is a top-rated campground that you will enjoy.

The Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is already well on its way to putting together the next national rally, *Discoverys in the Desert*, November 6-10, 2007. Barbara Klusman, chapter president, and her members have already completed much of the groundwork that it takes to put on a first-class show. Jay Keneson, our national rally master, along with Barbara, visited the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort near Phoenix, and it's a top-shelf resort with a great golf course and many interesting places to visit. Barbara has vowed to have a great menu for us.

The board approved rally dates for the Southeast Region rally at Lazydays for February 13-17, 2007. Dick Smith will fill us in on the activities. The Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter will host. See page 6 for details.

Louise Mauck resigned for personal reasons. She did a good job for the first half of this year, and we wish her well. The board appointed Miriam (Micky) Racer to serve as treasurer to complete the 2006-2007 term. Welcome, Micky!

I wish you all safe travels and good health. ❖



RALLY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2006 –

- 8-11 Texas Disco Road Runners, Pecan Park, San Marcos, TX
- 11-13 Louisiana Mudbugs, Lakeside RV Park, Livingston, LA
- 11-14 Arizona Discovery Owners, Munds Park, AZ
- 22-29 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Grandfather Mountain Campground, Boone, NC

SEPTEMBER 2006 –

- 12-17 Discovery Pioneers, Rio Chama RV Park, Chama, NM
- 12-18 Midwest Discoverers, Park T/B/A, Mackinaw and Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 14-16 Discovery Texans, Wilderness Lakes RV Park, Mathis, TX
- 14-17 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Park T/B/A, Virginia Beach, VA
- 28-30 Heartland Discoverys, Los Alamos Fiesta RV Park, Boerne, TX

OCTOBER 2006 –

- 1-7 **National Rally, Discover the Alamo, Blazing Star RV Resort, San Antonio, TX**

NOVEMBER 2006–

- 3-5 Louisiana Mudbugs, Bayou Wilderness, Carencro, LA
- 10-13 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Riverside RV Resort, Port Charlotte, FL

- 16-18 Discovery Texans, Skyline Ranch, Bandera, TX
- 30-Dec 4 Arizona Discovery Owners, Park T/B/A, Yuma, AZ

DECEMBER 2006 –

- T/B/A Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Christmas Airstream Park, Titusville, FL
- 8-10 Texas Disco Road Runners, Fredericksburg KOA, Fredericksburg, TX

JANUARY 2007 –

- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Oasis RV Park, La Marque, TX

FEBRUARY 2007 –

- 13-17 **Southeast Region Rally, Sun-N-Fun, Lazydays Park, Seffner, FL**

MARCH 2007 –

- 15-17 Discovery Texans, Las Aves RV Resort, Medina, TX

MAY 2007 –

- 17-19 Discovery Texans, Schulenburg RV Park, Schulenburg, TX

SEPTEMBER 2007 –

- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Cowtown RV Park, Aledo, TX

OCTOBER 2007 –

- 31-11/2 Discovery Texans, Park T/B/A, Abilene, TX

NOVEMBER 2007 –

- 5-9 **National Rally, Discoverys in the Desert, Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage, AZ**

Send an e-mail to the editor with your rally schedule, and don't forget to add it to your chapter page at www.discoveryowners.com. ❖

MEET MICKY

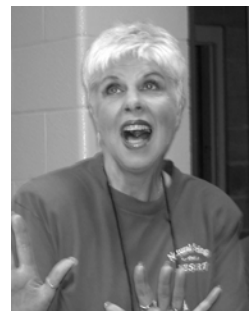
by Nina Lee Soltwedel

Our new treasurer, Miriam (Micky) Racer, is a full-timer. She and hubby, Larry, travel all over the country (including Canada) in their Discovery, and it's been quite an adventure. I caught up with them the other day via cell phone ... they were in Quebec where it was cool and green (I was calling from very hot, very dry Colorado ... I was just a tad envious!).

I asked Micky what she and Larry do for adventure in their travels. Micky told how they have been volunteer workers all over the country, including building homes for Habitat for Humanity, working at state and local parks, golf courses, BLM areas, and amusement parks. Micky added, "I even served as a Santa's Elf one year ... can you imagine a 6-foot elf?"

Micky earned a bachelors degree in music education at Brigham Young University, Utah. At McNeese State University in Louisiana, she earned a bachelors degree in accounting, and went on to earn her MBA. While at McNeese, she served as a teaching assistant, and taught beginning accounting, general business, and business ethics.

Micky's degree in music education led her to such vocations as choir director, music director, organist, and playing the cello in various orchestras as she and Larry have moved around the country. At one time, in Louisiana and Texas, Micky operated her own music studio, with two teachers and 50 students year around. If you were at the 2004 national rally in Sedalia, Missouri, you saw Micky as a member of the Discoveryettes, led by Sylvia Swain.



Micky singing at 2004 Sedalia rally

Her accounting education was put to good use at several Louisiana hospitals during the 1980s, before she and Larry decided it was time to hit the road in their Discovery motor home. Micky's goal, as DOAI treasurer, is to further the objectives of DOAI, have fun, and meet great people.

Welcome, Micky! ❖

2006 NATIONAL RALLY APPROACHING!

DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT TIME!

by Jay Keneson

Here's what's going to happen in Old San Antonio this coming October:

- ★ Two early days of golf, tours and just plain fun!
- ★ Welcome party, entertainment, drinks, finger foods, the Texas Cowboy (girl) review and late night Karaoke
- ★ Ice Cream Social
- ★ Three breakfasts
- ★ Three suppers
- ★ Four nights of entertainment
- ★ Display coaches
- ★ Toweds (vehicles on display)
- ★ Seminars and classes
- ★ Red Hat Society Tea
- ★ Repairs and service, possible oil and fluid changes on site, possible RV washes
- ★ Tires sales and service, at special rally rates, on site
- ★ Karaoke several nights. If you have your own music, bring it; if not, it's possible we may have it
- ★ **Gathering Place** – a spot to get together in the evening for sitting, playing and just having a good time. Don't forget to bring your musical instrument

This is your rally, so if you want something special let me know and we will try and work it in. ❖

SAN ANTONIO – A TOP-NOTCH TRAVEL DESTINATION

The theme of the 2006 DOAI national rally is aptly named. The Alamo, or Mission San Antonio de Valero is the most famous spot in the city of San Antonio. It was here on March 6, 1836, after a 13-day siege by the army of Mexican President Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, 189 defenders including Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie were defeated. Texas Army Gen. Sam Houston took up the rallying cry, "Remember the Alamo!" and Santa Anna was defeated on April 21, giving Texas its independence from Mexico.

The Alamo is located in Alamo Plaza, as are several other tourist attractions: The Guinness World Records Museum, Ripley's Haunted Adventure, Davy Crockett's Tall Tales Ride, The Plaza Wax Museum, and Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Within walking distance of the Alamo is the River Walk, or Paseo del Rio. For three miles, the San Antonio river is transformed into one large cultural center, shopping mecca, botanical garden, meeting place, culinary center, nightclub, and tourist attraction, all just



below street level. It truly is the jewel of the city.

Did you know that even though San Antonio is completely land-locked, it has the largest SeaWorld marine wildlife park? This year Shamu premiered, and visitors have been enjoying his whale of a show. (Sorry...couldn't resist the pun.)

And cuisine! "There are 300 Tex-Mex restaurants in the Yellow Pages," says Dee Dee Toteete, PR director for the San Antonio visitors bureau. That means we can eat our fill of delicious food, and perhaps go back home a few pounds heavier, but happy! ❖

Material for this article was taken, with permission, from RV View, the Camping World President's Club magazine.

RED HAT SOCIETY PLANS PROGRESSING

by Teri Dykman

We will be having guests at our Red Hat tea at the national rally from a couple of local Red Hat chapters, so let's show them how our DOAI Red Hatters have fun! There will be a fun speaker, fun prizes, and fun singing! And since we're Red Hatters...well, who knows what else may be in store!

Bring your red hat, your purple outfit, your tea cup, and your \$1 donation and *Discover* how the Red Hatters have fun at **The Alamo** city Tea. As noted in the last edition of this newsletter, if you have an October birthday, it is appropriate to wear a purple hat! And those chronologically under 50: pink hat and lavender outfit is appropriate.

Remember, you don't have to be a member of a Red Hat group to attend. This is for **all** our DOAI women and guests!

Did you know that any monies left over from the \$1 donation after expenses goes to a local charity?

Y'all come, y'hear? ❖

The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969 was: "Houston..."

