

BLUE RIDGE LEDGER NEWSLETTER OF THE Blue Ridge

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GLENDA M. ANGUS, EDITOR

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope this finds everyone staying safe and taking care of yourself and family. A lot has changed since our last newsletter. Our July 30th – August 7th rally in Sevierville is still on for now. We currently have 27 coaches

registered. As we all know the National rally scheduled for September 28 through October 3 has been cancelled for 2020 and has been rescheduled for September 20 to September 26 2021 in Sevierville at the same location. Blue Ridge will still host. We had planned to use the National this year as our fall rally, but with the cancellation of the National we currently do not have a fall rally planned. The board discussed this through phone calls and emails trying to decide if we should follow DOAI lead and not have a fall event. It was decided that we would leave it up to the membership. On July 1 you should receive a survey email from Election Buddy giving you the option to say "YES" I would support having a fall rally or "NO" I would not support a fall rally. The survey window will be 15 days. We will then see if there is enough interest to

justify a rally. We are probably looking in the late October time frame. Location to be determined. We have to keep in mind that things are changing daily and it may not even be possible to establish a rally and the lateness could also play into it. If we do schedule a rally, attending is a personal choice. Do not feel that just because we have a rally you need to come. If you are not comfortable with current restrictions and health warnings, do not come. Kathy and I have done some traveling over the last month. So far we have felt very comfortable dining out and socializing in small groups where guidelines allowed. We did our part as did our friends we were traveling with, and followed the guidelines in place for the area we were in.

Lets hope and pray that things will start moving in a positive direction. Take care, be safe and we will see some of you in late July.

Jim Pinkerton

President Blue Ridge Discoverys

We are hoping to see you at our newly scheduled Spring Rally being held 31 July-7 August at The Ridge Outdoor Resort. Please keep up with information from our President and 2021 National Rally Master as events change for the DOAI National Rally. (Glenda)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Blue Ridge Discoverys Spring Rally The Ridge RV Resort 31 Jul-7 Aug 2020 Sevierville, TN

> FMA Rally LazyDays, Seffner, FL 19-24 Jan 2021

DOAI SE Rally Lazy Days, Seffner, FL 25-31 Jan 2021

DOAI National Rally 20—26 Sep 2021 Sevierville, TN

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As some of you may know, the DOAI Discovery Express Newsletter was delayed pending a decision about cancelling or postponing the 2020 National Rally in Sevierville which we are hosting. The board voted to cancel the 2020 rally and it was rescheduled for 2021. For your information, I am including the new dates regarding the 2021 rally for which we will still be responsible.

"The 2021 DOAI National Rally will be at the same place, same resort with rally dates of **20-26 September 2021**. The price of \$67.65 per night will remain in effect. Early arrival for everyone is 17 September "or" 19 September 2021. There will be "**NO ARRIVALS**" on 18 September because of parades, car shows, and craft fairs in Sevierville. As a consequence, you have a choice of either one or three days early arrival. The cutoff date for 20-26 September and early registration is **23 August 2021**.

Again, the rally begins 20 September and the departure date is 26 September. At the same rate you may stay two extra days, the 26th and 27th, leaving on 28 September. However, only 50 sites are set aside for late departure days and you must register for the late days **NLT 26 July 2021**. If you do **NOT** register prior to 26 July and specify the late days, you will **NOT** get the rally rate. **NOTE:** do not put any late days on your registration form **after** 26 July as they will be deleted and you will have to call the Resort to register for those days and pay the normal rate.

