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"Summertime, and the Livin' Is Easy..."

...fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high." Those words and the beautiful music accompanying them were created by George Gershwin for his memorable *Porgy and Bess* opera. They remind us of lazy summer days, lemonade in the shade, and listening to the humming of cicadas and the buzzing of bees.

Is your summer "lazy"? Not so much so when you own a **Discovery**, right? There are chapter rallies to attend and journeys to take. And if you still own a house, there is always something that needs to be seen to.

We hope you'll take time to get a cool drink, find a chair in the shade, and read what we have for you in this summer issue. Laze away your days with your **Discovery** and *Discovery Express*.

2007 National Rally

Time is getting short! The 2007 national Rally will be here before you know it. Have you sent in your registration yet? Don't delay; the park is limiting us to 150 spaces, and they are going quickly. The Arizona **Discoverys in the Desert** Discovery Owners chapter members have been working overtime to give us a great rally in the DOAI tradition. Check pages 22-23 for the latest news, photos, and the registration form. Visit the rally Web site at www.geocities.com/discoverysinthedesert for updates.



Gene Sawyer

Another Chapter Born

The Quad-LATO chapter has come to be! The 15th DOAI chapter covers the four states in the South Central Region: Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Gene Sawyer has been elected the chapter's first president. We look forward to hearing more from this newest addition to the DOAI family.

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Chapter Rallies Photo Album



Arizona Discovery Owners cooked carefully and ate grandly at their rally in Sedona.



Discovery Texans had a great time at their latest rally.



Blue Ridge Discoverys and Mason-Dixon Discoverys gathered for a combo rally!



California Goodtimers ate breakfast-in-a-bag at their rally.

President's Message by Phil Yovino

Hello, Discovery Owners! This time of the year we have many things going on. We're planning regional and national rallies, adding new chapters, and preparing for elections. They're all important and some are more exciting than others, like the national rally this November in Arizona, where we can rally together and renew our friendships.

Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is working to insure we all have a great time at the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, November 6-10. Every effort has been made to assure good camping, fine food, and entertainment for all. Put this on your calendar for a great time.



President Phil

Two New Chapters!

This year, DOAI installed two new chapters and this is exciting. The first took place at Lazydays RV in Florida where Dick Smith, Southeast Region vice president, created our 14th chapter, Blue Ridge Discoverys, with 29 members and growing. Our second new chapter was formed shortly after in the South Central Region. The region vice president, Garry Shirey, formed our 15th chapter, Quad State-LATO (the LATO stands for the four states in the region – Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma). Both chapters have already rallied and welcome all members to join them at the outings. This is a good way to enjoy our travels and meet new and exciting members. Most chapters invite you to their camp outs without a rally fee; just pay for your campsite and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Looking Toward 2008

Dick Snyder, North Central Region vice president, is working with Tom Raper RV in Richmond, Indiana, to hold our 2008 national rally there, to celebrate our tenth anniversary. This central location will fill the bill, not only for space, but because it is more or less equally situated between east coast and west coast, thus minimizing the driving distance for everyone. We are all aware that fuel prices are not going to go down, so we need to make our RV trips worthwhile. Dick will bring us up to speed as soon as possible.

Membership and DOAI Web Site

Portia Williams, our membership director, has been keeping a close eye on the dealer membership drive, and I'm pleased with the response. All indications are good for the future. Portia reports that we're on the verge of breaking the 1400 number in membership. With your help we will continue to offer Discovery owners all the great benefits we now enjoy. Keep up the good job of recruiting and earn yourself a year's membership free!

Bob Cook needed a tune up on the MotoSat. With board approval, we have our equipment up and running. Bob has always kept us informed on new and better ways to get the most from our home PC, and we're thankful for all his talent.

And In Closing

On another note, Dot and I have been planning a new home, and we finally started. We demolished the old garage, installed a 20-foot driveway and culvert, and raised the ground level to meet FEMA specs. That took 90 truckloads of select soil!

There is much more to do and I'm looking forward to all the challenges ahead, as this will be my last big venture. When it's finished, I'll sit myself down on the porch and smile. I expect we should be moved in by October. I am putting in sewer, electricity, and water on the driveway side to accommodate our DOAI friends, one at a time.

Dot and I wish all our Discovery friends safe travels with good health. ❖

Congratulations!

Dick and Sue Smith have earned a year's membership in DOAI by enrolling three new members! You, too, can earn a year's membership. Talk up DOAI to other Discovery owners, hand out DOAI brochures, and tell others about the benefits of belonging to this super organization for Discovery owners. Your region vice president has a supply, as do chapter presidents. Not sure of your region vice president or your chapter president? See listing on page 10.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of May 1, 2007 by Micky Racer

Please contact me at mimra@aol.com if you have questions about this report. ❖

Bank Accounts

Checking	\$34,482
Money Market	2,332
1-Year CD	10,107
2-Year CD	10,110
3-Year CD	<u>10,112</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$67,143</u>

Asset Accounts

Inventory (DOAI Clothing)	\$ 2,133
Membership Revolving Fund	550
MotoSat DataStorm System	4,995
Rally Advances	3,000
Zoll Defibrillator	<u>1,895</u>
Total Asset Accounts	<u>\$12,573</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$79,716</u>

Liabilities

DOAI Rally Account	<u>\$22,084</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$22,084</u>

Net Assets

\$57,632



Treasurer Micky



Secretary's Report

Synopsis of Board of Directors Meeting by Marshall Godwin, Secretary pro tem

The DOAI board meeting was held on February 16, 2007 in Seffner, Florida.

- ▶ Meeting called to order by President Phil Yovino. All board members present except the past president, secretary, Southwest and Northwest regions vice presidents.
- ▶ Phil thanked those who worked to make this a very successful rally. He also thanked the board for their ability to work together in the best interests of the association.
- ▶ Minutes from the last board of directors meeting held October 4, 2006 were read and accepted.
- ▶ The treasurer's report was accepted as read.
- ▶ Unfinished business: Jay Keneson is working on the rally handbook, and the draft should be available for review at the 2007 national rally.
- ▶ New business:
 - ★ Standing Rule 3, Par. E3 was discussed to reinforce need for compliance when setting up major rally petty cash account.
 - ★ Standing Rule 3, Par. E2: Motion carried to read: *Costs of DOAI merchandise sold at regional and national rallies shall be repaid to the DOAI from the sales*

proceeds. The merchandise director's rally fee will be paid from the gross sales. Any profits from such sales shall be retained by the host chapter(s).



Secretary Becky

- ★ Membership Sponsors: Region vice presidents urged to contact dealers who have not yet agreed to participate in the program, or who have not yet sent in dues.
- ★ DOAI tenth anniversary: This occurs in 2008. Motion carried to read: *Swap region rotation dates with Southeast and North Central regions to allow 2008 national rally to be held in Richmond, Indiana, to commemorate the association's tenth anniversary.*
- ★ Caterpillar engines: Consensus to send letters to Fleetwood and Freightliner, indicating DOAI's desire that members retain the option to purchase new Discoverys with Caterpillar engines.
- ★ Note made that it is time to send out letters to major newsletter sponsors, asking for their continued support in 2007.
- ★ Discovery flags: Motion carried to read: *Investigate purchasing tenth anniversary Discovery flags to be presented as gifts to those who attend the 2008 national rally.*
- ▶ Meeting adjourned ❖

Membership Director's Report

First Quarter 2007 by Portia Williams



Director Portia

The first four months of this year show losses and gains. We began the year with 1,364 members (35 new members); February's total showed a slight drop to 1,341 (8 new members); There was a positive rebound in March with 1,354 members (34 new); and we finished April with 1,360 members (33 new).

The membership numbers by regions as of March 31 are: North Central 171; Northeast 156; Northwest 120; South Central 262; Southeast 433; and Southwest 212.

Membership Sources Jan-Apr 2007

Membership Sponsors:	
Lazydays RV SuperCenter	32
K&C RV Centers LLC	8
Bankston Motor Homes	3
RV World	1
Internet	33
Brochure	10
Newsletter	8
Ads	1
Other	14
Four-Month Total	110

Welcome, New Members



We welcome our newest members. Be sure to extend the hand of welcome when you meet them.