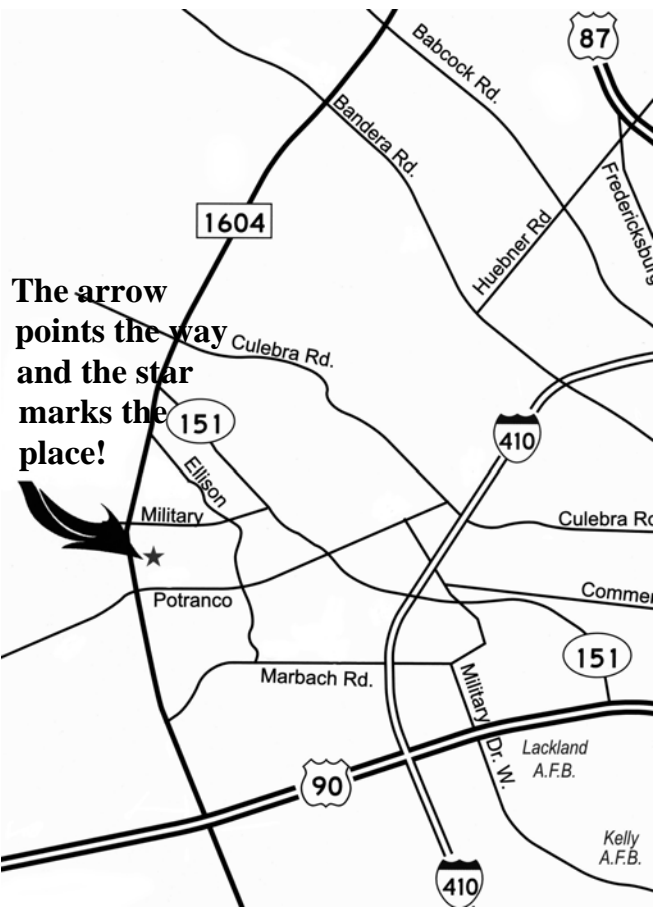


King Ranch in south Texas is larger than Rhode Island.

A **live oak tree** near Fulton is estimated to be 1,500 years old.

Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885

BLAZING STAR RESORT – HEADQUARTERS FOR 2006 NATIONAL RALLY IN SAN ANTONIO



The arrow points the way and the star marks the place!

SOME OF THE THINGS YOU’LL SEE



El Mercado



San Fernando Cathedral



Mission Concepción



La Villita



The crown jewel - The Alamo!

PLANNING GETS YOU HALFWAY THERE!

Right now, while you’re thinking about it, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800.447.3372 and request the San Antonio visitors packet be sent to you. You can also go online to www.sanantoniovisit.com and fill out a form. You’ll receive a packet of information in three to six weeks.

The packet includes an informative guide to the River City, complete with details of location, days open, admission fee, etc. In the back is a fold-out detailed map of the downtown area of the city, with most of the important sights clearly noted.

While you’re online, click on “Click here to open visitors guide” and you’ll be taken to a page with a virtual guide to browse. If you have a fast Internet connection, you can download the book to read at your leisure. “Fast” is the operative word here...with a 56K modem it will take

approximately 61 minutes to download the booklet! But, if you’ve got time to spare, perhaps that’s the way to go. Then you can print it out and have it ‘way before a hard copy would reach you by regular mail.

While you’re at the Visitors Bureau site, browse other pages as well. There’s a lovely slide show, and if you click on any of the photos, you’ll get an enlarged view. There are some very good shots of River Walk, the boat tour, zoo inhabitants, fiestas, and so on.

Click on “Maps” and you can download PDF files of a metro area map and a downtown map. Click on “What’s New” and you can read about the reopening of Tower of the Americas, a 750-foot tall observation tower, second highest in the nation. Have fun browsing!

What a great rally this will be: a chance to visit a world-class city and be with great people...Discovery owners! ❖

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
NOVEMBER 6-10, 2007
FOR THE 2007 DISCOVERY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC. NATIONAL RALLY,
DISCOVERYS IN THE DESERT

The foundation has been laid for our organization's 2007 national rally to be held at the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage, Arizona, west of Phoenix.

Wanda May and Barbara Klusman are the co-chairpersons, and committee chairpersons have been appointed: Russ Hinkle, vendors and sponsors; Chuck Osborn, seminars; Ed Cozens, treasurer and entertainment; Don Klusman, regis-



tration; Geri Cozens, graphics; Judy Osborn, goodies for goody bags; and Joe and Rockie Eisenman, parking. The meals are planned, some vendors are lined up, and tentative activities and seminars outlined. Optional tours will take place on preceding days.

We will have more information for you at the *Discover The Alamo* rally in San Antonio this coming October. For now, be sure to **mark your calendar** for November 6-10, 2007, and plan to join us for another super DOAI rally!

– Barbara Klusman, President
 Arizona Discovery Owners chapter



The Mason-Dixon Discoverys request the honor of your presence at the 2007 Southeast Region's **Sun-N-Fun** Rally to be held at Lazydays RallyPark – February 13-17, 2007

Join us in Seffner, Florida, for five days and four nights of **Sun-N-Fun** beginning Tuesday, February 13 and ending Saturday, February 17. Our agenda includes:

February 13 - Welcome Party

February 14 - Cookout

February 15 - Catered Dinner followed by Entertainment

February 16 - Catered Dinner followed by Entertainment

Seminars - Vendors - Red Hat Tea - Golf Outing

Cash Prizes - Door Prizes - Handouts

Chapter Meetings - Board Meetings - Region Meetings

Located in Seffner, Florida, Lazydays RallyPark is famous for its amenities including:

Newspaper at your coach every day

Trash pick-up at your door anytime

Full hook-ups with 30 and 50 amps

Complimentary breakfast and lunch at the Lazy Days Café weekdays

Approximately 1,000 brand new RVs on the premises to look at and go through

Camping World on the premises

Flying J on the premises

Cracker Barrel on the premises

We have reserved 150 sites. Y'all come to Florida and enjoy the sunshine and hospitality... the strawberries and whipped cream...

the **Sun-N-Fun!**



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS: WEB SITE CHANGES

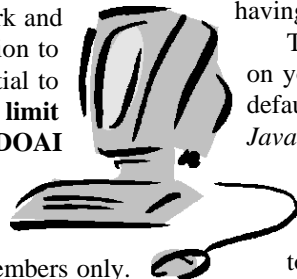
by Bob Cook

The DOAI Web site contains a wealth of information for the Discovery owner. Historically, all areas of the Web site, except for the *eGroup* and the member database, have been open to everyone – including folks who own a Discovery but have not joined DOAI.

The Web site takes a great amount of work and many members contribute articles or information to assist other members. Member dues are essential to operate the Web site. **The time has come to limit access to certain portions of the Web site to DOAI members only.**

The *Hints, Modifications, Bulletin Board, Members Database, eGroup, Chat Room, News* and *Newsletters* will be restricted to DOAI members only. **This change is effective July 20, 2006.** Other areas of the Web site will continue to remain open to the public.

When you click a link to a restricted page, you will be asked to sign in with your login ID and password. Your login ID is your DOAI member number, and your password is your last name. You will not be able to change your login ID or your password as the authorized user database is generated from the monthly member list. You will retain your current user ID and password for the *Bulletin Board*, but access to the entrance page to the *Bulletin Board* will require that you log in using your member number and last name.



Note that the old login of *DOAI2* and password of *diesel2* will no longer be operational. The new login (your member number) and password (your last name) will be used to gain access to all restricted pages.

There are several free password manager programs (such as *Roboform*) that one can use to automatically remember and fill out login forms. This is an excellent way to keep from having to remember login info for any Web site.

The member validation process requires *JavaScript* on your browser. Most browsers enable *JavaScript* by default. If you have your browser set up to only allow *JavaScript* on selected sites, make sure that you allow the DOAI Web site to use *JavaScript*. Internet Explorer users who have their browser security set to “High” will need to do this. You will not be able to view the restricted pages without using *JavaScript*.

For your convenience, once you log in, you will not need to log in again to view any restricted pages on the DOAI Web site until you close your browser. However, cookies must be enabled on your browser for this feature to work. If your browser is set to **not** accept first-party/originating cookies, you will want to put the DOAI Web site on your exception list to allow cookies so that you do not have to log in again to view a new restricted page. Cookies on the DOAI Web site do not contain any spyware.

Should you have any questions or problems, please contact me at bobandmary@escapees.com. ❖

FUEL PRICES RISING

by Jay Keneson

Traveling with high fuel prices is a challenge for all of us. Do we park our Discovery and just stay home? Do we sell the “beast,” and change our lifestyle and possibly lose a way of life we love?

I’m sure all of us have thought and worried over what is best for us. The days of cheap fuel are gone and we will not see them again.

So, how do we keep on trucking down the road? I guess the answer for many of us is to plan our RV adventures at a different pace than we have in the past.

From July 1 of last year to the present, I have traveled over 13,000 miles in my Discovery and yes, fuel was my biggest expense. So I guess the answer is driving less. But that changes our lifestyle a lot.

What I am going to do is still get to the places we want to see, but get there a lot more slowly than we used to. I’m driving more back roads than ever before and lowering my speed considerably – 55 to 60 is my new speed. Yes, the fuel economy is much better and we see a lot more along the road. The distance between stops will be less, and we will be staying longer in each spot as we travel and see this great land of ours. It may take more extensive planning than it used to and then again, maybe not – only time will tell.

We are not going to park our RV any time soon, but try to plan our trips more carefully, to get to all the places still on our list, while possibly returning to some of our old ones.

Happy RVing to all of you. I hope to see you on the road. ❖



BRIEF INFORMATION UPDATES

❖ **RV Dump Stations:** For a complete listing of RV dump stations near your travels, go to www.rvdumps.com/. The Webmaster welcomes additions to the list, and it is updated frequently. Recent additions were stations in Westminster, California; Meridian, Idaho; and Muscatine, Iowa.

