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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



You should have received a special notice from the Board of Directors announcing several changes in the leadership of Blue Ridge Discoverys.

I have asked Glenda to include the letter in this issue of the Ledger.

The many new members that have joined the chapter over the last three years may be asking, who is our new President? I joined the chapter in March, 2007 and served as President for two years before Glenn Camp was elected. I have been a member of the board as Past President for the last three years. I want to thank the board for appointing and approving Richard Money as Vice President. I want to thank Glenn for his service during his terms as Vice President and President and Mike for his service to the chapter.

Our next rally will be our fall rally in Branson, MO. The hosts have put together a full and fun week. If you have not sent in your registration you need to by July 8, 2015. Our Spring Rally will be at the River Vista Moun-

tain Village RV Park, Dillard, GA. The hosts will be meeting in Dillard to visit the park and finalize the agenda. We will have updated information at our fall rally in Branson.

We have been asked to host the 2017 DOAI Southeast Rally at the Lazy Days Campground, Seffner, FL. We will need an experienced Chairman to manage the rally. I and the Board of Directors have asked Frank Cason to be that person. He has accepted and will be looking for a lot of help from the chapter. Frank has chaired two National rallies in the past. He will talk about his plan during our fall meeting in Branson.

I look forward to serving as your President and working with the Board of Directors. I am available to answer any questions that you may have.

Charlie Harvell

Charles Harvell
President
Blue Ridge Discoverys

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

*Blue Ridge Discoverys
Fall Rally Branson, MO
13-19 Sep 2015*

*DOAI National Rally
Amana, IA
20-25 Sep 2015*

*Blue Ridge Discoverys
Spring Rally
River Vista Mountain Village
Dillard, GA
TBD*

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From the Board

I am sure you are aware of what has been happening within our chapter over the last few weeks but if not I would like to recap.

Glenn Camp submitted his resignation as President of the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter effective May 28, 2015 and as a member of the Board of Directors as Past President, he also resigned that position.

According to the DOAI Bylaws, Mike Lecholop as VP moved up to be President. The Board of Directors are responsible for appointing and approving the new VP. It has taken a couple of weeks to fill the VP position but effective June 9, 2015; the board appointed and approved Charlie Harvell as VP.

The Board of Directors received an email from Mike Lecholop saying that he is submitting his resignation as President of BRD effective June 9, 2015. Mike said due to professional and personal reasons he felt he could not serve as President. He will remain on the board as Past President.

Charlie Harvell has moved up to be President and the Board of Directors has approved Richard Money as Vice President. Charlie and Richard will serve until the end of 2016. Elections will be held for new officers at our fall rally in 2016.

This has been a long process but the board is confident with the new appointments the chapter will be able to move forward.

Blue Ridge Discoverys



Survey

At the Nashville Rally I was asked to send out a survey to all members to get their ideas for better participation and to be helpful in planning future rallies. Below is the result of your responses.

Questions:

1. How many miles is your limit to a Rally? **90% had no limit; 10% thought about 750 miles**
2. Are you in favor of new rally destinations? **100% was in favor**
3. Do you have an acceptable cost for a rally? (Includes site cost, rally fees, social, etc.) **80% had no limit; 20% thought \$750 was reasonable**
4. Do you think hosts do too much work? Such as cooking, prizes and goodie bags. **80% thought there was too much work; 20% said no**
5. Does this deter you from being a host? **30% said it deterred them from being a host; 70% said it did not**
6. Should there be more time on your own? **60% wanted more free time; 40% did not (see comments)**
7. Would you volunteer to be a host? **80% will volunteer; 20% will not (one saying he was too elderly)**

Comments & Suggestions:

- The Rally hosts should be in charge and decide what to do, where to go, etc. Hosts cooking makes a nice change from catered food. Work of Rally is largely determined by the hosts who should determine how much work they want to be involved in.
- Cater local food, prizes not necessary but certainly very nice.
- Felt Nashville allowed plenty of free time. Key is to not schedule group events every day
- Cool thing about being a host is you can do it YOUR WAY! Stress this more. Fear of the unknown could be a factor in hosting as well as “too much work”
- Some sites are worth re-visiting
- Goodie bags and morning coffee could be optional. Need a “What to do bag”
- Enjoyed the morning coffee get together
- A lot of work but with more than one host, work seemed to be spread equally
- Hosts should not feel they have to make a special advance trip to the site in order to plan a rally. This can easily be done via internet research, phone calls, etc.
- Rally Master should select locations for each rally and identify hosts. Hosts should run the rally with the Rally Master. Members should participate in all rallies for the chapter to continue being a top DOAI chapter. We are the “FUN” chapter, let’s keep it that way.
- Primary goal is to have FUN & spend time with friends while seeing our beautiful country. Organizing a rally may be plenty of work but members should step up—don’t let it overwhelm you—be a host, and **do it your way.**
- If you believe there is too much “Group” time, don’t sign up for the event.
- Members should make suggestions on place to go long before the Rally.