Rick/Rebecca Andrews, Gonzales LA
 Ash/Robin Atwood, Highlands Ranch CO
 Richard/Karla Auerbach, Leesburg FL
 Kevin/Cheryll Ball, Albuquerque NM
 Justin/Tracie Barnard, Brandon MS
 Max/Paula Barnes, Milledgeville GA
 Rod/Mary Bedenbaugh, Prosperity SC
 Bernadette Berger/Sam Calder, Toronto ON
 Ed/Lynne Blackman, Monroe Township NJ
 William/Jackie Bock, Lakeland FL
 Wade/Becky Boyett, Lafayette LA
 Howard/Ruth Brandon, Murray KY
 Bill/Carla Calvert, Ft. Smith AR
 Johnny/Delphine Campbell, Valrico FL
 James/Theresa Cassady, Millville NJ
 David/Lori Chase, Binghamton NY
 Don Glaze, Chino Valley AZ
 Tim/Sandy Click, Ft. Wayne IN
 Carolyn Coleman, St Petersburg FL
 Dave/Pat Columbus, Merrimack NH
 Tim Cormican, Syracuse IN
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 Larry/Darlene Douglas, Trinidad TX
 Dick/Millie Duffin, Salt Lake City UT
 Chris/Christine Farrell, Moorestown NJ
 John/Judy Fountain, Uxbridge ON
 Lou/Susan Fricke, Valencia CA
 Dean/Helen Furbush, Mamaroneck NY
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 Don/Janet Graham, Jeannette PA
 Dennis/Kristy Green, Triangle VA
 George/Ghussan Greene, Orangeburg SC
 Steven/Lori Greenwald, Tamarac FL
 Brad/Bex Hare, Greenville OH
 Vince Guinta, Hoboken NJ
 Gary/Barbara Henderson, Greenville OH
 Art/Holly Hicks, Godley TX

Leonard/Judy Hill, Rutherfordton NC
 Micki/Holley Hinds, Port Neches TX
 Dale/Linda Hinton, Middleburg FL
 George/Karen Hopper, Phoenix AZ
 Ronald/Shirley Houston, Edwardsville IL
 Jerry/Glinda Hussey, Orange TX
 Mike/Jan Imbriani, Livingston TX
 James/Sarah Isaac, Clinton IL
 Keith/Anne Jerome, Foristell MO
 Clifford/Olamae Joshua, Vacherie LA
 Carl/Bonnie Kangas, Farmington Hills MI
 Howard/Jackie Kimball, Newton NH
 Jerry/Barbara Kimball, Flagler Beach FL
 Timothy/Tammy Kimber, Irving TX
 Bob/Denise King, Livermore CA
 Chuck/Shirley Knowles, Hazel Green AL
 Kris/Jennifer LaPoint, Montverde FL
 Davis/Beth Lee, Union Grove AL
 Charles/Kathy Lillibridge, Toledo OH
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 Wayne/Joan Olson, Shelton WA
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 Brian/Lisa Pape, Palm Harbor FL
 Bob Parker/Donna Huffer, Livingston TX
 Tim/Caroline Patton, Walkersville MD
 George/Sandy Payne, Auburn WA

Del/Freddie Perry, Portola CA
 Jack/Julie Picard, Ridgefield WA
 Doug/Paula Poad, Atwater OH
 Keith/Debbie Prettyman, Portland OR
 Thomas/Brenda Ramler, Oceano CA
 Cilla Reesman, Silver Spring MD
 John/Annika Rehard, Agua Dulce CA
 Bruce/Kathryn Riendeau, Loxahatchee FL
 Sam/Donna Rodman, Pahrump NV
 Joe/Lorraine Rouser, Salado TX
 Don/Molly Sadler, Madison AL
 Steve/Bobbie Sanchez, St Petersburg FL
 Samuel Saunders, Prince Frederick MD
 Tim/Lona Scarberry, Lehigh Acres FL
 Bill/Lesa Schwartz, Clermont FL
 James/Lynn Scott, Palm Desert CA
 Matthew Scott, Ft Lauderdale FL
 Stan/Shirley Skinner, Brownwood TX
 Wilfred Smith, Monroe LA
 Larry/Rosalin Sorden, Virgin UT
 Larry/Barbara Steeves, McLouth KS
 Joe/Joyce Steiner, San Leandro CA
 Cary/Ann Marie Stokes, Columbus MS
 Jim/Becky Stokes, Kerrville TX
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 Thomas/Margaret Weir, Melbourne Beach FL
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 Jess/Ronnie Young, Montgomery TX
 Kert/Angela Zavar, Fall City WA
 Richard/Carol Zipf, Delaware OH

National Rally Master's Report

Help with Sites for Future National Rallies by Jay Keneson

It's time for a word about our national rallies. I'm sure everyone is aware of our upcoming rally in November 2007 in Arizona. Also, as previously announced, we have varied the normal regional rotation for 2008 to hold our tenth anniversary rally, *Back Home Again in Indiana*, where it all began.

The Southeast Region will host the 2010 national rally as a one-time change. Then the normal cyclic rotation will resume; 2009 will be Northwest, 2011 will be Northeast; and 2012 will be South Central.

I again listed the years and regions responsible in order to request your help. Your region vice president, along with your national rally master, is working on sites for future rallies. Do you have a favorite park, fairground, or rally site where you would like to have the next national rally?

We need the following amenities when planning a rally:

- ▶ 150-200 available spaces
- ▶ At least 30 amp electrical service
- ▶ Water and sewer hook-ups (nice, but not essential)

- ▶ Meeting hall large enough for 425-450 persons seated for a meal, with tables and chairs, a stage for entertainment, space for two seminars at the same time with about 200 attendees each, and space for vendors (15-20) with booths and tables.
- ▶ Someone to provide meals
- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ Local attractions to visit and tour close by



Rally Master Jay

There may be other considerations, so include them if applicable.

Please give this some thought and inform your region vice president or any board member of your ideas and suggestions.

Your input is so very important and is greatly appreciated.

Thanks!



Region Reports

Southwest Region by Jim Casey

It was with deep sorrow in mid-March that word was received on the passing of the vice president of the Southwest Region, Gerald Embry. The DOAI was of serious interest to Gerald, and he always wanted to see it grow bigger and stronger.



Vice President Jim

Gerald was, in addition to his duties with DOAI, a dear friend and a super person who was always fun to be around and to share some good stories with. I am sure that all of DOAI will miss Gerald and his dear wife Julia. His shoes will be difficult to fill.

With this unfortunate event, the DOAI board and officers confirmed my move to fill the vacancy left by Gerald.

On a more cheerful note, I am happy to announce that our two chapters, the Arizona Discovery Owners and the California Goodtimers, are doing very well. We are continuing to organize into a stronger and more efficient region with the great leadership provided by the capable officers of both chapters.

With the upcoming DOAI national rally in El Mirage, Arizona in November, our region will be able to showcase their talent and capabilities at giving all of our members a first-class rally that you will not want to miss.

With the excellent leadership of the California Goodtimers, our California chapter is continuing to progress very well.

We are continuing to work with a few of the Nevada members to organize a new chapter that will serve all the DOAI members in that state. There will more coming on this in future reports.

Should there be any questions, comments, or suggestions for our Southwest Region, please feel free to contact me at the phone or e-mail shown on page 10 or on the DOAI Web site

under Officers. I look forward to working with the DOAI board and the members to help make our organization a more successful venture over the months ahead.



Northeast Region by John Zidek

It feels as if winter is trying to hold on through the spring – highs in the 40s and 50s remind me of March instead of May.



Vice President John

We have had to cancel the June Cape May rally because of many cancellations due to Father's Day. Jean and I have learned that we had better check the calendar prior to scheduling a rally date! We look forward to seeing many of you in Canada this coming fall.

Fuel prices continue to rise, and it looks as if they will continue this trek through the summer. We have seen a great variation in prices, and for the first time in a long while, diesel was actually 20 cents cheaper than gasoline in New Jersey.

May the summer bring you joy in your travels, good health, and many new friendships.



Northwest Region by Bob Soltwedel

It may seem far off, but where planning a national rally is concerned, 2009 is just around the corner. I need your help.



Vice President Bob

If any of you living in the Northwest Region have suggestions for a possible national rally site, please contact me as soon as possible, preferably by e-mail (see page 10 for states and provinces, and my e-mail address). Also, I would like to hear from the entire Northwest membership (via e-mail) if you would consider a national rally in a Canadian province (obviously to be scheduled before September due to northern climes).