❖ **Free WiFi Listings:** The DOAI Web site includes a spreadsheet of free WiFi listings, now numbering about 600 verified sites across the country. You can link to the listing from DOAI’s main page. For more about free WiFi, go to www.wififreespot.com/.

❖ **A thank-you received:** Harold Oehler, secretary of the Lazydays Partners Foundation, sent a letter thanking DOAI for a contribution of \$600 to the foundation, as a result of donations at the 2006 Southeast rally. He writes: “...your gift is a beautiful example of people working together to make a difference in other people’s lives ...we will put your generous gift to good use by making a significant impact on the life of a child.”

❖ **When renewing your DOAI membership,** you can save money by paying multiple years’ dues. Pay for one year, it’s \$16; pay for three years, and it’s \$45 (savings of \$3); pay for five years, and it’s \$75 (savings of \$5). Check your dues date on the mailing label of this issue. ❖

FLEETWOOD TECHNICAL INFORMATION: MOTOR HOME BATTERY MAINTENANCE AND TIPS

by Neil Buschur

Motor home batteries require regular maintenance and inspection, which is a contrast from the “maintenance free” batteries that are used in our automobiles. Deep Cycle Batteries provide good capacity for dry camping, however, the “wet cell” type batteries must be maintained regularly. If you use your motor home regularly, it is important to check the fluid level of each cell every seven days. If you are not a regular user, it is important to check the fluid level of each cell at least once a month. The following is a list of recommendations from the Trojan Battery Company:

Inspection

1. Examine the outside appearance of the battery. Look for cracks in the container. The top of the battery, posts, and connections should be free of dirt, fluids, and corrosion. If batteries are dirty, clean them as specified below. Replace any damaged batteries.
2. Any fluids on or around the battery may indicate that electrolyte is spilling, leaching, or leaking out. Leaking batteries must be replaced.
3. Check all battery cables and connections. Look for loose or damaged parts. Replace any cable that is broken or frayed.

Watering (Flooded batteries only)

Prior to charging the batteries, there should be enough water to cover the surface of the plates. Otherwise, water should only be added after fully charging the battery.

Important Things to Remember

1. Do not allow plates to be exposed to air.
2. Do not fill the water all the way up to the cap.
3. Do not use water with high mineral content.
4. Use only distilled or de-ionized water. **CAUTION:** The electrolyte is a solution of acid and water, so skin contact should be avoided.

Procedure

- a. Remove the vent caps and check the electrolyte level: the minimum level is to the top of the plates.
- b. If there is no electrolyte visible, add just enough water to cover the plates.
- c. Replace and tighten all water vent caps.

- d. Completely charge the batteries before adding any more water.
- e. Once charging has completed, remove the vent caps and check the electrolyte level.
- f. Add water until the electrolyte level is 1/8" below the bottom of the fill well.
- g. Clean, replace and tighten all vent caps. **WARNING: Never add acid to a battery.**

Cleaning

1. Check all vent caps to verify they are tight.
2. Clean the battery tops with a cloth or brush and a solution of baking soda and water. Do not allow any cleaning solution or other foreign matter to get inside the battery.
3. Rinse with water and a dry clean cloth.



Storage

1. Freezing: Avoid locations where freezing temperatures are expected. Keeping batteries at a high state of charge also prevents freezing.
2. Heat: Avoid direct exposure to heat sources, such as radiators or space heaters. Temperatures above 80 degrees Fahrenheit accelerate the battery's self-discharge characteristics.

Procedure

- a. Completely charge the battery before storing.
- b. Store battery in a cool dry location protected from the elements.
- c. Check charge and the condition of the batteries monthly.

For more information you can also access the Trojan Battery Company Web site at www.trojanbattery.com.

Fleetwood RV always recommends using an authorized Fleetwood dealer for any battery replacement and/or charging issue concerns. ❖

Neil Buschur is a member of the Fleetwood Owner Relations team and will be writing other technical articles to be published in our newsletter. We thank Fleetwood for its continued support of DOAI.

NEW FREIGHTLINER SERVICE AND TRAINING FACILITY

by Marshall Godwin

In keeping with their goal to provide the best service possible, Freightliner Custom Chassis has a new Factory Service Center in Gaffney, South Carolina. The service center is located on Spartanburg Technical College's Cherokee Campus at I-85 and Highway 11 (near the big peach water tower). By the time you read this article, the facility will be open and operating.

The new facility is a joint venture with Spartanburg Technical College. Besides quality service for owners, the partnership will train and certify technicians to service

Freightliner chassis for RV dealerships and Freightliner service facilities around the country.

The new service center has six bays. The sites have water and electric facilities for overnight stays related to your service visit, and a central dump station. Transportation will be provided between the service center and main plant for customers interested in touring the chassis production line.

Almost all my chassis service has been done at Gaffney and I am pleased with their work. Call now and speak with Pat or Dave at 864.206.8683 to schedule your next chassis service. If you have not done so, make sure to tour the plant. It is remarkable to see a chassis completely assembled as you walk the production line. ❖



GETTING THERE SAFELY

by Mark J. Polk

Forty thousand people in the United States die each year on the road! With the peak RV travel season quickly approaching, I thought this would

be a good time to discuss getting to your RV travel destination safely. Getting there can be half the fun, as the saying goes, if you take a few precautions to make your trip safe.

The first step is to plan the trip you are taking. Travel guides, magazines, state tourism boards, and Internet sites offer valuable information to help you plan your trip. Route your trip on a map or from an Internet trip planning site. Always keep an atlas or maps in the RV or tow vehicle. Driving a motor home can be stressful, especially if you don't know the route you will be traveling. Using a GPS system can make traveling much less stressful.

Complete a pre-trip checklist before you head out on the road. Simple checks like checking your tires, lights, hitch work and other items, all contribute to a safer trip. You should make these checks every day before traveling.

Take plenty of breaks when you're traveling. Stopping, stretching out, and taking brief walks can revitalize you. Do not rush to get to your vacation destination. Driving too fast and for long periods of time can result in fatigue and falling asleep at the wheel. If you feel tired, you should pull over and rest or change drivers. It's a good idea to switch drivers every few hours. Keep a window cracked open to help you stay alert, and only eat light meals when you stop to eat.

Avoid driving your RV during bad weather and high winds. Because of the size and mass of RVs, it can be extremely dangerous to travel during periods of high winds. It's better to get to your destination one day later, than to risk traveling in bad weather.

Limit your driving time to five or six hours a day (300 to 350 miles). Not only will you be more alert, but you will arrive at the campground with plenty of day light to get set up and settled in before it gets dark outside. This gives you a chance to unwind and get rested for another day of travel, and to enjoy some of the amenities the campground has to offer.

Drive defensively! Stay alert and monitor what is going on around you at all times. Use your mirrors. For increased visibility, purchase some convex mirrors that you can stick on your side view mirrors. These mirrors are inexpensive and are available in auto parts stores. They come in different sizes and will improve your visibility a great deal, especially along the sides of the RV and in blind spots.

Eventually you will have to pass another vehicle in your RV. It's not difficult to pass but with a large RV, it requires more space and time than the average automobile. Make sure you have plenty of room and use your turn signals to change lanes. Accelerate until you are past the other vehicle and you can see both of their headlights in your mirror. Signal again to return to the other lane and pull back in. Maintain your speed ahead of the vehicle you just passed.

Always leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you. RVs are much heavier than your automobile and require a longer braking distance to come to a stop. This alone will prevent accidents, especially during emergency braking. Driving at a safe speed also lowers your braking distance. Always use a supplemental braking system on the vehicle you are towing, too.

Cell phones are nice to have for emergencies, but they can distract the driver. Do not use a cell phone if you are driving. If you must make a call, have someone who is not driving do it for you.

Never drink and drive!

In a recent study these dates, ranked in order, were identified as the ten deadliest days of the year to drive. Mark these on your calendar and stay put on these dates. One more day at the campground or getting to your destination one day later can't hurt you, but driving on these dates could do much worse. As you can see, most of the dates are close to, or on a major holiday. The reason for the August dates is because August is the busiest traveled month of the year.

- July 4
- July 3
- December 23
- August 3
- January 1
- August 6
- August 4
- August 12
- July 2
- September 2

Plan your trip, travel safe and smart and enjoy your RV experiences. Remember, getting there is half the fun! Happy camping! ❖

Mark Polk is a published author in the RV industry, and produces RV training videos and DVDs on how to use and maintain your RV. The goal of his company, RV Education 101, is to make all of your RVing experiences enjoyable, fun, and most importantly, safe. Sign up for your free RV Education 101 monthly newsletter at <http://rveducation101.com>

FEEDING THE RVER

This issue's recipe comes from Cummins' interesting Web site, www.funroads.com. It's a concoction by Bill and Mary Glenn, and is a snap to fix in our Discovery motor homes. It's reprinted with permission of *Funroads.com*.



Speedy Spud Soup

- ½ stick oleo or butter
- ½ cup celery, chopped
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cans chicken stock
- 3 baking potatoes

Salt and pepper to taste

Microwave potatoes until cooked but not mushy. Peel, slice, and set aside. In large pan, sauté onion and celery in oleo (butter) until tender crisp; add chicken stock, milk, and potatoes. Heat all until hot but not boiling. Season to taste. Serve immediately, or let cool and serve chilled. ❖

EGROUP CONVERSATION

Not every DOAI member participates in the eGroup. In an effort to share helpful information from the eGroup, occasionally we will publish a conversation which may be of assistance to non-group members. This time we feature a task taken on by our Aussie members, Rod Kirk and Pauline Allen, which they shared with the eGroup members.