Rally Suggestions

Our Rally Master recently solicited you for some suggestions about where you would like travel. Below are the responses. Bob welcomes any other suggestions you made. We realize you can't make all rallies but hope you will try to make as many as possible. Your suggestions assist in making future plans.

Place	Spring/Fall	Comments
◆ St Louis Missouri	Fall	Numerous Golf course, museums, shopping, baseball, Casinos. Will visit in Spring and see what is available. Willing to host
◆ Myrtle Beach SC		Sandy Beaches, water sports, golf, live entertainment, Shopping, historic sites
◆ Charleston SC		Golf, tours, Cypress Gardens, historic harbor, Plantations Dining
◆ Hilton Head SC		Dining, Golf, beaches, history & Heritage, Tours, art
◆ Louisville KY		Bourbon Tour, arts & culture, Kentucky Derby Museum, Culinary Attractions/Tours, Festivals/Events, golf
◆ Decatur IN		Tour of the Fleetwood Plant, Tree growing out of the top of The courthouse tower,
◆ Gulf Shores AL		Small town, big beach, fresh seafood, championship golf Courses, charter fishing, wildlife areas & historic sites
◆ New Orleans LA		Festivals, music, arts, French Quarter, nightlife, history & Heritage, Museums, sports, golf, shopping, tours
◆ Williston FL	Fall	Williston Crossings, Woods & Gardens, Festivals, nature
◆ Destin FL		Top Sail Resort, beaches, golf, dining,
◆ Liberty Park NJ		Right at the Statute of Liberty
◆ Asheville NC		Biltmore, Golf, shopping, dining
◆ Anywhere in Mountains	Fall	
◆ Everglades		National Park
◆ Gulf Coast		Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas
◆ Sevierville TN	Fall	Shows, dining, golf, River Plantation great RV Site
◆ Washington DC		US Capitol, White House, War Memorials, Tours

These were suggested and have been scheduled:

Branson MO	Fall 13-19 Sep 2015
Dillard GA	Spring 24 Apr-1 May 2016
Michigan	Fall 2016 dates TBD
Outer Banks	Spring 2017 dates TBD
Charlotte NC	Fall 2017 dates TBD
Memphis TN	Tom Sawyer (not a scheduled Rally but an enroute stop to Branson MO)

Repairs - Tips

Our tip this quarter comes from Bill Humphrey who took the advise of our “Discovery's Expert” Frank Cason.

Here is my account of this weeks maintenance on my 2010LE. Frank Cason called me and said that our coaches were five years old and the Allison book requires a change of filters and fluid at five years. He sent me the filter kit number and told me we needed 19 quarts of Transynd to complete the task. So I did a google search for an Allison place and found one less than 10 miles from home. Five gallons and one filter kit later, I was \$230.00 poorer, but Frank had researched and told me that the place he bought his filters and fluid would charge about \$500.00 to do the work. So first I started up the coach to air up the bags and use the rear jacks to get the chassis up high enough for me to get under to drain the old fluid, and remove the two filter housings. The directions have specific torque ratings on the drain plug and the 12 bolts that hold the two plates that house the filters. Because of my weak state, I had to use a breaker bar to loosen the drain plug and drain most of the fluid out. It took a pretty big plastic tray that you can find in Walmart. It should be at least 4 inches deep, and 20 inches by 30 inches long. Have fun recycling all that fluid, I am fortunate to have my coach at my place of business, and we have a 55 gallon drum for used oil. I also enlisted the aid of one of my sons to help carry that tray to the recycling drum! Then back under the coach with the empty tray under the tranny. I took the drain plug out again and undid the 6 bolts holding the plate that the first filter resides in. Had to pry the plate off and use the breaker bar to remove the bolts. The filter twists off its stem pretty easily and gets thrown in the dumpster. The kit provides O-rings for two series of 3000MH transmissions, ours uses the round black o-ring not the square cut one. Clean off the gasket with a razor blade, wipe everything clean and re-assemble the filter and the plate with new O-rings and the new gaskets. Lube all the O-rings with some transmission oil, you will have plenty at hand! Then do the other side. Next step is to tighten the 12 bolts on the two plates to 45 foot pounds of torque as per the instruction sheet. Be sure to criss-cross as you tighten to ensure that the plate remains flat. Then install the drain plug and torque it as well. Now you can start putting 4 gallons of fluid in the fill tube. Once you have that done, you can start the engine and let the jacks up and dump the air and idle at fast speed to warm up the engine and the transmission. You need to get the transmission up to 105-200 degrees in order to hit the two arrows to see how much more fluid is necessary, mine said 3 quarts. So I added three more quarts. Put the dip stick in and it reads full. Job well done. Safe travels. (Bill Humphrey)

Please **note** the funnel and the long clear hose used to fill the 19 quarts because without it you will be feeding a cup for a long time! The photos are intended to show the funnel and hose bungie corded to the upper grill.