Region Reports, continued

Southeast Region by Dick Smith

As I write this, Sue and I are in Cherokee, North Carolina, where we have just completed a combined rally with Mason-Dixon Discoverys and Blue Ridge Discoverys chapters. What a great group of people these two chapters have! We had 23 coaches present, and everyone had a very good time. We had two cookouts, one really great potluck dinner, breakfast every morning, and much more. We enjoyed side trips to the Biltmore House in Asheville,



Vice President Dick

a Smoky Mountain train ride, and day trips across the Smokies to visit Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It was a very busy four days and nights, and I am ready for some rest.

Let's all remember our national rally in early November in El Mirage, Arizona. Also, we have firmed up the dates for our 2008 Southeast regional rally: January 24-28, 2008. It will be hosted by the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators. I know they will give us a top-flight rally, led by president Sam Childs and rally master Ron Shane.

Sue and I hope you have a summer filled with happy RVing memories and carefree miles. We hope to see you out there somewhere! ❖

Chapter Reports

Blue Ridge Discoverys by Frank Cason

The Blue Ridge Discoverys attended their first rally as a chapter, sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter, held at the Happy Holiday RV Park and Campground in Cherokee, North Carolina. The chapter had 13 coaches attending this outing. We all had a great time and thank Bob and Elizabeth Deal for hosting a super rally.



President Frank

It is hard to imagine that when we were founded this past February, we had 29 coaches; since that time we have gained an additional nine coaches.

We will host our first Blue Ridge Discoverys rally on August 8-12 at the Best Holiday Trav-L-Park in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We expect a large turn-out, so plan to come and join the fun. The registration form is on the DOAI Web site, or you can contact Anne Humphrey for more details (864.322.9950 or annebillh@charter.net). ❖

putting together an enjoyable, entertaining, and fun rally. Unfortunately, no UFOs were spotted, but we did find the UFO museum interesting and thought provoking. The only conclusion that some of us came to is that if the government decided to cover up anything, after a few decades even they don't know what happened.

Our next rally will be in Ouray, Colorado in June. This is an especially scenic part of Colorado and is often referred to as the Switzerland of Colorado. There is much to see and do in that area and a full turnout is expected.

Next, we will be traveling to Cody, Wyoming, for our July rally. Cody is in the vicinity of Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons. It is reported that the Buffalo Bill Historical Center is fascinating and that a person could spend a day or two just going through that facility. In addition, there are other tourist attractions such as staged old west gun fights and of course, cowboy saloons. This too promises to be an interesting and entertaining outing. ❖



President Roger

Texas Disco Road Runners by Jay Keneson

In April, Lorrie and I enjoyed a chapter rally at the Primrose RV Park in Bryan, Texas. John Curtis, our rally master, and his wife, Judy, planned an eventful, yet relaxing, time. They also hosted this gathering. The program included three breakfasts and dinners, not to mention happy hours and game times.



President Garry

Each day included an interesting tour. The first was to the George Bush Presidential Library, next day the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Center (museum). The third day included a tour to the Messina Hof Winery, which consisted of wine tasting and luncheon in the picturesque Keg Room.

Our next planned rally will be in Bastrop, Texas, June 11-14. We are always pleased to have guests, so come and join us. Let us know if you are coming so there is a space for you. ❖

Louisiana Mudbugs by Jan McIlvaine

The first Louisiana Mudbugs chapter rally of 2007 was held at the Paragon Casino and RV Resort in Marksville, Louisiana, in March.

There were 12 coaches in attendance including four new members. We welcomed Jim and Lynda Fox, Jerry and Glinda Hussey, Steve and Rachel McDaniel, and Anson and Ruth Touns.

As is our tradition, we had a weekend of good fellowship, good weather, good food, and fun games. The weather was warm, but we cooled off with plenty of homemade ice cream, thanks to Mary and Howard Campbell and Cathy and Anthony Verdin. The machines at the casino were also cool and the most heard remark was, "Don't ask."

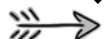
Our next rally will be at Canton, Texas, for Trade Days, June 1-3, at the Canton Civic Center and RV Park. ❖



President Anthony

Discovery Pioneers by Roger Talich

The summer rally season is underway. The season's first rally in the land of the UFO (Roswell, New Mexico) was a booming success. There were nine rigs in attendance and the rally masters, Ken and Cody Baker, did an exceptional job in



Chapter Reports, continued

Our upcoming rallies include: August 3-5, Hidden Ponds RV Park, Lake Charles, Louisiana; and September 21-23, Lake End RV Park, Morgan City, Louisiana. Please consider joining us – we love company. ❖

Arizona Discovery Owners by Wanda May

Our May rally was hosted by Rich and Berni Bouckhout, with nine coaches in attendance. A big welcome to our newest member, Don Glaze! We look forward seeing you at all of our rallies.



President Russ

The organic winery was a big hit, learning how much work and length of time (five years!) before grapes are producing, plus the aging process, before a bottle of wine reaches our tables. After all the touring and education it was time for the good part ... sampling!

The rest of our weekend we visited the Out of Africa wildlife park, and brought everyone up to date on all of the 2007 DOAI rally plans. The good food and visiting with one another are the great pleasures of a Discovery rally.

Our next rally is August 23-26 at Munds Park, hosted by Ed and Geri Cozens. We have planned the following rallies for next year: January 11, Phoenix; April 18, Williams, Arizona; September 26, San Diego, California; and November 7, Pahrump, Nevada. ❖

Dixie Travelers by Peggy Misenheimer

The Dixie Travelers held their spring meeting the latter part of April at Point Mallard RV Park in Decatur, Alabama, with 13 couples and one guest attending.



President Kenneth

Officers for the coming year were introduced: Kenneth Stanley, president; Ted Misenheimer, vice president; Peggy Misenheimer, secretary; and Evan McCarley, treasurer.

Our thanks to Jim and Ginnie Forthman for hosting a great rally. Everyone attending received goody bags made by Ginnie. All enjoyed their delicious Mexican evening meal and also going out to feast on good BBQ at Bob Gibson's. The golfers in the crowd, Pauline Hempstead, Bill McCloud, Peggy and Ted Misenheimer, enjoyed a round of 18 holes. What fun they had even though they attributed their scores to the cold and windy weather.

Dannie McCarley, wagonmaster, announced that the fall rally will be held at Majestic Oaks RV Park, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 1-3, departing on November 4. Everyone is to make their own reservations by calling the campground (228.436.4200). Bill and Jean McCloud volunteered to host. ❖

California Goodtimers by Jim Casey

Our chapter experienced the very unfortunate loss of our chapter president, Gerald Embry, in mid-March. Gerald worked hard to resurrect and reestablish the California

Goodtimers in 2006, and with his efforts we now have a successful chapter with a great group of members. With the passing of Gerald, I have moved to the position of chapter president, and our recent elections have provided us with a new vice president, Homer Davis, as well as a new secretary, Dee Hallum. The Goodtimers have also named Cokey Davis, hospitality chair, Marilyn Casey and Kathy Scholz, co-chairs for our ways and means. Our remaining officers are unchanged.

We held our third rally in early May with co-trail bosses Jim and Marilyn Casey and Hardin and Dee Hallum at the Orange Grove RV Resort in Bakersfield. A lot of good food, merriment, fun and games were enjoyed over the four days of our rally.



President Jim

I am happy to report that the California Goodtimers chapter now has 35 members, and that includes the four new members added just this year.

Our next rally is set for October 4-7, 2007 at Casa de Fruita RV Resort in Hollister, California, hosted by co-trail bosses Randy and Cecile Burke and Mike and Ellie Belletti. All Discovery owners are invited to join with us. ❖

Discovery Texans by Elsie Sikes

We rallied at Buckhorn Lake Resort near Kerrville March 15-17 with 21 rigs in attendance. We were delighted to have Jay and Lorrie Kenneson (DOAI rally master) stop over for a short visit on Friday. Great weather and excellent meals, including a potluck on Thursday and fried catfish (freshly caught by Dick Hallum) on Friday. Attendees took advantage of the many offerings of the area by visiting shops, museums, and such.



President John

It has almost become a tradition for a jigsaw puzzle to turn up for anyone to work on and the jokers/marbles game has surely turned into one for evening entertainment.