REPLACING DISCOVERY'S JACK SEALS

Replacing the seals in a D's jacks can be expensive, but putting up with leaking jacks can be an embarrassing pain. Power Gear will want around \$400 for four jack seal kits, and the labor cost to remove, repair, and replace the four jacks, and the oil, would be horrendous. We've just completed doing ours for a total cost of \$10 for the seals and \$20 for oil, to drain and refill the oil tank. Actually we only needed to replace the seals in one rear jack and one front jack, but we now have replacement seals for the other two jacks, in

case they are required.

Our D jacks are what are referred to as displacement jacks; that is, they do not have internal piston seals. The only working seal is one at the bottom of the jack cylinder, in the removable, screwed, rod guide/seal support. In our unit (we have a 1998 Discovery), there's only one working seal, a type of O ring. In their new seal kits, Power Gear installs a hydraulic lip seal and a new wiper seal, facing down to wipe dirt off the cylinder rod as it retracts, and they install a grease nipple that allows grease to be pumped in above the wiper seal.



Pauline Allen and Rod Kirk, our Aussie members, atop Worthington Glacier, Alaska

We figure since our original seal arrangement lasted eight years, we couldn't see the value in paying over \$400 to change to the new sealing arrangement, when we could buy replacement seals for just \$10.

Removing the rear jack proved the most difficult part, followed by removing the front jack; they are heavy and awkward and tightly bolted. Replacing those jacks is a bit difficult, too. Almost everything else is pretty straightforward. The Power Gear's jacks information document can be found at <http://www.powergearus.com/DATA/seal%20kit%20manual%20%20rev%206.pdf>, and is also available on our DOAI Web site. It clearly lists the tools required and the work procedure for overhauling the jacks. Remember to refill the hydraulic tank with Dexron III. That's a bit awkward, because it's hard to tell how much oil is required: too little and the jacks will not extend, too much and they will not retract fully.

Each of our D jacks has a rod guide/seals support screwed into the bottom of the jack cylinder. These are fitted with one inner moving T seal, against the cylinder rod, and one outer static O ring, against the cylinder bore. Each seal has one backing ring. It's our understanding that T seals are normally

used to discourage rotation of an O ring seal in situations where there is a lot of cylinder movement, such as to cause the seals to get hot and potentially stick to the rod. We understand that in the case of a D, a normal O ring seal will work just as well as a T seal. T seals are available but not normally stocked in a hydraulics shop. By comparison, O rings are readily available.



An example of the clear illustrations in the Power Gear information document Rod and Pauline used as a guide to repair the D's leaking jacks

T seals will cost around \$7 each, compared to \$1 for an O ring.

For our D, the O ring seal numbers are (for the rear jacks): **337** (inner) and **237** (outer); and (for the front jacks): **331** (inner) and **231** (outer). These numbers conform to a National Oil Seals Standard.

Remember that you need **one** backing ring for each seal. The seal numbers include those backing rings. Often two backing rings are used for each O ring, but only one is used for each O ring in our D jacks. If you really want to stick with the original T seal arrangement, then you can buy T seals to match the aforementioned O ring numbers. ❖

In the next issue, Rod and Pauline will share a modification made to the exhaust brake system on their rig, complete with a schematic drawn for us on the computer by Gene Hamelman.

AND THAT REMINDS ME...

A former member recently sent a note, advising that Caterpillar has a document on its Web site that will be helpful to all owners of Caterpillar-engine equipped Discoverys. It's a PDF file, 18 pages long, entitled "Understanding Coach/RV Performance."

Get your copy at <https://ohe.cat.com/cda/files/287140/7/LEGT5364.pdf>

You'll need the free program, Adobe Reader, to open and read the file. Get the program at www.adobe.com



A hearty *Welcome!* to all new members:

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TREASURER'S REPORT

by Louise Mauck

Income/Expense – January 1 - March 31, 2006

Income	
Donations	\$ 2,100.00
Interest	69.04
Inventory	1,130.00
Lazydays 2006 Difference	317.44
Membership - Renewal	4,622.00
Membership - New	1,990.00
Rally Fee - Texas 2006	5,445.00
Vendors - Lazydays 2006	567.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 16,240.08</u>

Expense

Advertising	\$ 66.40
Donations Given	600.00
Hostess Fee	1,000.00
Inventory	332.30
Lazydays 2006	2,862.78
Membership Refund	515.66
Newsletter	4,452.67
Office Expense	257.91
Postage	52.70
Reimbursement of Board Expenses	2,677.40
Telephone	176.94
Web Site	299.73
Total Expense	<u>\$ 13,294.73</u>
Overall Total	<u>\$ 2,945.35</u>

RESURRECTING A CHAPTER

"The report of my death was an exaggeration."

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

New York Journal, June 2, 1897

A report has been made that Mid-South Roadrunners chapter is no more, but we believe the report is similar to the above remark by Mark Twain over 100 years ago. We believe the chapter can be revived, just as the California Goodtimers chapter was revived recently. It will take some work, contacting people and spreading the word, but it can be done.



If you live in the central area of the Southeast Region, including the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, etc., and you want to participate in the **resurrected** Mid-South Roadrunners chapter, let Southeast Region vice president Dick Smith know as soon as you can. You can call Dick on his toll-free number (877.238.6953) or send him an e-mail (poppop4171@msn.com).

Chapter gatherings are super venues for getting to know other DOAI members on a smaller scale. They give you lots of time to chat, eat, enjoy the area's offerings, etc., without having to travel any great distance.

Take a chance and jump into the chapter life! You'll meet new people, make new friends, and you'll have a wonderful time. ❖

From the Editor...

GIVING YOU WHAT YOU WANT

Putting this quarterly publication together with just the right mix of technical information, chapter and region news, news about individual members, national rally information, region rally information and/or wrap-up, and owners' how-to's, plus contact information for the national board and chapters, and rally schedules, is not easy. If the chapter news runs too long, we short-change those who want to have more technical help; if we include too much on the technical help side, those who want to see more on modifications feel they're not getting what they want, and so on.



In fact, two separate e-mails I received recently complained of that very thing. The first one said there was too much folksy news and not enough help for owners; the other one complained because we had six pages in the last issue devoted to technical help of one kind or another.

There are days when you just can't win.

For the record, and this is my own personal philosophy I'm giving you here, I am happy if every member is pleased by something in the newsletter at least twice a year. That means, in a year's time, if you've read something in two different issues that satisfies your wishes for a particular type of information, then I've succeeded in my goal. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, I can probably please all the members some of the time, and some of the members all of the time, but it's impossible to please all the members of DOAI all the time. It won't happen, and I've accepted that.

So...why write this editorial? Because I want you to know that I'm trying to include a wide variety of information in each issue, in order to give you something to pique your interest. But, and this is a big but, I can't do it alone. I need your help.

If you have an idea for an article, contact me and let's talk about it. Perhaps you want to write it yourself, or know of someone who is willing to do so...that's super. Perhaps you have a particular topic you'd like to see addressed, and together perhaps we can find someone to do just that. Perhaps you have

an idea for an ongoing, regular column, and I'd like to hear about that as well.

I'd like to see more on the *Feeding the RVer*, but the recipes and cooking tips just haven't hit my mailbox. I know there are good cooks out there – DOAI members who enjoy the challenge of creative cooking in a motor home. Please

write!

This is your newsletter, folks. If it doesn't give you the kind of information you want, then it's up to you to tell me what you'd like to have included. In addition, point out current regular features that you'd like to see either gone completely or shortened considerably. I may not be able to satisfy every request, but I'll do my best.

As Jim Devine put it so eloquently in the last issue, **let's talk.**

– Nina Lee Soltwedel

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

by Becky Godwin

As the summer season is in full swing, I hope all of you are using and enjoying your Discovery coaches. I look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio.



The past few months have been a busy time for your board of directors. Several vacancies were filled by the appointments of Richard (Dick) Smith as Southeast Region Vice President and Miriam (Micky) Racer as Treasurer. Let's give them our full support and a special thank you for stepping up to serve this organization.

The board recently decided an issue first discussed at the national rally at York. There was unanimous consent to restrict access to certain portions of our Discovery Web site. It was felt that our great Web site contains a wealth of knowledge that is currently open to the general public. By limiting access to members only, it preserves the value of the site for our members, and may serve as an incentive for other Discovery owners to join DOAI. Make sure to read Bob Cook's article in this issue of the newsletter so you will know how to sign on in order to gain access to those areas designated for members only.

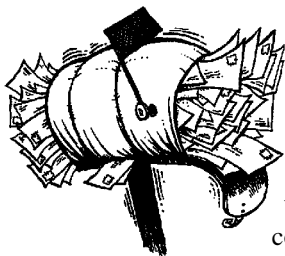
Another board initiative was a very successful mailing campaign to Discovery owners residing in California. The purpose of the mailing was to revive the inactive California Goodtimers chapter. At last count, the chapter has 25 members and growing.

Because of the time and effort put forth by the registrar for our national rallies, the board approved a proposal to reimburse the registrar for his or her rally fees.