Great Job Bill, The job was easy and you saved a bunch of money..... Plus you follow instruction very well and your speed dial works great. (Frank Cason)



Critter problems?

Do you have mice in your motor home occasionally? There were several good suggestions in the July 2015 Special Edition of Motor Home Magazine. The suggestion was for motorhomes, RVs and homes. One product was called **"Just One Bite."** *Just One Bite* comes in both pellets and solid 4-inch bars. Get the bars as Mice will drag the pellets around to save for later. *Just One Bite* attacks the liver and the mice die in three or four days. If you see gnawing on the bars, it is working. Place it where you find mouse droppings but keep out of pets reach. *Just One Bite* is available at farm supplies or online.

(John Malloy, Mountain View, AR)

Another published creation is called **"Fresh Cab Rodent Repellent."** This information was passed on to a friend by a farmer who said the natural botanical product was used to keep mice out of his farm equipment. J. Parker tested the product for 3 years and has had no mice problem since. (J. Parker)

A third solution, not published in any magazine, is a Frank Cason invention. Purchase a small plastic box and cut a small hole big enough for a mouse to enter. Place rat poison in the box and put the box underneath your motor home. The mice will enter the box, eat the poison, and leave the box to die. They will enter the box instead of your motor home. Good idea Frank!

Bob has ordered the two products above and is also trying Franks method. He will let you know in our next Newsletter how each works.



Sick Bay

Brenda J. Fairfax reports that Jim is scheduled to have his knee scoped to determine if scar tissue is the reason he cannot bend his knee. Jim has had a slow recovery from his knee surgery.

Dan Fletcher reported that Anne may have had a stroke. Pray that she is doing well.

Joan reported that she and Eric wish to thank everyone for their kind words and prayers. Eric has recovered nicely from his chem and stem cell transplant. He feels great! No further treatment is planned for now; his next PET scan will be in late August. Joan and Eric were able to take their 40E on a 2 week trip to New York and Maryland in May and are heading to Italy for 3 weeks at the end of July. Their 3d grandchild will be arriving in September. Glad you are doing well Eric. Have fun for us all on your trip.

Bob Angus is walking like he did not have a "Hip Replacement" Even went back to his volunteer work. Don't know what I am going to do with him! LOL

Fall Rally

The forms for our Fall Rally are on pages 12-14 in the event you have not registered. Remember the deadline and send your check to Frank Cason immediately if you plan on attending.

I highly recommend the Sight & Sound Theatre while in Branson. Bob, Gloria (my sister) and I attended the "Noah's Arc" showing in Pennsylvania and it was superb. This show changes yearly and this years show in Branson is "Jonah." The September schedule is 3:30 and 7:30 pm shows and 1:00 p.m. behind the scene tour each Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. There is a 3:30 pm Show and 1:00 behind the scenes tour on Thursday. Friday shows are held 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$47.99 including tax.

You can see a preview of this production at the following address:

<http://www.bransontourismcenter.com/shows/info/jonah>

FREEBIES

Dunkin Donuts gives free coffee to people over 55. If you're paying for a cup every day, you might want to start getting it for **FREE. YOU MUST ASK** for your discount! Some good Tips from Eileen P. Haden

RESTAURANTS

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| Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+) | KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+) |
| Arby's: 10% off (55 +) | Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+) |
| Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+) | Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+) |
| Burger King: 10% off (60+) | McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+) |
| Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+) | Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+) |
| Chili's: 10% off (55+) | Shoney's: 10% off |
| CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+) | Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Mon & Tues(50+) |
| Denny's: 10% off, 20% off (55 +) | Subway: 10% off (60+) |
| Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+) | Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+) |
| Golden Corral: 10% off (60+) | Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+) |
| Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+) | TCBY: 10% off (55+) |
| IHOP: 10% off (55+) | Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+) |
| Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+) | Wendy's: 10% off (55+) |
| White Castle: 10% off (62+) This is for me - if I ever see one again. | |

RETAIL & APPAREL

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| Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +) | Kohl's: 15% off (60+) Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off |
| Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +) | Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions |
| Big Lots: 30% off | Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+) |
| Goodwill: 10% off 1 day a week (date varies by location) | Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+) |
| Hallmark: 10% off 1 day a week (date varies by location) | Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items 1st Monday of every month (55+) |
| Kmart: 40% off Wednesdays only (50+) | |