Our rally in May at Schulenburg RV Park in Schulenburg had 16 rigs for three days of fun including a guided tour of the painted churches of the area. Some of us toured the Spoetzel Brewery in Shiner and sampled their different varieties, while others went to an estate sale in Schulenburg. This was our last rally until September 20-22 when we rally at Cowtown RV Park just outside Fort Worth at Aledo. Join us there so we can hear about all the summer fun and make plans for going to the national rally in Arizona in November. ❖

Quad-LATO by Gene Sawyer

Our next rally will be at the Shady Pines RV Park, Texarkana, Texas, July 27-28, although some will arrive on July 26. We will be meeting at the Crater of Diamonds in Arkansas in September, where we plan to get rich digging for diamonds. ❖



President Gene

Rally Opportunities

The following listing of chapter rallies does not give the RV park, but does list the town. Please see the chapter presidents' listing on the next page, and call that individual for more information on any of that chapter's planned rallies. Jump in and meet new friends and see new places via the chapter lifestyle. Other Discovery owners are waiting to welcome you!

Chapters: Are your rallies listed? If not, please send information to the editor.

June 2007 –

- 1-3 Louisiana Mudbugs, Canton TX
- 4-8 Midwest Discoverers/Nor'easters, Archbold OH
- 11-14 Texas Disco Road Runners, Bastrop TX
- 12-17 Discovery Pioneers, Ouray CO

July 2007 –

- 8-14 Discovery Pioneers, Cody WY
- 27-28 Quad-LATO, Texarkana TX

August 2007 –

- 3-5 Louisiana Mudbugs, Lake Charles LA
- 8-12 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Chattanooga TN
- 24-26 Arizona Discovery Owners, Munds Park AZ

September 2007 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- T/B/A Quad-LATO, Crater of Diamonds AR
- 6-9 Discovery Pioneers, Fort Collins CO
- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Aledo TX
- 21-23 Louisiana Mudbugs, Morgan City LA
- 24-29 Midwest Discoverers, Branson MO
- 30-10/4 Nor'easters, Ottawa ON Canada

October 2007 –

- 4-7 California Goodtimers, Hollister CA
- 31-11/2 Discovery Texans, Abilene TX

November 2007 –

- 1-4 Dixie Travelers, Biloxi MS
- 6-10 National Rally, Discoverys in the Desert, Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage AZ**

January 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, Palm Springs CA
- 11-? Arizona Discovery Owners, Phoenix AZ
- 17-19 Discovery Texans, Montgomery TX
- 24-28 Southeast Region Rally, Seffner FL**

March 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, Vista CA
- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Kemah TX

April 2008 –

- 18-? Arizona Discovery Owners, Williams AZ

May 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- 15-17 Discovery Texans, Riviera TX

August 2008 –

- Dates Proposed, Not Yet Finalized for**
- 21-24 National Rally, Back Home Again in Indiana, Fairgrounds, Richmond IN**

September 2008 –

- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Sulpher OK
- 26-? Arizona Discovery Owners, San Diego CA

October 2008 –

- 31-11/3 Discovery Texans, Ingram TX

November 2008 –

- 7-? Arizona Discovery Owners, Pahrump NV

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Computer Corner

Map Overlays by Bob Cook, DOAI Webmaster

Have you ever wondered where the nearest member campground, boondock site, or RV service was located? Have you juggled a multitude of directories, trying to find what you need? If you have a mapping program (Delorme, Microsoft, CoPilot) or compatible GPS (Garmin, Magellan, TomTom), there is an easy solution using resources on your DOAI Web site. If you don't have a map program or a GPS, then here is a compelling reason to get one!

Your DOAI Web site offers more than 60 map overlay files to help quickly and easily find and identify a member campground, RV service center, or a dump station (just to name a few). A map overlay file is software that works with your mapping program (such as Delorme, CoPilot, Microsoft) or a stand-alone GPS unit (such as Garmin, Magellan) to graphically show you RV-specific information that is not available on your software program or GPS.

With these map overlays, you can easily route a trip to take advantage of member campgrounds along the way, find places to boondock, or find the nearest facility for coach service. You will likely find that, in no time at all, you have saved enough

time and money to pay for your GPS or map software!

Instructions on the use of these files and links to download them are at www.discoveryowners.com/cginfo.htm. There are usually several updates each month, and new overlays are added when they are developed.



Webmaster Bob



Where did all of these map overlay files come from? Back in 1998, I started building files for the locations of Escapee Days End, Passport and FlyingJ locations. I then published them on the DOAI Web site, wrote several magazine articles about map overlay files, and started a Yahoo Group (escapeeboondockers) to disseminate and share information. Interest grew rapidly and fellow Escapee members volunteered to create new map files and keep the files updated. As a result, a wealth of information is located on the Web site and it is available to use for free.

If you would like to volunteer to keep an existing map overlay updated or contribute a new map overlay file, contact me at webmaster@discoveryowners.com. ❖

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these DOAI members and their families in your thoughts and prayers...

...**Dick Snyder**, who is recovering from a lengthy stay in the hospital for non-Hodgkins lymphoma and stem cell replacement. Dick says he's gaining weight, food is beginning to taste better, and he's getting stronger every day.

...**David Chestnut**, who is recovering from back surgery in early March.

...**John and Alice Ricciardi and family**. Their grandson, Joey, is seriously ill with cancer, which has spread to his brain and down his spine.

...**Julia Embry and family**, whose husband and father, **Gerald Embry**, died March 15. Gerald was DOAI Southwest Region vice president and he and Julia were charter members of DOAI. Gerald was very proud to be involved in the revival of the California Goodtimers, and he will be missed by his many friends. The Embrys were also charter members of the Discovery Club of California, an FMCA chapter. His love and enjoyment of the motor home and all the wonderful people he and Julia met through the years were utmost in his daily activities. He was admired and respected by everyone who knew him. Julia wrote: "I want to thank all of you for your expressions of sympathy and the lovely plant, and your kind words for my Gerald. Thank you for inviting him to become active in DOAI. Good luck to DOAI and to all of you in all your future adventures." ❖



Gerald Embry

Editor's Ramblings

by Nina Soltwedel

Thanks to DOAI Members

Those who attended the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner last February were extremely generous to those who need our help. A letter came from Alice Lanford, administrator of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa:



Editor Nina

"Dear Friends: We have received your contribution of \$538. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your concern for the hospital and the many children we serve is appreciated. Allow me to assure you that your gift plays a meaningful role in fulfilling the hospital's mission of quality care."

Who Is Lucille?

Frank Cason's wife, in the Spring issue, was identified as Lucille, but her real name is Isabel. This taught me a lesson: Regardless of how photos are identified by others, I will double check the names on the mailing list. I extend apologies to Lucille.....er, I mean, Isabel! (And thanks, Frank and Isabel, for taking this in good humor.)

A Personal Note

Bob and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 1, and like so many of you who have reached that milestone, we wondered where the years went...it seemed like only yesterday that we began our life together. We send our best to all celebrating special anniversaries, no matter the year! Have a great summer. ❖

Fleetwood Technical Information

Pre-Trip Checklist by Neil Buschur, Fleetwood Owner Relations



In coming issues we will be creating several articles on maintenance and care that range from interior care to exterior care to winterization and also reactivating your RV.

This issue's article is about your pre-trip checklist. The key to having a good time on your getaway is making sure your coach is ready for travel before you depart, so that your trip can be carefree and enjoyable. Here are some easy-to-use checklists that can help you get ready.

Pre-Trip Preparations

___ **Air Conditioner/ Furnace:** Check for proper operation, shore power and generator

___ **Batteries:** Check all terminals and connections. Make sure they are clean and tight, make sure cells are full of distilled water if they are not maintenance-free batteries.

___ **Brakes:** Test brakes (including parking) for proper operation

___ **Entertainment System:** Test TV antenna, satellite dish, and DVD/VCR for proper operation

___ **Exterior Lights and Horns:** Turn on all lights and turn indicators, and test the horn for proper operation

___ **Propane:** Check that the tank is full. Turn on water heater (must be full of water), range, oven, refrigerator, and furnace. Note: It may take more than one attempt to light to purge the air out of the lines.

___ **Safety Equipment:** Test smoke, CO, and LPG detectors to ensure they are operating correctly.

___ **Fire Extinguisher:** Verify it is fully charged

___ **Tires:** Check tire pressure and adjust to the tire manufacturer's load specifications; check tread for cuts, abrasions, unusual wear, or embedded objects. Make sure valves and caps are free of dirt and moisture.