The board also approved a proposal to open regular board meetings to any member who wishes to attend and observe the proceedings. Regular board meetings are held at each national rally. The time and location will be announced and published in the rally schedule.

As always, if you have a proposal for the board of directors to consider, please provide it to me so that I can distribute it to all board members for review.

For all chapter presidents and secretaries, please make sure your bylaws are up to date and send me a copy for the association files. ❖



PLEASE NOTE!

Because of the dates of the 2006 National Rally, the **deadline** for copy for the Fall 2006 issue will be **SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.**

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

A NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

by Marshall Godwin

Most of you are aware of the procedures established jointly by DOAI and Fleetwood to help our members resolve problems with their coaches. Here is a brief recap of the steps in the process. Keep a record of your actions including dates of when you contact people to resolve problems. That information will be needed if an *Owners Reporting Form* is submitted.



1. Contact a dealer about your problem.
2. If you are unable to get the problem satisfactorily resolved using the dealer, call Fleetwood Customer Service at 800.322.8216 for assistance.
3. If you are unable to get the problem satisfactorily resolved working with the customer service representative, call Fleetwood Customer Service again and report the problem to a customer service supervisor.
4. If you are unable to get the problem satisfactorily resolved working with the customer service supervisor, call Fleetwood Customer Service again and report the problem to the customer service manager.
5. If you are unable to get the problem satisfactorily resolved working with the customer service manager, contact your DOAI region vice president. The region vice president will gather information from you to fill out an *Owner Reporting Form* and will send a copy to the vice president of

development, who serves as liaison to Fleetwood management.

6. Fleetwood management will review the report and contact you directly to attempt to resolve the issue.

While at first glance this might appear to be a long process, it does follow a logical progression to allow problems to be corrected at the lowest level of authority within Fleetwood's customer service organization. The steps can be done in a relatively short time. When followed, satisfactory results can occur at any step in the process and may well be obtained before it is necessary to submit an *Owners Reporting Form*.

I have noted problems reported on the DOAI bulletin board or eGroup with great detail, and no small measure of frustration on the part of a member, only to discover the owner never reported the issue to Fleetwood. Our members are an outstanding source of information to help correct issues, but if you need Fleetwood's help, please use the developed process, as it is your best chance to have Fleetwood promptly resolve problems.

There seems to be a tendency for us coach owners to want to hold the coach builder responsible for anything that goes wrong, regardless of how long we have been out of the warranty period. On a case-by-case basis, Fleetwood has taken care of problems outside the warranty window as a customer accommodation. I know of a number of such cases. However, please remember they run a for-profit business and there will be times when the simple answer is "No." On the other hand, valid problems need to be addressed and corrected. Be persistent in your efforts to get satisfaction, but remember that it helps to do so in a manner that focuses on facts rather than emotions. Your dedicated effort to correct your problem may well benefit many other Discovery coach owners with a similar problem. ❖



Please keep these members of our DOAI family in your thoughts and prayers:

...**Joyce Bednarczyk**, upon the recent death of husband, **Jim**. See an article by Joyce on page 18.

...**MaryAnn and Don Crowell**: MaryAnn is recovering from treatments for cancer; Don, walking around the coach, stepped on a rock, fell, and broke his left fibula. He's on crutches and recovering.

...**Darlene and Foster Pinson**: Foster is in his last stages of cancer.

...**Louise Chaffee**, whose husband, **Sid**, died recently.

...**Sandy Fields**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

...**Frank Sawyer**, recently diagnosed with diverticulitis.

...**Donald Schaffer**, recently diagnosed with cancer.

...**Truman Petzoldt**, whose wife, **Jo Ann**, died in March from cancer.

...**Arlene Richie**, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

...**Howard Campbell**, who had quadruple bypass surgery and is recovering.

...**Jim and Dorothy Devine**: Jim and Dorothy just completed a move to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, so that Dorothy can be near her son. In a brief conversation with Jim, he shared that the family has just about completely furnished their new home for them, and one of his cousins is living in their Loxley, Alabama, home, taking care of the place. Dorothy made the trip quite well, and continues to love receiving phone calls and cards from our great big DOAI family.



Your editor has begun serving as Member Care person, and has sent sympathy cards and notes of cheer to these good people. Please let the editor know of those who need a bit of cheer or expressions of sympathy from our DOAI family. ❖

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CHAPTER REPORTS

California Goodtimers

by Gerald Embry

The California Goodtimers chapter has come back to life! We now have 25 members, several of whom are returning members.

I am extremely thankful for the excellent work done by the DOAI board to help bring this to pass. By the time you read this, we should have officers in place, our monies in the bank, and plans underway for our first rally.

Discovery Pioneers

by Joyce Wiechman

Planning to be traveling in the Colorado Rocky Mountains this vacation season? The Discovery Pioneers chapter of DOAI has several rallies scheduled that we welcome you to attend as visitors.

The Pioneers are having a great rally season, thanks to our rally master Neil Elkins. In May we gathered in Santa Fe, New Mexico, an area loaded with history. Our June rally goes gathered at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, June 9-12 at A&A Mesa Verde RV Park. We had as our guests, Marshall and Leann Stivers, members of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter. Neil and Marlene were our hosts. A hit of the rally was "breakfast in a bag," and what a great start to the day's fun that was.

July 13-16 will take us to beautiful Garden of the Gods RV Campground in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which is a wonderful place to vacation. It will be our annual meeting, and we will elect new officers for the coming year.

Our last rally of the season will take us to northern New Mexico. Our rally hosts, Bob and Nina Soltwedel and Carl and Marge Ropp, have made arrangements at Rio Chama RV Park, Chama, New Mexico September 12-17. The main event will be riding the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge railway from Chama to Antonito, Colorado for a day's outing. This rally will also be the first annual reunion rally for Discovery Pioneers; we'll be sending special invitations to former chapter members to join us. We are gleefully stealing this idea from the Texas Disco Road Runners!

We have begun to plan our 2007 rally locations, which may include Creede, Colorado, and northern Wyoming. Stay tuned!

The latch string will be out for any of you D owners who happen to be passing through colorful Colorado this summer. Safe travels and we'll leave a light on for you!

Mason-Dixon Discoverys

by Tony Faverio

The Mason-Dixon Discoverys rallied at Lewisburg, West Virginia June 7-10, hosted by Glenn and Gail Camp. The state fairgrounds allocated a full hookup site location where all 17 member coaches shared in great friendship, fun and food. Entertainment was provided by a famous Las Vegas performer. We are all looking forward to our next funfest in Virginia Beach, Virginia September 14-18. Dick Smith, wagon master, and other members will be evaluating several recommended locations for future chapter rallies.

At our June meeting, the Mason-Dixon Discoverys nominated a membership committee, consisting of members from each state represented in the chapter. These persons will assist in recruiting new members and acclimating them to the



Mason-Dixons had a great time!

DOAI and our chapter.

Dick Smith, vice president of the Southeast region, presented plans for the 2007 DOAI regional rally at Lazydays February 13-16. The Mason-

Dixon Discoverys voted to host the rally.

I thank Dick Smith, Marshall and Becky Godwin, Ron Kiebler, and Arlene Richie for their leadership as previous officers of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys, and their contributing to the significant growth of the chapter.

Discovery Texans

by John Baker

The Discovery Texans had a busy weekend rally at Shallow Creek Campground, Gladewater, Texas. As we were hosted by the Quinns and the Sawyers, the food was excellent (as always) and the fellowship was fun-filled (as always).



All those jeans for San Antonio. What will they be? The Texans ain't telling!

Activities began early Thursday, as several continued preparations for the 2006

Discover the Alamo national rally, sponsored by the three chapters of the South Central Region. The Discovery Texans join the Texas Disco Road Runners and the Louisiana Mudbugs to encourage you: **do not miss this one!** As evening set in, some of our number

ventured to the nearby casinos in Louisiana to make deposits. One member, who shall remain nameless, claimed to break even, but we all know him to stretch the truth from time to time.

On Friday, several visited the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore. Others made their way across the street to learn more about the famous Kilgore Rangerettes at their museum. Of course, there was antiquing a-plenty in Gladewater. (Where do they get all that stuff they sell to us?) Thanks to Frank Sawyer for providing Friday's door prizes.



Dotty Yovino won a neat chair from Hayes RV

In keeping with Memorial Day, we observed a moment of silence to honor the memories of our friends who were active Discovery Texans at the time of their deaths: Jim White, Frank Ryan, Debbie Trent, Ray Blakely, and Jim Bednarczyk. We want to thankfully remember the good times we had with these friends and provide their families with support and continued friendship.

We are excited to have two couples as our newest members: Carsten and Bridget Wiemken of Temple, and Barry

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and Rose Marie Rumac of Austin. These folks will be excellent additions to the DOAI family. We were happy to see longtime members Lonnie and Clara Johnson, who had spent most of 2006 in California.

Saturday a team from David Hayes RV Sales of Longview, Texas brought a brand new full-wall slide Discovery with which to tempt us, and it is a beauty! If you haven't seen one yet, you are in for a real treat. In addition, they outdid themselves, sponsoring a fun-filled bingo night, providing copious door prizes and bingo prizes. They really demonstrated the spirit of friendship and cooperation we all hope to see between DOAI chapters and Discovery dealers. Hayes has a stellar reputation and made lots of friends here! Thank you, David Hayes.