GROCERY

- Food Lion:** 60% off every Monday (60+)
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55+)

TRAVEL

Airlines

- Alaska Air:** 50% off (65+)
American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+) & up (call before booking for discount)
Continental: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
Southwest : various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
United : various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
U.S. Air: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

RAIL

- Amtrak:** 15% off (62+)
Greyhound: 15% off (62+)

BUS

- Trailways Transportation System:** Varies for ages 50+

CAR RENTAL

Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members

Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members

Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+) Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)

Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members

Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members

National: up to 30% off for AARP members

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

Best Western: 40% off (55+)

Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)

Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance

Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)

Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)

Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)

Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55+)

Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)

Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

Waldorf Astoria - NYC: \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+)

Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+) including camping (62+)

Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets (50+)

Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)

Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off Massage

U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services

Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not @ off 1 day ticket (55+)

SeaWorld, Orlando , FL: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)

CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)

Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)

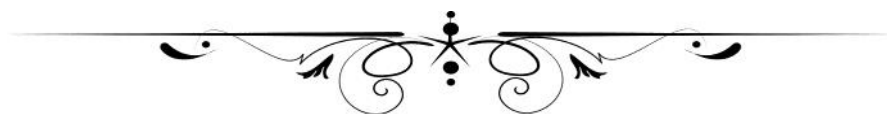
Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

MISCELLANEOUS

Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)

Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

NOW, go out there and claim your discounts - and remember - YOU must ASK for your discount. Pass this on to everyone you know over 50!!!!!! Thanks for the good information Eileen



Atlanta to Bar Harbor The RV Trip from Hell

This is the tale of our trip from Atlanta to Bar Harbor, Maine in June of 2015, where we would hook-up with the Fantasy Tours Group for an RV Caravan tour of the Canadian Maritime provinces. The caravan consisted of 22 RV's plus our tour leaders and tail gunners from Fantasy Tours, for a total of 24 rigs.

For lack of a better word, the trip to Bar Harbor was an absolute nightmare. We left Atlanta on Monday morning and were on a tight schedule, but had allowed five days to get there, which would enable a fairly comfortable pace. We did fine the first couple of days until time to leave the KOA in Natural Bridge, VA on Wednesday morning. I started up the rig and got a check engine light that wouldn't go away. Since we had several thousand miles ahead of us for the balance of the trip, we couldn't afford to take any chances. So, I called Freightliner, Caterpillar, and several shops in the area to get some kind of guidance based on the error codes. Of course, nobody would tell us it was okay to drive with a check engine light on (*duh!*). Since we have a Caterpillar engine, we needed to find a CAT shop. There was a local shop that said they **might** be able work us in on Thursday or Friday. No good --- we had to get to Bar Harbor in time to catch-up with our tour group.

Finally, I found another CAT shop in Lynchburg (41 miles away) that sounded good and said they would help us as soon as we could get there. *Great, we're making progress!* The bad news was that the GPS routed us down highway 501, a narrow two-lane road that crosses a mountain with numerous switchbacks and no place to turn around or pull off in case of trouble. So we took off, barging ahead going around curves that were like threading a needle, while the check engine light continued to flash on and off. It was a very I-o-n-g 41 miles. Barbara didn't say a single word for all 41 of those miles.

Finally, we arrived at Carter Machinery Company (the CAT shop) with no additional problems. However, *Chetric*, the guy I talked to on the phone was gone to lunch. So, we cooled our heels and waited. Chetric turned out to be a really nice, very tattooed, good ole boy, who was confident he and his guys could help us. So, he put David on the job. David was a new hire and used to be a helicopter mechanic prior to becoming a CAT mechanic (a very nice, very young, clean-cut kid).

I'm on a roll now, so hope you don't mind a long story. Maybe it will be funny one of these days, when we look back with wiser eyes from a different perspective.

Well, there were two error codes on the engine computer. One indicated a problem with the "atmospheric sensor". Who *knew your engine has an atmospheric sensor?* Apparently, it is supposed to sense the altitude and adjust the fuel/air mix accordingly. The second code was electrical in nature, and later determined to have been triggered by the sensor problem. So, as luck would have it, they didn't have the sensor in the local parts inventory. But their sister shop in Salem had one and they just happened to have someone there that could drive it over to Lynchburg, if we were willing to pay the extra \$\$\$.

And of course, we did.

Now it's time for a shift change, so Chetric and David go home, but they've arranged for Matt (another really nice guy, but even more of a good ole boy) to take care of us in their absence. The part arrived earlier than expected, was quickly installed, and we soon left on our **first** 26 mile test ride. Well, you guessed it, the new sensor didn't fix the problem. So, it must be an issue with the wiring harness (*who knew?*). The sensor requires three wires and Matt decided the most likely culprit was the one that communicates with the engine computer. So, he ran a new wire directly from the sensor to the computer, and we took off on our 2nd 26 mile test run of the night.