___ **Towing System:** Check tow bar, mounting brackets, trailer hitch, pins, safety chains, and connections for cracks, frayed wiring, loose connections, rust, or any other damage that affects safety. Before departure make sure hitch and towing connections are complete. Check trailer of towed vehicle brake system and lights for proper operation. Consult chassis manufacturer owner/operator manuals for weighing instructions and towing guidelines, including towed vehicle auxiliary brake requirements.

Before Driving Away

Before pulling away check the items below to make sure every thing is secured and ready to travel.

___ **Access Doors:** Close and lock all storage and access doors

___ **Awning:** Make sure the awnings are retracted and latched.

___ **Cabinets and Drawers:** Close and secure cabinets and drawers. Do not store heavy items in overhead.

___ **Counter Tops:** Clear counter tops, range top, table tops, and shelves of unsecured items.

___ **Leveling Jacks:** Make sure leveling jacks are fully retracted

___ **Power Cords:** Disconnect and store

___ **Power Steps:** Before departure; verify that the coach steps are in the up (stowed position) once all travelers are inside.

___ **Roof Antennas:** Make sure all antennas are lowered and stowed

___ **Windows and Vents:** Close all windows and vents while traveling

___ **Water Systems:** Set the fresh water pump to "OFF". Faucets, including the showerhead, should all be closed "OFF".

Essentials for Your Trip

Here is a convenient list of essentials you should consider taking with you, whenever you leave home for the open road.

___ **Batteries:** Stock enough batteries to operate flashlights, portable lanterns, smoke detectors, and remote control units.

___ **Cell Phone:** The E911 federal legislation requires, at a minimum, you can place a 911 call from any location where you have reception regardless of any network calling plan restrictions.

___ **First Aid Kit:** Keep the first aid kit stocked with bandages, iodine, rubbing alcohol, pain relievers, insect bite medication, anti-diarrhea medication, and cold medications.

___ **Flashlights:** Carry several flashlights, including a small penlight flashlight for those hard-to-reach places. A hands-free

snake light, as well as a larger flood lamp, can be very helpful.

___ **Fuses, Chassis and Coach:** Carry an additional set of 12 volt fuses for both the automotive and house systems.

___ **NOAA Weather Radio:** A NOAA emergency weather radio will provide warnings of severe weather in the area you are traveling through.

___ **Prescription Medications:** Make sure an adequate amount of prescription medications are in the RV before your departure.

___ **RV Fluids:** Securely store spare antifreeze, motor oil, hydraulic fluid, and other fluid necessities in sealed containers in case of emergency.

___ **Safety Triangles and Roadside Flares:** Invaluable in case of roadside breakdowns. Flares older than two years should be properly discarded and replaced.

Whether you're heading for a favorite campground or venturing into new territory, it is best to be prepared for anything that may happen. If you do need assistance while traveling, don't hesitate to call our toll-free number at 800.322.8216, and we can help you locate the nearest Fleetwood service center. ❖



Celebrating Our Discovery Motor Homes

The 2008 Discovery Is Here! by Jay Keneson

Those who attended the 2006 national rally in San Antonio may remember Fred Flickinger, the friendly sales associate from Ancira RV in Boerne. A few weeks ago he called to happily inform me that a new 2008 had just arrived and that it was a never-before-seen new model, a 39R.

The next day Lorrie and I drove over to Boerne, and we both agreed: **It is the best plan ever.** I know that you will wish to view one of these beauties yourself and form your own opinion. In the meantime, let me describe the highlights for you:

Like the 39V, the 39R has a full 27-foot wall slide on the driver's side, and a deep slide in the bedroom on the co-pilot's side, as well as the same interior features. Now, *add* another slide on the co-pilot's side, like the one in the 39L, with all of those features and options. See the floorplan below.

The actual feel when experiencing it is space, space, and more space!

Changes starting at the front begin with a one-piece windshield, and inside deluxe memory front seats. In the living

room there is a nicer trim on the two sofas. In the bedroom the TV has an improved positioning feature. A tentative feature for later production is the possibility of a king-sized bed, which we would prefer.

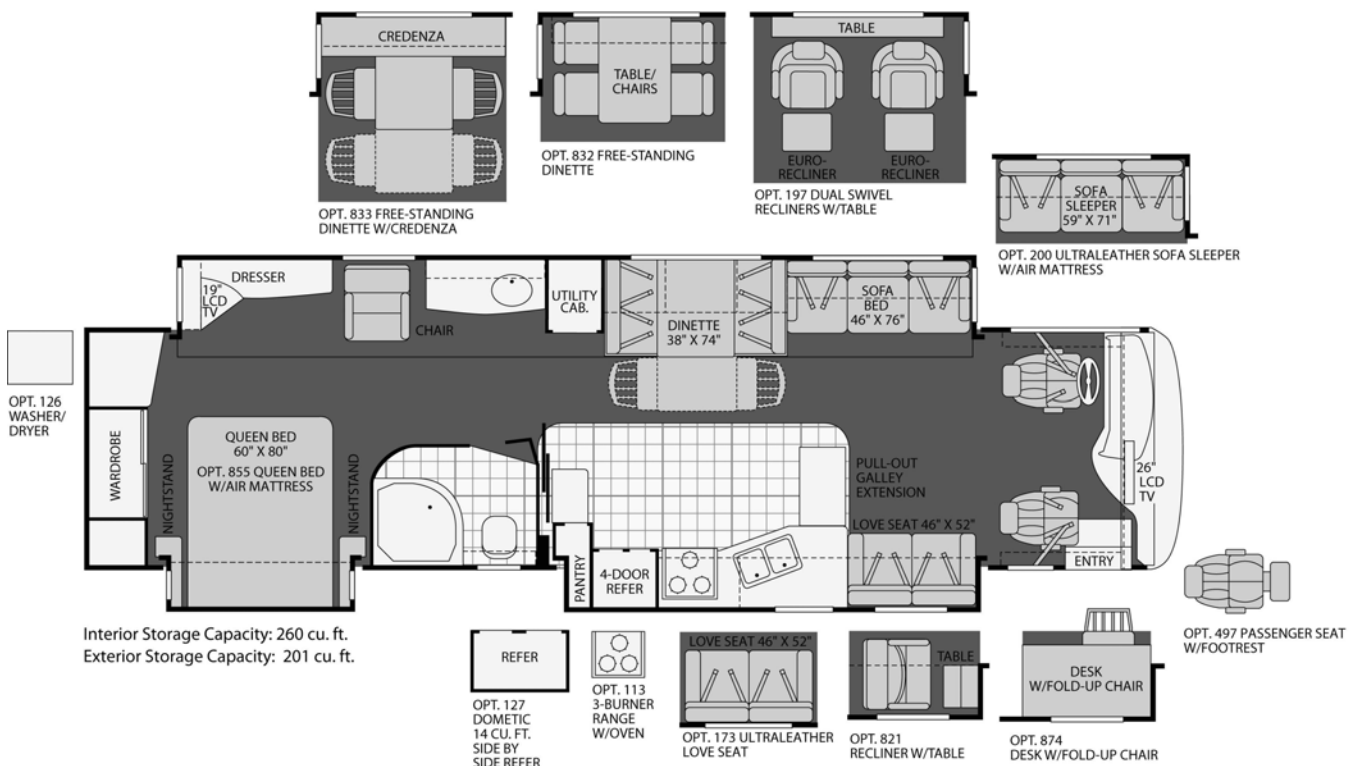
On the exterior, the graphics are attractive (see image below and in color on page 23). A new color for 2008 is Wine, joining the Iron and Pacific Blue exterior colors. There are two compartments which open on side hinges. The one in front of the back tire on the co-pilot side goes through the midline of the coach, providing a space for a spare or additional storage; the next forward with through access, providing space for long ladders, tables, etc.

Many have been waiting for the return of the Cummins engine. It's back with 350 HP, but it is the quietest, cleanest running diesel I have experienced. The noise level is so low, one must listen closely to insure one is truly next to a diesel.

I think Fleetwood has a real winner with this model. Now I just wish I could afford to buy one! ❖



Exterior graphics example for 2008. Visit the Fleetwood Web site at www.fleetwoodrv.com/discovery/ for exterior and interior colors.



The layout for the 39R....the best of the V and the L, and notice the variety of options!