In addition to the national rally, we have two more rallies scheduled during 2006 and a full slate of five are booked for 2007. First, visit our chapter Web page at www.discoveryowners.com to see when and where they will be, then plan to come and visit us and see what happens at a Discovery Texans rally!

Florida Discovery Rolling Gators

by Bill Brewer

Florida Gators had a great rally at KARS recreational area near Cape Canaveral in March. Eleven coaches attended. There were lots of places to go, most of them having to do with eats, and we took full advantage of those opportunities. One night several couples traveled to the planetarium for an interesting show.

This rally came on the heels of our New Year's rally at Christmas Airstream Park in Christmas, Florida. Both campgrounds were so terrific and welcoming that we plan to return next year to both parks. We shared the KARS park with about 100 Boy Scouts, and of course that was fun. They were helpful and enjoyable to watch. The local American Legion Post had meals available and opened their bar for us.

I hesitate to mention the weather for fear some of you may decide to join us down here in Paradise. But the main item that makes these rallies so great for me is our members. There are so many stories of travels to different places and also about problems they have had and solved, that I never fail to learn something.

We had a short chapter meeting on Saturday and planned dates for the remaining 2006 rallies. We will be returning to Grandfather Mountain in Boone, North Carolina. Good food will be on the agenda if Sue Smith and Alice Pizzano repeat their mouth-watering cooking of this past year!

Heartland Discoverys

by Echo Richardson

Our chapter and the Midwest Discoverers joined in Berlin, Ohio in June for a most wonderful time. Twenty-one coaches attended, all welcomed by rally hosts Dave and Diane Drinkwater.

We visited one of only four cycloramas in North America, we ate lots of wonderful Amish food, we rode in buggies and visited an Amish barn filled with animals. Imagine our surprise when we went to an Amish school where the norm is to learn three languages and fulfill one's education by the eighth grade.

A surprise Amish gift exchange was held around the

campfire. We all laughed while some plotted openly to get the Crunch-N-Munch, some silently watched as the screwdriver was held discreetly so not to draw attention, and what was that Captain



Good food, good friends!

Jack keep squeezing? Great fun with great friends.

Our last night was spent eating scrumptious hamburgers that were grilled over an open oak fire. We piled our side dished onto the serving table. Parkesdale Farms in Florida has nothing on Diane Drinkwater: she served creamy vanilla ice cream, poured on huge hunks of fresh bright red berries, and crowned it with rich whipped cream. Now this is truly pot **luck!**

The last morning we gathered, a contented group. A great rally with wonderful friends is always a special event. Then it was time to put miles behind us and look for the smiles ahead of us. We thank all our friends in Midwest Discoverers.

Texas Disco Road Runners

by Garry Shirey

The Texas Disco Road Runners met at Las Aves RV Park in Medina, Texas June 15-17 and had a great time. Twelve coaches were present, two of which were visitors – Tom and Sandy Fields and Dick and Sara Hallum. Both couples belong to Discovery Texans. Joyce Bednarczyk joined us and it was very pleasant to have her company.

The women worked on their projects for the October national rally, and some of the "good guys" helped them. I think they just wanted to stay in the cool air conditioning.

On Thursday night we had stuffed baked potatoes with more salads than I can describe, topped off with make-your-own sundaes. For breakfast the next morning we had pancakes and sausage, OJ and coffee. For lunch we scattered like quail. That night, those who were still hungry had "planned leftovers." Saturday morning we had two casseroles made with different recipes. One had eggs and potatoes plus, and the other had grits and eggs plus (the 'plus' is a kind of secret of the two cooks). Biscuits, fruit, OJ and coffee were also served. With the help of Mas and Betty Konatsu, Jay Keneson, Barry Cummins, Gayle and I had a great time hosting this rally.

Our December rally/campout will be in Fredericksburg. We have 15 spaces allotted; anyone wishing to attend is to make their own reservation by November 1.

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Nor'easters

by Joan Fairweather

We were allotted but 2.3 hours of sunshine for the Nor'easters four-day May rally held at Lake George, New York, hosted by Bob and Marian Giordano. However, being the hardy, fun and food-loving bunch that we are, Mother Nature couldn't dampen our enthusiasm and enjoyment of being together in this most scenic part of New York State.



Nor'easters know that food tastes better outdoors even in the rain

Home-cooked breakfasts at the campfire started off each day's activities; amongst which was a memorable visit to Fort William Henry. The narrated guided tour of the Fort was an educational and an enjoyable trip back to our rich historic past. Not to ignore the present, the merchants of Lake George and its famous

outlet centre were also the recipients of the Nor'easters' attention. A fabulous dinner was enjoyed by the group at a super Lake George bunkhouse restaurant, which like everything else at our spring get-together (except of course the weather), rated at least five stars.

It was decided at the business meeting that our fall rally will be enjoyed with the Midwest Discoverers' Michigan rally, September 12-18. Looking toward 2007, our spring rally will be held in the Wildwood area of New Jersey and hosted by John and Jean Zidek. Going international is the destination for the Nor'easters' 2007 fall rally being planned for Ottawa, Canada – our northern neighbors' capital city – and hosted by Maurice and Joan Fairweather.

Louisiana Mudbugs

by Carolyn Barnes

Nine coaches of the Louisiana Mudbugs attended a rally at Lincoln Parish Park in Ruston, Louisiana April 27-30. In spite of the pouring rain that weekend, we enjoyed running around in the wet, collecting materials we needed to work on for the national rally in San Antonio. We got a lot accomplished, and had a lot of good food to eat, too.

Several of us got there a day early and were able to do

some fishing and walking around the pretty lake within the park.

Our next rally will be August 11-13 in the southern part of the state at Lakeside RV Park, Livingston, Louisiana. We welcome anyone who may be passing through or just wants to come join us for the weekend. You can come early and stay late. Call 225.756.0945 or 318.251.2568 if you are interested. We would also like to see you at San Antonio in October.

Northwest Adventurers

by Ken Swain

The Northwest Adventurers chapter held back-to-back rallies in January. The first was a week at the Blythe, California fairgrounds for the annual Bluegrass Festival followed by five days in Quartzsite, Arizona. Nine coaches were in attendance. We departed Blythe on Monday morning and proceeded to Quartzsite. Three coaches left us at that point and one other joined us.



One of the bluegrass bands



The gang at Blythe

We had a great week of just enjoying the area around Blythe, visiting the Intaglios, (primitive earth figures) and Cibola Wildlife Refuge, seeing geese, sand hill cranes, coyotes, beautiful little

Cibola Lake, etc., and of course, golfers found their niche. We went out to dinner as a group, had a great potluck and a dessert social with three days of bluegrass music completing the event.

In Quartzsite we enjoyed the shopping and had a campfire each evening with pie and other goodies to expand our waistlines.

Discovery members in attendance came from Washington, Utah, British Columbia, Oregon, and Alaska! We invite other members of the club to plan or suggest other rally locations and times. ❖

REGION REPORTS

Northeast Region

by John Zidek

With the changes in the Southeast I congratulate Dick Smith for his assuming the region's vice presidency. I look forward to working with him in the near future.

Jean and I have enjoyed two rallies since the last newsletter. We traveled to Lake George, New York for the Nor'easters rally in May and to Berlin, Ohio for the Midwest Discoverers/Heartland Discoverys Amish country get-together. We enjoyed both immensely. While we cannot travel to Michigan in September, owing to prior commitments, we look

forward to seeing many of you at the San Antonio national rally in October.

Currently three rallies are in the planning stages for 2007 with the first occurring in Ohio June 4-8, the next in New Jersey June 15-19, and the last in Canada in September.

While fuel prices remain high, many of us are traveling and spending more time in the areas to which we have traveled. If you are like us, we find that there is never enough time to see all the sights and end up returning to the same area. This has slowed us down and we are now spending more time touring the many sights the areas have to offer.

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REGION REPORTS, CONT.

Southeast Region

by Dick Smith

First I express my sincere thanks to the board for the confidence they showed in me by appointing me to fill the office of vice president of the Southeast Region for the remainder of the term. I shall try very hard to not let you down.

Sue and I just returned from a five-day rally at the West Virginia state fairgrounds in Lewisburg with the Mason-Dixon Discoverys. What a wonderful place to hold a rally and what a fun group of people. Glenn and Gail Camp hosted the rally and did a fantastic job.

President Phil asked me to work on two things immediately:

1. **Get a new chapter started to fill the void where the Mid-South Roadrunners chapter pulled out.** I e-mailed or snail mailed everyone who was a member and still owning a Discovery. So far, the response has been disappointing but I am dedicated to this task. Anyone living in that area who is interested should contact me by phone or e-mail and I will get back to you and see what we can get going. My numbers are on page 14.
2. **Get the Southeast region rally back on schedule.** I am happy to report that the Southeast region DOAI rally will be at Lazydays RallyPark February 13-17, 2007. We will

have a welcome reception on February 13, a cookout on February 14 at the RallyPark, and a catered dinner followed by live entertainment on February 15, with another catered dinner and entertainment the next day! There will be vendors, seminars, driving classes, handouts, prizes, and much more. We have 150 sites reserved and would like to fill them. The cost is as follows:

To Lazydays Rally Park

\$168.00 for the site rental and the catered dinners

To DOAI

A rally fee of \$40.00 to cover the cost of the welcome reception, the cookout, and the entertainment for the two catered dinners.