By the way, every time we return from a test run, the bedroom slide has to be extended, the bed has to be raised, and a plate in the floor beside the bed has to be removed in order to access the top of the engine where the sensor is located. This same process has to be reversed every time we leave on another test run.

You guessed it again, the check engine light was still coming on. Since there are only two wires left, Matt replaced both of those, and we took off on our third 26 mile test run. By this time, we are very familiar with the route from Carter Machinery to the Alta Vista Business Route exit and back. As before, the check engine light is still coming on. In order to completely rule out the sensor, Matt installed a dummy sensor and we made our fourth 26 mile test run. The check engine light did not come on, proving that the sensor had nothing to do with the problem.

By this time Matt is really starting to get frustrated and grasping at straws as to what might be causing the problem. The engine seemed to be generating too much pressure, it could be the breather, maybe he could clean it, maybe this, maybe that, etc, etc.

Oh, did I mention that it is really starting to get late? It was so comforting to know they would be open until 2:00 am.

Eureka!!! At about 11:00 pm, Matt discovers a kink in the "slobber tube" and is 90% convinced that is the source of our problem. Five minutes later, the kink is ironed out and we're off on our final 26 mile test run of the night (only this time we managed to do a U-Turn and limit this one to 10 miles). Behold! Miracle of miracles, no more check engine light! At 11:30 pm, after some final dickering over cost, we settle up and pay an astronomical bill. The

bottom line was just under \$800, and that's after knocking off six hours of labor. I should mention, however, that they also upgraded the software in the computer and that was part of the cost.

While waiting for the kinked hose discovery, we ate an unexciting meal from McDonald's that Barbara retrieved, while I worked out a revised travel plan. First, I found a local campground that was only 20 miles down the road. It was a nice sounding place called Paradise Lake in Spout Springs, VA. Then, I rerouted the balance of our trip and made the necessary reservations. When Barbara returned, she cancelled the old reservations. Unfortunately, we had to eat the cost of the two cancellations in addition to paying for the new reservations. *Such are the cancellation rules with most campgrounds.*

It was nearly midnight, when we set off for Paradise Lake. Locating the campground was easy, but the road leading into it was terrible --- extremely narrow, full of potholes, and no lights anywhere. We eventually found the office and retrieved our late check-in package with a map of the campground and directions to our site. The road was gravel, even more narrow, lots of potholes and speed bumps, and it was the darkest night ever. I had to stop and get out of the coach a couple of times with a flash light in order to find my turns. At 12:30 am, we finally pulled into our site and set up camp.

The next morning we were up at the crack of dawn, because we had to make up the day lost by driving further than usual in order to stay on schedule. We normally try not to drive more than about 300 miles a day, but had to do 375 in order to make our next stop at the Moyer's Grove Campground in Wapwallopen, PA. This place was a real *gem* and way, way back in the woods (*in more ways than one*). I knew we were in for an adventure when the *tattooed cat lady* checked us in. She led us to our site in her golf cart and took us on an obstacle course that would have been a challenge for a 4-wheeler, let alone a 40' motorhome and tow car. After parking and getting ready to hook-up, we learned that the power is wonky. We have a "smart" whole-house surge protector that won't pass shore power through to the coach's electrical system if it is sub-standard any way. So, we spent the night without electricity, which wasn't a big deal because it was a cool night. I cranked up the generator so Barbara could fix dinner, then we were good to go. Also, there was no cell coverage or internet. So, before it got dark, I used the atlas to map out the last leg of our trip.

The way out of the park the next morning was easy, but I walked it the night before just to be sure. We got off early and started another long day of 380 miles to our next stop at Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls, NH. Wakeda was a nice campground and a welcome improvement over the last two stops. We even had a little coffee shop right across from our site. We would have liked to spend more time there enjoying the campground and exploring what looked like a really interesting and quaint area.

This was our last day of travel before arriving at Bar Harbor. We were dead tired, but a little more relaxed and only had to go 240 miles. The first problem of the day was getting lost on the way to our next fuel stop. It's not a good thing when you're lost in a big rig pulling a car and find yourself driving around in an unfamiliar residential area with narrow streets and tight turns. Fortunately, it didn't take long to find the place and get back on the road. Then the real nightmare began!

We experienced the horror of all horrors, I-495, the bypass around Boston. It may be tolerable at other times, but on a beautiful Friday afternoon in June, it was a TOTAL NIGHTMARE!!!! There was lots of construction, lane closures, and the roads were in horrible condition. On top of that the traffic was bumper-to-bumper in every lane for 58 miles, often 6 or more lanes wide on both sides. We crept along at 4-5 miles an hour for ages. *Thank God I didn't have to pee!* Atlanta has no idea what really bad traffic is or how good their road conditions are compared to the Northeast. Unfortunately, our poor RV was beaten to death on those crappy roads.