Hopefully by that time this virus will have run its course or a vaccine will be developed. However, be prepared to bring mask for everyone's safety in the event there are still problems. Hopefully, all individuals who registered or indicated in the surveys that they would be present at the DOAI 2020 National Rally, will attend in 2021. Blue Ridge Discoverys will continue our planning to make this a memorable event. " (Bob Angus)





Retha and I have hunkered down here at Sumter Oaks RV Park in Bushnell, FL, where we were staying over the winter. (Mike Hopkins)



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Margaret, Heidi and I went to Hilton Head last week (Tuesday thru Thursday) just to get out. Hilton Head Harbor RV resort had only a couple of sites left, as with school out lots of families were camping. Sunset Grille, our favorite place, was full at 6 p.m. opening with no distancing in place. We ate quickly and left. We had Hudson's Seafood for lunch Wednesday who had only limited seating inside, but outside was packed. Traffic was horrendous as



usual. Nice outing but the precautions we expected were not in place. Hope everyone is well. (Bruce Ellen)

And from Margaret Ellen-

We have been Q'd (though Bruce tends to wander—he Has a mask) since mid/late March! We Finally RAN AWAY FROM HOME to Hilton Head in our 'Home on Wheels' last week. THINGS ARE BUSY THERE, I guess because kids are and have been out of school! We stayed in our coach, walked Heidi, and ate out twice. We stayed at that place with the marina and Sunset Grill. We had first reservation for dinner, and while they did everything right with service, they ended up seating people too close to us before they were scheduled. We completed our Wonderful meal, then ran away back to the coach. Next day we went to Hudson's for lunch, and they were Wonderful!! Most tables had been removed from the inside and what was left were REALLY separated, and restaurant tables outside were spread out. The outside bar was CROWDED! It seems it is "what environment finds you comfortable." Bruce and I were GLAD to be finished with our Amazing dinner at Sunset Grill when things got full. While they followed guidelines to some extent, (limiting # at a table) they had not removed any tables. We were glad to get out of there as it filled up! Hudson's did it Right! (Unless you want to go to the outside bar.) SO MUCH for OUR venturing out! We look forward to our daughter and family being here for Father's Day Weekend, but have found our "new normal." Bruce wanders with mask during the day in safe places. I pretty much LOVE staying home and PJs are my main wardrobe. I do dress in real clothes every two-ish days, but LOVING those PJs (aka EASY LAUN-DRY). I hope others are finding the Happy in this as I am! We stay in! BIG THING that our daughter/hubs/ kids/dog are coming for the long weekend! The COVID curve isn't quite flattening yet here in Augusta. **STAY SAFE!** (Margaret)

Linda and I left Florida Grande a week early in March and went to South Carolina. We pretty much stayed in the house for a month. Linda painted two bathrooms and my laundry room, and we walked a mile around the neighborhood each evening managing to stay safe. During the last week of April, Linda and I drove straight through to her house in Connecticut. I stayed a week helping her get her re-modeled kitchen in order. Subsequently I drove home for my doctor and dentist appointments. I am back in Connecticut. until we return to South Carolina to attend the rally at the Ridge at the end of July.



Just Hanging around being safe





Our friend and former member, Sue Stanton, tells me that she volunteers at a food pantry and it has been really rewarding for her. She misses the BRD family and thinks about all the fun we had at rallies. Drop Sue a line if you get a chance. (Sue Stanton)

I must admit, I have enjoyed our time at home. Even though I planned on cleaning some much needed closets, I have spent my time on genealogy research and volunteer projects with the Historical Society and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - All things that I can do from home. My sister and I did get to the St Louis area last week for a family baby shower. Bob and my 8th—a great-grandson, named "Finn."