The registration form is on page 20 in this newsletter with all instructions. A copy will also be posted on the DOAI Web site. If you are not familiar with the deal at Lazydays, it is full hookups, cable TV, newspaper at your coach each morning, free breakfast and lunch over in the sales building each day, all those beautiful coaches to look at and walk through at your leisure. So put those longjohns away for a couple of weeks and come on down to the *Sun-N-Fun* Discovery rally. The southeast area FMCA rally at Brooksville, Florida is the week before ours, so those wishing to attend both will be able to do so.

I hope to see everyone in San Antonio in October, and at Lazydays in Seffner, Florida in February. ❖

FOUNDERS FORUM

by Joyce Bednarczyk

On April 25, Jim Bednarczyk died at the VA hospital in Kerrville, Texas. Afflicted with Alzheimer's, Jim developed a fast-growing tumor in his liver, and it took him quickly. He was cremated and his ashes interred at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio. Joyce, his wife, was DOAI's national secretary, and has been a longtime member of Texas Disco Road Runners. Since Jim and Dorothy Devine are currently involved in moving to Tennessee, Jim asked Joyce if she would write this issue's column, so that she could express her gratitude toward her *family*...the members of Discovery Owners Association, Inc.

When Jim Devine asked me to write this column, I couldn't help but think back to their column a couple of issues back, describing their journey in their starship "Spacecraft Discovery."

Thinking back to Jim Bednarczyk and my beginning of this journey through the universe, with a 9' by 12' Sears & Roebuck tent and two Army cots, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine the places we would see and people we would meet.

Our first enthusiastic trip was to a lake near Tyler, Texas, arriving after dark on a Friday evening, with the challenge of setting up the tent for the first time. This is best described as "Mission Impossible," but was finally "Mission Accomplished." Soon thereafter we settled in, as comfy as possible, on our canvas cots, with thoughts of a long night's sleep.

A nice slow rain began to fall, cooling things off nicely. As I began to doze, the rain turned into a downpour. There was no sign of it coming to an end when I noticed a small river

running through our tent. As I visualized us and the tent sliding down the hill in the mud into the lake, I awakened Jim (it was now 3:30 a.m.), to help me disassemble the tent, load the car, and head for home. This turned out to be quite a challenge, with Jim holding an umbrella while trying to work. With this, you can imagine my thoughts of divorce. We had a very quiet trip home.

Our starship progressed from tent to an old pop-up, which we had to pop-up by hand. This didn't last long and we progressed to a crank-up pop-up ... really uptown! This was nice; we enjoyed this



Joyce and Jim Bednarczyk

lifestyle and met many new friends on weekend trips.

We happened on to a really good deal for a 1974 Chevy 3/4-ton pickup with matching 26-foot travel trailer. We were really moving up then, getting six miles to the gallon on this truck. Soon Jim found a Midas Minnie motor home for sale that needed a lot of work. Nothing to do but buy it ... not a good move.

Before long, we traded for a 1984 Pace Arrow motor home, fully equipped with Banks Power Pack and all. After many weekend trips with this and several disasters, we traded for a 1997 Bounder. A trip to Big Bend National Park and then to Las Cruces, New Mexico to the FMCA rally convinced me diesel was the way to go. Thus, the 1998 Discovery. At this

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FOUNDER'S FORUM, CONT

point we thought we had arrived as we were both retired. We sold our home and were finally **on the road**.

I would like to write a book, as each trip seems to be filled with its own comedy of events, some funny and some not.

As most of you know, Jim met the end of his journey through life on April 25, 2006. And just as it did on that first trip with the tent, persistence will prevail and I will continue the journey, anxious to see where the starship goes next.

The most important encounter of this journey is the multitude of friends we have made across the country. The many prayers were felt and the many telephone calls, cards, flowers, memorials and gifts are all so greatly appreciated. I only hope to convey to each of you how I feel. My RV family has given me the courage to press on and meet each day with

faith and hope to live each day, one day at a time, and to pass on the love and concern that you have given me.

Family: For most of you, the RV group is your extended family. For me, **you are it**. Please know and recognize the importance of this family in your life and journey.

And please remember Dorothy and Jim Devine in your prayers and be thankful, as I am, that they founded this great club for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you all. Safe and happy travels. ❖

Note: If you would like to send a note or card to Joyce, her address is PMB 3769, 137 Rainbow Dr, Livingston, TX 77399. If you wish to send a note or card to Dorothy Devine, her address is 122 Baltimore Dr, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.



CLEAN SAVERS: TIPS AND TRICKS WITH DR. DOMETIC

RVing can be a beautiful experience. It gives you the chance to commune with nature, explore new landscapes or just sit under the patio awning and enjoy the afternoon breeze. It encourages you to make new connections with people you may not have known before, to share stories around the campfire or just to spend time reuniting with the family. It allows you to take the conveniences of home on the road, to enjoy a beautiful fireplace, the cool comfort of an air conditioner or the current cooking conventions. Unfortunately it also means some chores of home tag along and take away from communing with nature or forging relationships.

"RVing offers great experiences, but it's not all about kicking back and relaxing," says Dr. Dometic, RV expert and enthusiast. "That's why RVers need to find ways to take care of those menial tasks and chores in efficient ways so they can enjoy more time swaying in the hammock or finding new trails to hike."

Dometic has introduced cleaners especially for RVers so they can spend less time cleaning while on their excursions. These kitchen and bath cleaners are designed to save time, space and hassle, so RVers can spend less time on housework and more time relaxing.

"When Dometic teamed with The Fuller Brush Company to develop these cleaners, they kept RVers at the forefront of their decisions. The outcome is a myriad of offerings that are sure to please RVers and meet any of their cleaning needs, while saving them in different ways," Dr. Dometic explains.

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According to Dr. Dometic, it can be used to keep stale odors out of a unit that is closed for the season. For fabrics, such as clothing, bedding, curtains and cushions, Odors Away eliminates odors from smoke, cooking and even Fido. The Crystal Deodorizer works for problem areas. The natural, odor-absorbing crystals can be used in refrigerators, freezers, closets, diaper pails, pet cages, storage spaces and more.

"The right tool is priceless in making a job easier. And that includes using the right cleaner for the right project. You wouldn't use a butter knife to crack open a lobster, so why would you try to clean out a jar with dishcloth that can't reach the bottom?" Dr. Dometic asks. To remedy the problem, he suggests using the appropriate tools for the appropriate jobs, such as the Bottle Jar Brush to adequately clean out tough-to-reach bottoms of glasses or bottles.

Likewise, the right toilet bowl swab, and window or cooktop cleaner are designed to make the job simple, fast and easy. "Removing hard-water deposits, lime, rust and scale takes elbow grease, but the right product makes the job easier and saves the elbow," says Dr. Dometic. That's why he suggests using Dometic's Scale Dissolver Bathroom Cleaner and Clean Bath Foaming Cleanser to tackle the bathroom with ease.

One thing RVers always need to save on is space. RVs don't always offer enough nooks and crannies to store necessary items. That's why Dr. Dometic suggests finding versatile products that take up less space than having several bottles that all do similar jobs. "A multi-purpose cleaner such as Dometic's Multi-Surface Cleaning Gel can do the same job as several other cleaners, while saving space, which is a limited commodity for RVers."

The right cleaners can save RVers in several ways. They can save time, space, sweat and tears. So when you head out on your next RV adventure, keep the outdoors outside and the inside sparkling without taking time away from practicing your fly fishing or catching up on your favorite author's latest novel. ❖

An RV enthusiast and expert, Dr. Dometic has written a series of articles on important RV issues. This is the first in a series, and was reprinted with permission of Dometic and Bj Thompson Associates.



Southeast 2007 Region Rally – Sun-N-Fun Rally
Lazydays RallyPark, Seffner, Florida – Phone 800.905.6627
ARRIVAL: Tuesday, February 13 – DEPARTURE: Saturday, February 17
Early Arrival: Monday, February 12 – Late Departure: Sunday, February 18

Please complete this two-part registration form. Send Part I to Lazydays RallyPark, and send Part II to Marshall Godwin, Registrar

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DISCOVERY MOTOR HOMES FOR SALE

1999 - 36A: Cummins 275 on Freightliner chassis, 10-11 mpg, Jake brake, Allison 6-speed tranny, 7.5KW gen, 1KW inverter, energy mgmt system, leather pilot/co-pilot seats, lounge, dinette, two TVs, satellite dish, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, bedroom ceiling fan, lots of storage inside and out, no slide-out problems, 53,000 miles w/new tires and house batteries, hydraulic leveling jacks, large awning, toilet. One owner, well maintained, kept under cover; no smoke/pets. **Cecil Holder**; 512.259.2424; clholder@austin.rr.com **Price: \$57,500**

1999 - 36T: Must sell before ordering new unit! One slide, Cummins ISB 275, Allison 6-speed tranny, Cummins RoadRelay system, Onan 6.5KW gen, 1KW inverter, power mgmt system, queen bed, VCR/DVD, two TVs, satellite dish, MW/convec, cooktop and oven, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, two ACs, LP extended stay connection, full awnings all around, XRV tires w/two spares and covers. 49,000 miles. Price includes two free City Bug electric scooters. See <http://99Discovery.home.comcast.net>. **Gene Hamelman**; 972.495.6342; g-mann@comcast.net. **Price: \$72,000 NEGOTIABLE**