Long story short, we made a final fuel stop so we would be prepared to enter Canada on Tuesday with a full tank. It was an unusually pleasant experience, because I unknowingly pulled up to a full service pump and had a nice young guy there to fill it up for me. *Whoever heard of full service anywhere, let alone at a truck stop. It must be a New England thing.* And, it was especially nice since we didn't have to pay a premium for the service. The last 40 miles of our journey went smoothly, except for getting lost one last time before managing to find the campground.

It was a long, tiring, weird, and frustrating trip, but we are settled at the campground in Bar Harbor. We had an orientation meeting with the tour leaders and met all of the other folks we will be traveling with. Then we wrapped up our day with the tour group over a lobster dinner at the clubhouse. Tomorrow, we tour Acadia National Park and spend a little time in downtown Bar Harbor. Tuesday, we head out to do some ocean-front camping in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

We are well rested once again and looking forward to smooth sailing from here on out. All I have to do now is clean the rest of the bugs off the front of our rig. GREAT STORY BOB

(Bob Zumwalt)

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS 2015 FALL RALLY



“ON YOUR OWN AT BRANSON”

Branson, MO KOA

397 Animal Safari Road

Branson, MO 65616

13 -20 September 2015

Registration Form

Rally Registration Deadline - **July 8, 2015**

Name: _____ DOAI Number _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Call Branson **KOA** direct at **(800) 562-4177** for reservations and tell them you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys. Cabins are available. Our hosts have reserved 30 spaces. KOA serves a free pancake breakfast every morning with bacon & eggs available for an additional cost. Their convention center is free if they cater the meals.

Cost for the KOA is \$43.00 plus tax (Contingent upon 20 committed coaches – Less coaches\$45.00)

Rally Fee

Number of people attending rally _____ X \$25.00 each = _____

Optional Activities

Golf

Golf at Thousand Hills Golf Course

Cost per person \$39.00

Number of Golfers: _____

X \$39.00 Each Total = _____

Branson Belle Dinner & Cruise: Cost per person \$50

Twentieth Anniversary of the Showboat. An 1890s-style paddle wheeler with a 2-hour cruise.

Number going to Branson Bell Dinner & Cruise: _____ X \$50 Each Total: _____

Shows

For information on shows for this week go to www.branson.com

Please schedule your shows around the Branson Belle Dinner & Cruise.

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS 2015 FALL RALLY (Continued)

Rally Questions:

Gary & Rita Denning
gardd@kc.rr.com
(913) 449-0287

Tom & Katy Leydic
tgleydic@gmail.com or wildduneskaty@gmail.com
(843) 696-4274

Frank Cason
Cason.frank@gmail.com
(304) 667-7249

Please make your check payable to Blue Ridge Discoverys

Mail check with Registration Form to: Frank Cason
PO Box 18
Chuckey, TN 37641

Rally Fee	\$ _____
Golf	\$ _____
Branson Bell	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Itinerary on next page

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS 2015 FALL RALLY (Continued)

ITINERARY

Sunday	September 13 1700 1800	Happy Hour (somewhere) BYOB Welcome Dinner, Location TBA
Monday	September 14 1700	“ON YOUR OWN” “HAPPY HOUR” BYOB
Tuesday (Blue Shirt)	September 15 1700	“ON YOUR OWN” “HAPPY HOUR” BYOB
Wednesday (Maroon Shirt)	September 16 0800 – 1430 1500- UNTIL	“ON YOUR OWN” BRANSON BELLE DINNER CRUISE
Thursday (Yellow Shirt)	September 17 0800 – 1700 0930- 1700	“ON YOUR OWN” GOLF, THOUSAND HILLS GOLF COURSE HAPPY HOUR LOCATION TBA BYOB
Friday (Green Shirt)	September 18 1700	“ON YOUR OWN” “HAPPY HOUR” BYOB
Saturday (Blue Shirt)	September 19 0800 – 1630 1658 1800 1845 – 2000	“ON YOUR OWN” “HAPPY HOUR” BYOB HEAVY APPTIZERS (CATERED) CHAPTER MEETING
Sunday	September 20	DEPARTURE DATE 14 COACHES WILL HEAD TO Amana Colonies Frank leading SAFE TRAVELS

FOR THE COOK



Baked Beans for a Crowd (Nina Gray)

2 lbs. ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, cleaned and chopped
2 large cans Bush's baked beans
3-4 cans of red kidney beans, black beans or beans of your choice
1 Cup BBQ sauce
1 Cup ketchup
4 Tbsps. spicy brown mustard
4 Tbsps. Worcestershire sauce
2 Tbsps. soy sauce
8 Tbsps. brown sugar
8-12 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Brown ground beef, onion and bell pepper

Add to crockpot with baked beans all other ingredients except bacon. Stir well and cook on low for 4-6 hours. Add bacon, serve and enjoy

GRILLING TIPS

Gas vs. Charcoal?