Like most venues, all of my DAR, Mayflower, and War of 1812 activities were cancelled several times. Since I was unable to change reservations a third time, my sister and I wandered to Indianapolis for just a night away since the night was paid for. Enroute, we stopped to research at a court house near French Lick, Indiana. The county required masks and gloves and I had to call a week in advance for a reservation. I was told that I would be a "test" for their allowing patrons back in; however, my sister had to stay in the car. Fortunately, after about 15 minutes they decided it was safe and the Court Recorder went outside and had my sister come in a back door to assist with my research. It was good to get out a bit and it was different wearing gloves and mask to thumb through large deed books. Even if I didn't find any thing of value to prove my relative was buried in French Lick, we enjoyed the experience. Although the hotel we stayed in at French Lick was nice, it was rather an experience. We checked in after a long wait for the clerk to get us situated. About an hour later, someone kept trying to get in our door. I thought, ok we are imaging things, it is just a breeze from someone opening another door. No! Suddenly the clerk who checked us in opened the door with an elderly couple. He apologized and left. This clerk in training gave someone else our room. Ok—accidents happen so we went to a small Bar & Grill about a block away to have supper. On our return, we couldn't get back in the room and had to return to the front desk. The clerk had apparently cleared the access when reassigning a room to the other couple. That was ok, till we hunkered down for the night and my foot kept finding something at the bottom of the bed—twice. There was two mismatched socks wadded up under the sheet. A different clerk checked us out the following morning and provided us both with a printed receipt (we always divide the cost) which, as usual, we just folded up and placed in the car. On the way home the manager left us a message that our room would be free. Sounded good! My sister immediately had a refund but my part was charged. Calling the manager, I was assured it had been taken care of and just hadn't shown up as she credited my card on the 19th. Well ten days later, I'm still charged and when I finally looked at my bill, it was for someone I never heard of for a 3 days stay. I do have his Loyalty Club number just in case I want to change my name! So as of today, I'm still trying to resolve this small issue in hopes I'm not being charged again for the man who probably has my bill. Well I can't say that I have been sitting home bored.

Hope to see you all in Sevierville soon.

(Glenda)



Blue Ridge Spring Rally of 2021 Tim Ridgley, Wagon Master



We are planning a Rally in Conway, SC, in late April 2021. Because of Covid-19 and the National Rally we are still in the process of making arrangements for April. We are working on Rally fees, budget, meals, dates, and golf, etc. The resort has been solidified and some of the information is listed below. Carolina Pines is owned by Sun Coast Resorts and this Resort just opened in July of this year. Please check it out.

Carolina Pines RV Resort 5800 SC – 90 Conway SC 29526. Phone Number: 888-303-7096 Website: https://www.sunrvresorts.com

Sites are pull thru with some type of paving and are 50 Amp service with full hook ups. We are planning on two dinners and two breakfast on site. The other two days will by on your own. Following are some examples for Breakfast and Dinner meals:

Dinner Buffet 1

Sautéed beef tips in a rich burgundy mushroom wine sauce. Flakey local caught fried white fish, with Tartar sauce and lemon Seasoned local vegetables, Yukon mashed potatoes with gravy Caesar salad with homemade dressing and Croutons House made cobbler for dessert Sweet tea and lemonade included

Dinner Buffet 2

House seasoned and smoked pulled pork with homemade Carolina BBQ sauce Medallions of chicken lightly fried, finished in a sweet Marsala wine sauce. Seasoned local vegetables, Baked red skin potatoes in olive oil and rosemary. House made salad with dressings Ice cream sundae bar for dessert Sweet tea and lemonade included