1999 - 36T: 300 HP Cummins, very good condition, no smoke/pets, 59,000 miles, 11 mpg, kitchen, living room slide, leather loveseat/couch, dining booth, MW/convec, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, new carpeting, two ACs, two TVs, satellite and regular antenna, leather seats, LP gen, new batteries; front tires have 15,000 miles; tow package including optional 1991 Tracer wagon. Everything works. **Rob Hess**; 918.756.1316; fax 918.756.1315; rhess@firstokmulgee.com. **Price: \$71,900 with tow car; \$69,900 without tow car**

2000 - 37G: Late-production w/upgraded entry door, separate door awning, walnut cabinets, leather seats, sofa bed and J sofa, satellite dish, 2 TVs, refrig/freezer, oven plus MW/convec, Corian™ countertops, W/D, 275 Cummins, Allison 6-speed tranny, 7.5KW gen, nearly new 255/80R w22/5 Michelins with alum wheels, back-up camera, tile floors in kitchen and bath, window sun covers, solar panel, more. Meticulously maintained! No kids/pets/smoke. Extended warranty until late October 2006. 47,000 miles. **Joe Pelella**; home 434.374.5092; cell 434.917.4589; joepel@verizon.net **Price: \$81,000**

2000 - 37V: Cummins 300 ISB, Allison 6-speed tranny, 49,000 miles, one owner, excellent condition, no smoking/pets, two slides, 7.5KW gen, 2KW inverter, W/D, two TVs, King Dome, CB radio, alum wheels, new front tires, new coach and engine batteries, propane cooktop and oven, MW/convec, refrig/freezer, dinette table/four chairs, awnings all around, two leather recliners. All maintenance current, all records/manuals available. **Bob Larkin**; 480.802.3826; larkinb@wbhsi.com. **Price: \$89,000 NEGOTIABLE**

2000 - 37V: Cummins 275 ISB, Allison 6-speed tranny, 54,000 miles, original owner, excellent condition; no smoke/pets, two slides, 7.5KW gen, 2KW inverter, W/D, two TVs, alum wheels, new tires (275/70 22.5), new coach batteries, cooktop/oven, MW/convec, refrig/freezer, dinette, awnings all around, leather furniture, cherry cabinets. All maintenance current, all records and manuals available.

Joe May; 614.746.2597; josephlmay@aol.com **Price: \$90,000**

2001 - 37G: Loaded, non-smokers, with dryer, central vac system, diesel gen, all leather interior, alder cabinets, etc. 52,000 miles, well maintained. **Ron Zimmerman**; 407.330.1658; gnopgnip1@bellsouth.net. **Price: \$75,900 NEW LOWER PRICE!**

2002 - 38D: 330 Cat, in-motion satellite for TiVo DVR, crank-up antenna, CB, extra large/extra quiet water pump w/custom water area, awnings all around, windshield sun cover, tire covers, two large solar panels w/solar boost and Trace meter, Venturi quiet roof vent w/six new batteries, custom walnut desk and shelves, custom faucets throughout, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, cooktop and oven, custom bedroom and closet shelves, electric blind on driver side and windshield. **Barry Jacobs**; 951.805.6992; kathynjake@hotmail.com. **Price \$120,000 (or \$125,000 with TT/RoD/RPI campground memberships)**

2002 - 38P: Cat 330, two slides, Allison 6-speed tranny, Onan 7.5KW gen, W/D, two ACs, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, all leather interior, 2KW inverter, low miles, mint condition. **Raymond Martin**; 513.777.7507; dwe1835@wmconnect.com. **Price: \$120,000 NEW LOWER PRICE!**

2003 - 39S: Three slides, awnings all around, Allison 6-speed tranny, 330 HP Cat, 7.5KW gen. All leather seats, including two swivel/recliners, dining table and chairs, custom cherry built-ins, more. 13,800 miles, bought new. No smoking/pets. Plus 1997 Jeep Cherokee, all leather, all options, 72,000 miles, bought new, garaged, perfect care, hitch, hook-ups, etc. **Will sell without Jeep. Burell Boyd**; 256.796.2668. **Price for both: \$125,000**

2003 - 39S: Cat 330HP, Allison 6-speed tranny, three slides, two ACs, Onan 7.5KW gen, W/D, refrig/freezer w/ice maker, satellite dome, cherry interior finish, MW/convec. 12,000 miles, no smoke/pets, mint condition, transferable warranty, many extras. **Don Vanderheiden**; 308.785.2285; 308.870.1257; donjan26@msn.com **Price: \$119,000**

2005 - 39L: Many add-ons including outside entertainment cntr; 27" TV w/surround sound/DVD in bedroom; rear AC upgraded to 13,500 BTU; Goodyear spare in spare tire bin; satellite dome upgraded to InMotion; Body Block shield on coach front, W/D, 17,500 miles. **Greg Smith**; 251.443.7755; cell 251.331.0723; cell 251.583.4700; rbwgns@aol.com. **Price: \$134,900**

2005 - 39S: Cat 330, triple slide, every available option plus spare tire, satellite radio, and hands-free cell phone. Non-smokers, garage kept, 20,000 miles. Also available: 2003 4-door Chevrolet Tracker. **Buddy Mayfield**; 806.795.1999; buddyandleathamayfield@nts-online.net. **Price: \$142,500**

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OVER-DOOR AWNING by Oasis, like new, \$300; **SMALL ELECTRIC SCOOTER** \$100; and **WINDSHIELD CHIP REPAIR KIT**, price negotiable. Will have these at the San Antonio rally in October. **Joyce Bednarczyk**; bedchk@peoplepc.com.

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FULL BODY COVER for a 1999 Discovery 37V. **John Kovach**; 719.599.3608; jkkovach@aol.com.



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OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, AND 7, 2006

TOURS AND GOLF – OCTOBER 2 AND 3, 2006 (EARLY ARRIVAL)

REVISED REGISTRATION FORM – Please PRINT legibly or TYPE all information

Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City, State, ZIP+4 Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Need handicap parking? Yes _____ No _____ E-Mail _____

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ NOTE: Please indicate above if you need Handicap Parking so that a space will be saved for you!

DOAI # _____ DOAI Region Affiliation _____ First National Rally? _____

Guest(s) Name, City, State _____

DOAI Officer, Chapter Member, Chapter Officer? Advise following as applicable:

DOAI Officer _____ Chapter Name _____ Current Position _____

Registration:

\$200.00 per coach with two adults (October 4-7) \$ _____

\$155.00 per coach with one adult (October 4-7) \$ _____

\$45.00 each additional adult or child (October 4-7) x _____ persons = \$ _____

Early Arrival and Events – see details of events on next page → → → → → → → →

Sun. Oct. 1 _____ Mon. Oct 2 _____ Tue. Oct. 3 _____ x \$28.00/night = \$ _____

* Tour 1: \$60.00 x _____ persons (Monday and Tuesday) = \$ _____

** Tour 2: \$40.00 x _____ persons (Monday) = \$ _____

*** Tour 3: \$40.00 x _____ persons (Tuesday) = \$ _____

**** Golf: \$35.00 x _____ persons (Monday) = \$ _____

\$20 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) \$ _____

→ → MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSN., INC. Check Enclosed \$ _____

Mail check and registration form to: Elsie Sikes, Registrar, 240 Star Ln., Pipe Creek, TX 78063-5147

QUESTIONS? Call Elsie (toll-free 888.857.7048) or send e-mail (sikesel@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

LIMIT OF 200 COACHES

→ → COPY FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS – NO SHOW, NO REFUND ← ← YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR REGISTRATION VIA E-MAIL.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES! Please indicate your interest in any of the following for planning purposes:

- Red Hat Social Parade of Homes

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please volunteer for any of the following necessary tasks:

- Registration Door Prizes Golf Helper Workshop Helper
 Reporter Seminar Helper Entertainment Helper Vendor Helper
 Photographer Clean-up Helper Breakfast Helper Where Needed
 50/50 Game First Aid



2006 NATIONAL RALLY NOTES

Early arrival will enable you to participate in the following tours and events. The asterisks included here correspond to the activity shown on the registration form on the previous page:

*Tour 1: Monday 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. – River Boat Ride, Japanese Tea Gardens, Market Square, Downtown San Antonio (with lunch break) and Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, Mission San José, Mission Concepción (with lunch break)

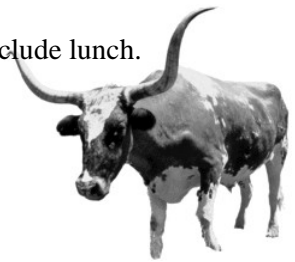
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***Tour 3: Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, Mission San José, Mission Concepción (with lunch break)

NOTE: Tour prices include all admission fees and taxes. Prices do not include lunch.



****Golf: Monday 8:00 a.m. – Golf at Bandera, Cowboy Capital of the World. Price includes greens fee and cart.



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Pilot Last Name _____ First _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP+4 Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

Discovery Year _____ Length and Model _____ E-Mail Address _____

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

Who recommended DOAI membership to you? _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ representing (check one): [] One year [] Three years [] Five years

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