The age-old debate over which grilling method is "better" involves multiple variables, from flavor to cost to convenience. While no studies prove that either is healthier, gas does burn cleaner. Charcoal grills emit more carbon monoxide, particulate matter and soot into the atmosphere, contributing to increased pollution and higher concentrations of ground-level ozone. From a taste perspective, on the other hand, many people prefer the smokier, richer taste of food cooked on a charcoal grill.

Always keep the grill clean to avoid odors and potential fires. Never line the bottom of the grill with foil since this prevents grease from draining into the catch tray and increases the risk of fire.

(www.eatingwell.com)

Eileen Haden



Amy Hornsby



Anne Humphrey



Anne Fletcher



Nashville, Tennessee
19 - 26 April 2015



Nashville, Tennessee

April 2015



Left to Right

Row 1: Bruce Ellen, Margaret Ellen, Sue Pryor, Susan Gutierrez, Sue Stanton, Eileen Haden (on floor), Elaine Harvell, Anne Humphrey, Wanda Simpson, Glenda Angus

Row 2: David Taylor, Jim Pinkerton, Kathy Pinkerton, Becky Reynolds, Pat Stanton, Charlie Harvell, Katy Leydic, Cecily Hart, Mary Anne Weinberg, Helen Blackwell, Gail Camp, Jean Money

Row 3: Buddy Reynolds, Ray Gutierrez, Mike Weiher, Mike Hopkins, Dick Pryor, Sonny Blackwell, Larry Hornsby, Mary Ellen Hornsby, Bill Humphrey, Stan Nieminski, Sharon Nieminski, Linda Terrill, Henry Terrill, Tom Leydic, Barbara Zumwalt, Bob Zumwalt, Dan Fletcher, Paul Hart, Larry Weinberg, Rick Blaher, Retha Hopkins, Diana Blaher, Richard Money

Row 4: Glenn Camp, Bob Angus, Mike Lecholop, Frank Cason, Bobby Simpson

ORDER FORM FOR BLUE RIDGE MERCHANDISE



Signs Now

1537 Ft.Campbell Blvd., Clarksville, Tn 37042
Phone:(931) 503-3030 Fax:(931) 503-3035
Cell:(931) 320-1202 E-Mail: signsnow@charter.net

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Banner \$25.00 Each (18"X36") Number Ordered _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Caps \$13.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Blue Ridge Speciality Caps \$18.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Short Sleeve Blue T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(PRINTED\$8.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____

(PRINTED\$9.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$11.00 Each) XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Long Sleeve Blue T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(PRINTED\$13.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$15.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Short Sleeve Yellow T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(PRINTED\$8.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____

(PRINTED\$9.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$11.00 Each) XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Short Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(PRINTED\$8.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____

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Long Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

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Short Sleeve Dk Green T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

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Long Sleeve Dk Green T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(PRINTED\$13.00 Each) (EMBROIDERED\$15.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Blue Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)

Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Yellow Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)

Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Maroon Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)

Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

OTHER ITEMS (Jackets, etc.) AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

TOTAL COST OF ORDER \$ _____

Make check payable to Signs Now and mail it to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale. You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

Payment by Credit Card: _____ Master Card _____ Visa _____ Discover _____

Account# _____ CCV#(on back panel) _____

Name on Card _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Order Form



PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

1537 Ft.Campbell Blvd., Clarksville, Tn 37042
 Phone:(931) 503-3030 Fax:(931) 503-3035
 Cell:(931) 320-1202 E-Mail: signsnow@charter.net

White/Blue badge with pin.
 A magnetic "pinless option is an additional \$2.50 (Not recommended if you have a pacemaker)

Phone _____
 Email _____
 Name _____
 Address _____



 Name as you want it on badge

 Name as you want it on badge

_____ Name Badges @ \$7.75 each	\$ _____
_____ Magnetic Pinless Option (Additional \$2.50)	\$ _____
_____ Blue Ridge License Plate (6x12) @\$22.95 each	\$ _____
_____ Tag-up bracket for LP hanging @ \$6.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Ceramic Coffee Mugs @ \$6.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Mouse Pads @ \$3.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Shipping and Handling Additional	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