Safe Driving for RVers

Sharing the Road with Truckers by Aon Recreation Insurance

Today, there are more vehicles on the road than ever. That's why it's especially important to be conscious of other drivers who share the road with us. Take tractor-trailers, for example. Such large and heavy vehicles require special consideration as you encounter them in your travels.

As tension on the road increases, hostility between truckers and other motorists continues to grow as well. It is our responsibility as drivers to be both respectful and safe on the road. Understanding truckers is the first step toward better relations. Perhaps by understanding their situation, and by learning how to work with them, we can do our part to diminish the problem.

Understanding Truckers

As with other operators, the overwhelming majority of truckers are courteous, careful, and highly skilled. They're professionals whose "office" happens to be the road. Truckers have a very difficult job. They have a responsibility to get a large vehicle with a heavy load to a destination, often with a very tight deadline. As traffic on the roadways becomes more congested and drivers become more aggressive, a trucker's job becomes more difficult.

Many truck drivers work away from home for two- or three-week periods. Some company drivers share the cab of a tractor with another driver, driving for four hours and trying to sleep for four hours. If we consider the number of times they have experienced inconsiderate acts by other operators in their many miles, we can begin to understand truckers' frustration.



Trucker Communication

Truck drivers usually communicate by flashing their lights or by CB radio. When one truck passes another, the vehicle being passed flashes his headlights on to signal to the passing driver that the passing move is complete and the trucker is clear to pull back into the lane. If a driver is running with headlights on, the driver might turn them off briefly to give the same signal. Naturally, a trucker knows when his or her truck has cleared the vehicle being passed, but they signal each other in this manner as a greeting or as evidence of the respect they have for each other.

Once the passing vehicle has started to move back into the lane, the passing driver will usually acknowledge the flashing of headlights by flashing either the clearance lights on the back of the trailer, or four-way or emergency flashers. RVers can learn to communicate with each other and with truckers in the same manner.

Remember to observe trucks you are passing to determine if the headlights are on so you will not misinterpret the headlight signal. Some trucks run with their headlights on; others have daytime running lights just as other vehicles do.

Headlights are also used to communicate when another vehicle is entering an expressway. If a trucker encounters another truck entering the expressway, he will briefly turn on

his headlights to signal the other driver and will create space for the vehicle. The trucker will also use this signal when passing another truck on a multi-lane highway if the truck being passed is quickly coming upon another vehicle and preparing to pass. Once both vehicles are past the slower vehicle, the other driver will pull back into the right lane and allow the second truck to finish his pass. If the exchange takes place when headlights are in use, the driver in the overtaking vehicle will momentarily turn off his headlights.

RVers can do the same as truckers. Vehicles equipped with daytime running lights may have a switch that enables the driver to momentarily turn off the headlights. In vehicles equipped with daytime running lights that cannot be turned off, during daylight hours drivers can turn on their high beams and leave them on for a few seconds. The signal will not be misinterpreted for a passing signal if performed in this manner. Some trucks are equipped with lights that are on all the time, and they use this method to signal each other.

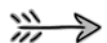
The CB radio is also a helpful communication tool, but many times things happen so quickly that it is easier to use the lights as a signaling device. Whenever the CB radio is used, truckers always refer to the other vehicle by the company name or the brand name of the tractor, often referring to the color as well. This specific identification is used because a radio signal travels a good distance and another driver may misinterpret the message.

Working Together with Truck Drivers

There are lots of little things we can do to help our companions on the road. On those occasions when a truck passes you on an interstate and you soon approach a hill that will cause you to catch back up with it near the top of the hill, disengage your cruise control. Follow the truck up to the crest of the hill with the knowledge that after you top the hill, the truck is going to be out of your range.

Another thing we can do to make truckers' jobs a little easier is to become more aware of parking in rest areas. Often we see rest areas filled with recreation vehicles parked right in the center near the rest rooms. The rest areas may be so full that a trucker can't stop to use the facilities. A more considerate way to handle parking at rest stops is to stop in the outlying lanes or, if the area is fairly full, park along the side or at the end of the rest area away from the marked lanes. Handle overnight stops in the same manner.

If you use the truck pumps to fill your vehicle, when you are finished you should pull forward far enough to open up the fuel lane for a truck or another RV (especially at a Flying J RV island) before you go in to pay your bill. In a service area, stop your motor home and signal a trucker that it is okay to pull out in front of you so he doesn't have to wait. Truckers do these things for each other – so should we.



Safe Driving for RVers, continued Being "Truck Smart"

There's very little room for error or ignorance around tractor-trailers. Following are some safety tips from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation:

- ◆ Stay out of a trucker's blind spots or "No Zone," where your vehicle is not visible by the trucker. Because trucks are so much bigger than cars, they have bigger blind spots. If you can't see the truck driver's face in the side mirrors, the trucker can't see you.
- ◆ When you pass a truck, do it carefully – and do it quickly. Don't linger. Riding alongside could put you in the trucker's No Zone.
- ◆ Never pull in front of a truck and slow down. You will quickly eliminate the truck driver's cushion of safety and create a very hazardous situation.
- ◆ Keep to the right when a truck is passing you. You may even want to slow down to make passing you easier for the trucker.
- ◆ Keep your distance when you see a truck backing or turning. These can be difficult maneuvers, so help out by leaving plenty of room.

- ◆ You will feel increased wind turbulence when passing a truck or when a truck passes you, so adjust your steering appropriately.

- ◆ Keep your cool. No matter what happens on the road, you can't let your emotions get the best of you while you're driving.

Following these safety tips will increase your safety on the road and will go a long way toward building good relationships between RVers and truckers. And even if you don't get the desired result from a trucker, you can feel good knowing you did the right thing. Frank Warren, a professional driver for Yellow Freight, says it best: "There has to be a two-way street when it comes to safety and courtesy. The truck driver and the motorist must learn to live with one another out on the highway. We've got to respect each other." ❖

Editor's Note: We thank Aon Recreation Insurance for permission to reprint this article. With nearly 40 years of experience insuring RVs, no one understands your vehicle like Aon Recreation Insurance (formerly RV Alliance America). Aon has multiple carrier options and can provide you with a policy custom-designed for the special nature of your coach. Aon also offers the added benefit of umbrella coverage, which provides liability coverage that extends beyond your RV, home, and auto insurance policies to protect you from a costly lawsuit. To get a quote, call Aon at 800.521.2942, or visit www.aonrecreation.com for more information.

Founders' Forum

The Early Years with Fleetwood by Jim and Dorothy Devine

We bought our Discovery in March of 1997. At first we saw very few Discovery motor homes on the road. When we did, we would blink our lights and wave, it was a happy time for us! The most exciting time was when we were able to meet the owners, sometimes in rest stops, or best of all in a campground where we were staying. We would walk through the whole park searching for Discovery owners to talk to.

Most of us were pretty new to motor homes, especially diesel motor homes, and we all had a million questions for each other. It was such an exciting time when we were together! We asked other Discovery owners if they would like to have an owners club. Most wanted one.

We formed our club on April 15, 1998. We started with the addresses of Discovery owners we had met and a Fleetwood dealer gave us more. That was our start.

We attended a Northwest FMCA rally in 1998. The Fleetwood manager of Plant 44 was there and found out about the existence of our Discovery owners club from a dealer at the rally. We held a recruitment meeting for Discovery owners and the plant manager attended. He introduced himself after the meeting and told us Fleetwood would like to help our club. We agreed to meet in a few weeks in Decatur, Indiana, at Plant 44, the Discovery manufacturing facility.

During the meeting we agreed it would be best for our club and Fleetwood if we created a national Discovery owners association. Fleetwood provided us with addresses of Discovery owners and donated money to cover the cost of a letter and postage. Fleetwood helped us grow our club into a national organization.



Founders Jim and Dorothy

Our very first rally in November 1998 was a big success, thanks in large part to Fleetwood Service which provided experts for seminars and complementary service for our Discovery motor homes. Fleetwood's marketing manager came out to the rally to meet us and talked for a long while.

Fleetwood marketing took our newsletter editor's articles, created a great layout and published our first newsletter in full color! And so far, each year they have given us a grant of \$5,000.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Fleetwood the company and Fleetwood dealers. Thanks!