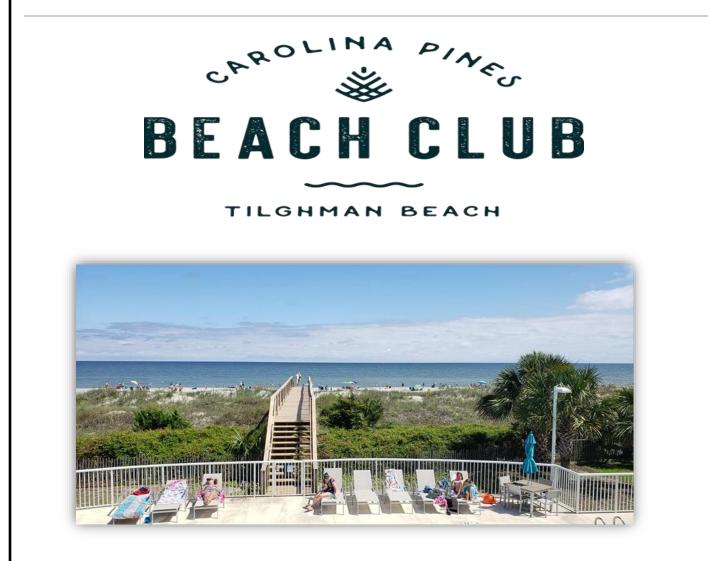
Breakfast

Scrambled eggs Bacon Sausage Home fries Biscuits and gravy etc

AMENITIES

Pet Friendly, Park and Dog Wash Snack Bar Hot Tub Pickleball Horseshoes Volleyball Shuffleboard Jumping Pillow Corn Hole Billiards Meeting & Event Facilities On Site General Store On Site Restaurant/bar with delivery Swimming Pools Splash Water Park Game Room Yoga Studio Free Shuttle to ocean, Shopping & Attractions Personal Electric golf Car allowed with fee Golf Cart Rentals Miniature Golf and Billiards Pickle Ball and Corn-Hole





Carolina Pines Beach Club at Tilghman Beach is the perfect spot for an afternoon of play in the sun, sand and water. With a quick shuttle ride from the resort, you'll never have to worry about parking or finding your picture-perfect spot under an umbrella.



soon as arrangements are finalized you will be notified of costs and a reservation form will be available.





Frank Cason

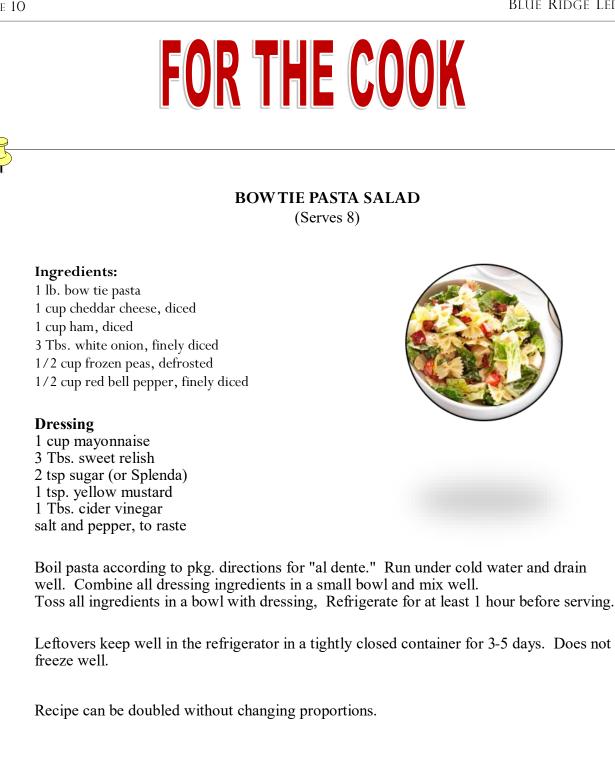


Bobby and Wanda Simpson

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Membership is open to all members of DOAI. Dues are \$15.00 per year and collected in two-year increments of \$30.00. Collecting dues every other year reduces recordkeeping and eliminates the need for members to write small checks yearly. Initial dues for new members are **FREE FOR THE FIRST YEAR**. AT THE 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY **OF YOUR INITIAL MEMBERSHIP YOUR DUES WILL BE** prorated at \$1.25 per month in order to synchronize with the current membership dues 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	
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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 months)	\$18.75 (1 yr + 3 months)	
November	\$32.50 (2 yrs + 2months)	\$17.50 (1 yr + 2 months)	
December	\$31.25 (2 yrs + 1 months)	\$16.25 (1 yr + 1 months)	

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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 Mike Hopkins and he will coordinate with the DOAI Membership Chairman. (Revised 1/07/2017)				