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Payment by Credit Card: _____ Master Card _____ Visa _____ Discover
 Account# _____ CCV#(on back panel) _____
 Name on Card _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ORDER FORM FOR BLUERIDGE MERCHANDISE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Banner \$25.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Caps \$13.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Short Sleeve Blue T-Shirts (Enter Quantity below)

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Short Sleeve Yellow T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(\$8.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____

(\$9.00 Each) XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Short Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

\$8.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____

(\$9.00 Each) XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Long Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

(\$13.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Blue Golf Shirts \$30.00 Each (Enter Quantity Below)

Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Yellow Golf Shirts \$30.00 Each (Enter Quantity Below)

Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXLG _____

OTHER ITEMS (Jackets, etc.) AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

TOTAL COST OF ORDER \$ _____

(Make Check payable to Proforma AdMark)

Mail Order Form and check to:

Proforma Business Impact

1 Marcus Drive, Suite 104

Greenville, SC 29615

(864) 239-0050 (Fax) (864) 239-6611 or (cell) (864) 979-0107

nancy.quinn@proforma.com

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS BADGE ORDER

MR. KEN BADGES 'N SIGNS

2505 Clintonville Road - Harrisville, PA 16038

Email: mrkenbadges@aol.com

(800) 398-8307



White/Blue badge with pin.

A magnetic "pinless" option is an additional \$2. (Not recommended if you have a pacemaker)

Bolo tie and slide are available for an extra \$2.50

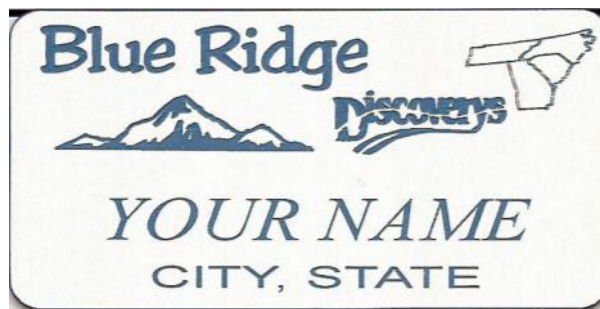
NOTE: The pinless option and bolo option may both be used on the same badge

Phone _____

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____



Name as you want it engraved

Name as you want it engraved

_____ Name Badges @\$7.75 \$ _____

_____ Bolos (Blue) (White) @ \$2.50 ea \$ _____

_____ Magnetic Pinless Option @ \$2.00 \$ _____

_____ Blue Ridge License Plate (6x12) @ \$22.95 \$ _____

_____ Tag-up bracket for LP hanging @ \$6 \$ _____

_____ Shipping & Handling \$1.25 per badge:
\$4 for LP & tag-up \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to "Mr. Ken" and mail to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale. You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

Payment by Credit Card:: _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ Discover

Account# _____ CCV# (# on back panel) _____

Name on Card _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS

A Chapter of Discovery Owners Association, Inc. (DOAI)

Membership Application

Membership is open to all members of DOAI. Dues are \$15 per year and collected in two-year increments of \$30. Collecting dues every other year reduces recordkeeping and eliminates the need for members to write small checks yearly. Initial dues are prorated at \$1.25 per month in order to synchronize with this schedule. If you cancel your membership, there is no refund for the current year. However, the next year will be refunded if already paid.

If your membership is mailed in:	In ODD number years, your initial dues will be:	In EVEN number years, your initial dues will be:
January	\$15.00	\$30.00
February	\$13.75	\$28.75
March	\$12.50	\$27.50
April	\$11.25	\$26.25
May	\$10.00	\$25.00
June	\$8.75	\$23.75
July	\$7.50	\$22.50
August	\$6.25	\$21.25
September	\$5.00	\$20.00
October	\$33.75 (2 yrs + 3 mon)	\$18.75 (1 yr + 3 mon)
November	\$32.50 (2 yrs + 2mon)	\$17.50 (1 yr + 2 mon)
December	\$31.25 (2 yrs + 1 mon)	\$16.25 (1 yr + 1 mon)

Mail this application and your check in proper amount to our treasurer:

Bob Zumwalt
2969 Gavin Place
Duluth, GA 30096

Phone: (770) 595-3886
Email: bz2@me.com

Date: _____ DOAI Member Number¹ _____

Pilot's Name: _____ Co Pilot's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____ Pilot's Cell: () _____ - _____ Co-Pilot's Cell _____

Pilot's Email: _____ Co-Pilot's Email _____

Discovery Year: _____ Length: _____ Model: _____

Optional:

Pilot's Birthday: _____ (mm/dd) Co Pilot's Birthday: _____ (mm/dd) Anniversary _____ (mm/dd)

¹ You must be a member of DOAI to join. If your application has been submitted but you have not yet received your member number, please contact Bob Zumwalt and he will coordinate with the DOAI Membership Chairman.
(Revised 1/24/2015)