In closing, I think all can agree: Fleetwood is good for our association, and DOAI is good for Fleetwood! ❖

Editor's Note: If you want to download a copy of the very first issue of this newsletter, check out the DOAI Web site. The issue has been turned into a PDF and is waiting for you!

Hints and Tips for RVers

Overnight Parking Etiquette . . . by Nina Soltwedel

In reading a recent issue of the FMCA magazine, I came across a page entitled "RVers' Good Neighbor Policy." The article stated that "most respected RV consumer clubs have joined together to support your right to park on private businesses' parking lots overnight", and the following industry-sanctioned Code of Conduct was included. It's listed here for your information.

1. Stay one night only!
2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.
3. Obey posted regulations.
4. No awnings, chairs, or barbecue grills.
5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).
6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.
7. Purchase gas, food, or supplies as a form of thank you, when feasible.
8. Be safe! Always be aware of your surroundings and leave if you feel unsafe.

Item #4 above reminded me of an experience we had in Ellsworth, Maine, several years ago as we wended our way home from New Brunswick. (Ellsworth is the major city outside Arcadia National Park.) We pulled into the Wal-Mart parking lot and proceeded to ask the manager if it would be OK to park there overnight. He responded that he was sorry, but the city had made it unlawful for RVs to park anywhere except in an RV park.

He went on to tell us that RVers used to park in the Wal-Mart lot (and other lots throughout the town) for extended periods of time, with awnings out, barbecue grills set up, and parties going on. The RV park owners in and near the town petitioned the city council to forbid the practice. In other words, a few RVers ruined it for the rest of us.

Another year, on our way to Alaska, we stayed overnight (with permission) in the Wal-Mart lot in Great Falls, Montana. The next morning, while purchasing supplies, I encountered the store manager. I thanked him for allowing us to stay overnight. He responded, "Hey, it's a two-way street. You appreciate staying here, and we appreciate your business."

The clubs referred to in the first paragraph are Escapees RV Club, FMCA, Gulfstreamers International Recreational Vehicle Club, Born Free Leap'n Lions RV Club, Wally Byam Caravan Club International, and Life on Wheels. Perhaps DOAI could follow suit? ❖

Filling Out Forms by Bob Cook

Here is a neat and easy way to fill out Adobe PDF forms and then print them out for your records and/or e-mail them to someone such as a membership director or rally registrar:

Your DOAI Web site uses Adobe PDF extensively to ensure that forms, newsletters, etc., are viewed and printed as the author intended. Adobe PDF is also used for rally registration, joining a chapter, etc.

The next time you need to fill out an Adobe PDF

document, first download the document to your hard drive. Next, go to www.pdfFiller.com and upload this form to them. After the form is uploaded, you will be able to view the form on their Web site, and also follow their easy instructions to fill it out and send the filled-in form via e-mail or print on your printer. ❖

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Dr. Dometic Says . . .

Tips and Tricks for Awning Maintenance by Dometic Corporation

An awning can be the front porch of your RV. Awnings can help fill your living room with gentle breezes on a warm day ... can provide your outdoor dining room with a full view of fireflies ... and be your sanctuary during a gentle rain. They are some of the best investments you can make in your RV lifestyle.

Patio, window, door, and slideout awnings are not just accessories, but important additions, as they protect your furniture and draperies from sun damage, allow open windows during light rain showers, and keep your RV cooler. They can provide long-term comfort and performance with simple, routine maintenance and cleaning. A few easy tricks and tips can keep them colorful and standing tall for years.

For safe and secure travel, make sure the awning is properly rolled up, in a locked travel position, and that travel latches are down. Verify that the push buttons are locked in the prepunched holes, and lock the cam lever. Also, tighten all adjustment knobs and make sure the top and bottom bracket screws are tight.

Periodic cleanings will ensure a beautiful, ready-to-use awning when you arrive at your destination. Awnings come in two fabrics – cloth-type acrylic and vinyl – and each must be cleaned differently. Acrylic awnings have the color woven into the fabric. They are water repellent, but not waterproof. To clean an acrylic awning, simply hose it off occasionally and let it dry. Do not scrub it, as this could remove its water retardant finish. To remove a grease spot, Dometic suggests using K2r® Stain Remover.

Acrylic is a woven cloth that allows air to circulate through the fabric so dew and rain can dry quickly. However, you should avoid touching the underside of an acrylic awning when it is wet. Touching it will break the surface tension and allow seepage through the fabric. If it is necessary to roll up

an awning while it is wet, unroll it as soon as the weather allows. It should be completely dry before rolling it up again to avoid mildew.

While a vinyl awning is mildew resistant, mildew can still form on the dirt and dust that sticks to the awning. To avoid these problems, use a mixture of a quarter-cup dish detergent, a quarter-cup bleach, and five gallons of fresh water. Soap the open awning with this mixture, then roll it up to soak for five minutes, applying the mixture to the bottom of the awning as you roll. Next, open the awning and hose it off with fresh water on the top and bottom. After the awning is completely dry, roll it up. To remove a grease spot from a vinyl awning, use only soap and water. Do not use household cleaners, mildew removers, or hard bristle brushes.

Once you are parked and ready to enjoy your patio awning, keep a few things in mind while setting up. To avoid water pooling, lower one end of the awning for proper water runoff. Before opening the entry door, be sure the patio or door awning is extended high enough so the door won't rub against it. If you are expecting heavy or prolonged wind or rain, or if you will be leaving the awning unattended, it's best to roll it up. Damage as a result of weather is most likely not covered by warranty.

Taking a few minutes for some simple maintenance steps will keep your awnings looking and performing great. With a little TLC they will provide years of convenient shading, protection and enjoyment that all awnings promise, including firefly shows from the comfort of your portable front porch. ❖

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



RV Safety

Preparing for a Medical Emergency on the Road Aon Recreation Insurance

Remember the saying, “The best defense is a good offense”? One of the best decisions you can make as a frequent traveler is to be prepared for a medical emergency on the road. Being properly prepared can help you quickly and efficiently assist a person in need. That person could be someone you love.

The first step in this process is to get certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Whether you’re young, old, traveling alone or with companions, you can benefit from learning CPR. CPR can double a person’s chance of recovery from cardiac arrest. The training also teaches you how to alleviate choking dangers with the Heimlich maneuver. Courses are offered at most colleges, hospitals and American Red Cross offices for around \$20. Some RV rallies provide training at a discounted rate.

Your second preparation tool is a well-stocked first aid kit. Don’t just take supplies out of your medicine cabinet to create a kit. Consider buying a kit that’s already put together to ensure you don’t forget anything. Be sure to add the extra items for your specific needs like extra medication, dietary requirements or pet supplies. John Adams, instructor of Aon Recreation Insurance’s medical emergency preparedness seminar, cautions: “Note that many items in the kit have expiration dates and will need to be kept current.” Basic kits can be purchased at Wal-Mart for about \$10.

Carry a medical guide with you or, at the very least, be prepared to recognize the symptoms of major life-threatening afflictions that can strike suddenly. The American Heart Association has summarized a list of the most common ones:

- ➔ Heart attack symptoms: chest discomfort, discomfort in other areas of the upper body, shortness of breath, cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
- ➔ Stroke warning signs: sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking; sudden trouble seeing with one eye or both; sudden trouble walking; dizziness; loss of balance or coordination or sudden severe headache with no known cause.
- ➔ Cardiac arrest symptoms: Sudden loss of responsiveness with no response to gentle shaking, no normal breathing for several seconds, no signs of circulation and no movement or coughing.

Helping Others Help You

If you’re traveling, it’s particularly important to prepare paperwork for each traveler that documents medications, conditions and allergies. Also include a one-page letter from your doctor explaining your medical condition and a current EKG strip if you’ve had an EKG. Keep this paperwork in a *Vial of Life* (a large pill bottle that can hold your medical paperwork) or a clearly-labeled freezer bag. Emergency

Medical Technicians (EMTs) will look for it in your freezer, medicine cabinet and glove compartment of your car if you’re traveling.

EMTs are hesitant to look in your wallet or purse for medical information until they reach the emergency room and a witness can watch them do it, so you may want to wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace. If you have too many items to fit on the small face of the jewelry, you can now sign up for a service that assigns a code to you that is printed on the jewelry. When the EMT calls into the hospital, your code is used to access your medical information from a nationwide network.

Communication is the Key

With all the people on the road today, there are many communications options to help you find the assistance you need in a medical emergency.

Many states have posted road signs that signify the location of hospitals or aid stations. Keep an eye out for these as you’re traveling; you never know when it will become useful information.

While they can be noisy and distracting, CB radios can help keep you informed of things happening down the road. They can be a life-saving tool to communicate with others in an emergency.

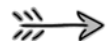
Cell phones are most people’s preferred mode of communication while traveling. They’re easy to carry, and nowadays service is available in most areas. Remember to keep your phone charged at all times. If you don’t want the expense of keeping a cell phone service operating, you can keep one without service that should still work in an emergency as long as you’re in an area with cellular service. According to a decree by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), all cell phones, even ones without an active service plan, must be able to dial 911.

If You’re Not the Primary Driver

If you’ve never before driven the RV, you should at least learn the basics. You don’t want to drive it for the first time in an emergency. When traveling by RV, it’s possible that in an emergency you will find yourself far from medical assistance. If the primary driver is hurt, you may be in a situation where you need to drive to get help.

If you’re the passenger and the driver of your vehicle loses consciousness, try not to panic. The first thing to do is move the driver’s hands and feet away from the steering wheel and pedals. Next, climb over, sit on the edge of the driver’s seat and take control of the vehicle. Slow it down and move to the side of the road. To keep use of the power steering and brakes, don’t turn the engine off until the vehicle has completely stopped. You must control and stop the vehicle before tending to the driver.

RVs have vast differences in how they drive, so you should practice driving the vehicle in which you’ll spend most of your time. It’s important to learn the basics of accelerating,



RV Safety, continued

turning and stopping. If possible, take one of the driving courses offered at many RV rallies year-round.

Overnight Stays

When staying at campgrounds it's important to take advantage of the map provided on check-in - it contains valuable information you'll need in an emergency, including the campground street address and a map to your campsite. If you need to call 911, you have to be able to give the operator a physical address for them to dispatch help to you. It's also very important to be able to give them directions to find you within the campground. Keep the map with your cell phone so it will be easily accessible if you need it. If you don't use a cell phone, keep the map in the same place each time you stop for the night and don't forget to throw out the old one so you don't get them mixed up.

When you're in areas that have severe weather, such as hurricanes, tornados or blizzards, be sure to note what county you are currently camped in. Radio weather bulletins are announced by county. Also, if weather danger is nearby, listen to the radio to find out where the safe building is so you can get there quickly if the need arises.

Having a Backup Team

Anything can happen down the road - preparation will help you to remain calm and focus on the emergency. Many insurance providers now offer emergency expense coverage that bridges the gap of additional expenses RV owners might incur that are not covered by conventional medical insurance.

It's important to be familiar with what your medical insurance will and will not cover. The beauty of traveling by RV is you feel free to visit parts of the country that are more remote and far from civilization. However, if an emergency occurs, an airlift to the nearest hospital can cost more than \$10,000, which most medical insurance plans will not cover, and services typically require payment up front. Supplemental emergency medical plans can cover this and also extras like:

- Return of your vehicle home for you if you are not able to do it yourself.

- Return of your dependents and pets home.
- Coverage of meals and accommodations for your traveling companion if you're hospitalized.
- Transport of a family member or loved one to be with you if you're hospitalized.
- Transportation home for you if your medical condition requires you be sent home to recuperate or receive further treatment.

When shopping for a medical emergency plan provider, find out what geographical areas the plan covers to be sure it matches with the areas you travel in most. Look for plans that include unlimited emergency cash and no deductibles. Also be sure to choose a plan that doesn't have a mandatory waiting period or a pre-existing condition clause that prevents you from being covered if your condition was diagnosed before you applied for membership. Additionally, check the cost of extras before committing to a plan - some plans offer all services for one annual price, while others offer a base plan and charge for additional benefits like helicopter transfer. Annual premiums can vary dramatically, ranging from \$139-\$420 depending on the provider. Investment in this relatively inexpensive extra coverage can give you peace of mind so you can rest a little easier during your travels. ❖

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Why Belong to DOAI?

Fun and fellowship! Chapter rallies provide an opportunity to establish continuing friendships with people we would never have met otherwise. We learn of each other's families, careers, travels, and other aspects of our lives. We pray for and help each other in times of crisis and celebrate joys with one another. Regional and national rallies provide opportunities to meet folks from all over the country and all walks of life. Some become casual acquaintances and some become more. It's always good to see them again at another rally, or at a chance meeting somewhere across our great nation. Looking for and meeting D owners along our travels (to recruit them) is always satisfying and enjoyable.

– **John Baker, Texas**

From Then to Now

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

Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert, California, was the site of the first DOAI rally of 2001 – January 7-11. There were 133+ Discoverys in attendance, and those who attended said, “We had a blast!”

The co-rally masters were Sharon Ayer, Sonny Springer, Sharon Patterson, and Wes Patterson. Their planning of the agenda gave free fun time, as well as a full schedule of helpful and informative seminars.

The meals were reported to be terrific, and the entertainment was top notch, as befits a DOAI national rally.

Mike Thompson RV was the “dealer in attendance” and provided lots of financial assistance to the rally.

Of course Fleetwood provided excellent tech assistance to D owners. As Jim Devine put it, “About \$50,000 of billable labor hours were donated by Fleetwood to the rally.” That’s just one example of the tremendous help Fleetwood has given this organization since its inception in 1998.

Member-driven seminars (Pilots’ Roundtable and Co-Pilots’ Roundtable) resulted in problem-solving assistance for many. The exchange of information between D owners is a very big reason to attend national rallies. ❖



This is the only photo available of the Emerald Desert rally. It’s not sharp, because the editor had to scan it from the newsletter that was published right after the rally. If you were at that gathering, can you find yourself? Good luck!

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Street _____ City, State, ZIP+4 Code _____

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Need handicap parking? Yes _____ E-Mail _____

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Guest(s) Name, City, State _____

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Sun. Nov. 4 _____ Mon. Nov. 5 _____ x \$30.00/night = \$ _____

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2007 National Rally Update

The Latest Scoop by Wanda May



Discoverys in the Desert

Every member of the Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is busy preparing for the 2007 national rally. We have some exciting seminars planned: Sky Med, Fly Fishing, Goodyear Tire, Computer Security in Plain English, Education for your Grandchildren, and six (count 'em - six!) hands-on craft lessons...just to name a few.

We have wonderful rally facilities; all seminars are held in air conditioned rooms and most vendors will be inside. All of the meals will be catered by the resort. The resort offers tennis, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and a golf course, just to mention a few of the activities. Check out the resort's Web site: www.robertsresorts.com/pueblo.

Why to Arrive Early

Come early for two days of tours, or to just play at the resort. On November 5 we will have a tour to the Heard Museum, a not-to-be missed spectacular museum in Phoenix devoted to Native Peoples and their art. You won't believe the kachina collection, most of which was donated by Barry Goldwater.

On November 6 we will tour The Toughest Sheriff's Tent City, the brain child of Sheriff Joe Arpaio. This conclave of criminals has gained nationwide attention for its lack of amenities. November 6 will also be the day of the golf tournament, so please bring your clubs!

The Planned Agenda

Since the rally takes place near Veterans Day, we will be honoring each past and present service person who has served our great nation. Please send your **uniformed** photo to Geri Cozens ASAP! It will be returned to you at the rally, unharmed.

A bagpiper will open the rally and a presentation of the flags by a local high school ROTC Unit is included. Immediately following this opening ceremony will be the welcome party.

Wednesday: Progressive lunch
Hawaii Night: Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, grass skirt, or....?
Entertainment with an island flair will be provided, and telescopes will be available for star gazing.

Thursday: Red Hat luncheon and fashion show, with fashions for RV traveling. Don't miss this special event.
Chuck Wagon dinner: Polish those spurs and boots, dust off your ten-gallon hats, 'cause it's time for a little two-steppin'!
Entertainment will be - what else - country and western!

Friday: Puttin' on the Ritz dinner
Closing ceremony
Entertainment will be the Sun City Pomes, followed by orchestra music for your dancing pleasure.

Keep Up to Date Online

All our latest information is on our Web site (including updates as they occur): www.geocities.com/discoverys_inthedesert. Check back often!

Watch your mailbox the week of September 3. More DOAI rally information arriving!



This is just a small example of the beautiful things you'll see at the Heard Museum.



The Sun City Pomes will entertain us on closing night.





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