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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I begin writing my report for the Blue Ridge Discovery Ledger, Elaine and I are with 26 other Blue Ridge Discoverys members attending the 2012 DOAI Southeast Rally at the Lazy Days Camping Park in Seffner, FL. The Florida Discovery SunShiners are our hosts and they have been putting on a great show. Before the DOAI rally several members attended the Fleetwood Motorhome Association Rally in Seffner. At both rallies we were able to tour the new 2012 Discoverys and had a Fleetwood Technician complete some repairs on our Discoverys. We picked up four new members at the Southeast Rally. They are Liz & Tom McDermott and George & Patricia Beir. As of 2-10-12 we have a membership of 49 coaches. If you would like to attend the 2013 FMA and DOAI rallies at Lazy Days Camping Park

you should make reservations with Lazy Days ASAP. Glenda Angus asks that members share their travel highlights. I am going to start with our travel in South Georgia. We encourage other members to share some of their travels highlights. Frank Cason has agreed to be the nomination chairman to find members that will serve as officers for the next two years. Elections will be held during our fall rally in Waynesville, NC. Remember our next rally is the Spring Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Lakewood Camping Resort beginning April 18th with early arrival on the 17th.

Safe Travels

Charlie Harvell

2012 Spring Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC

Hope everyone was able to make reservations for the Spring Rally being held at the Lakewood Camping Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC. The park held sites for us until March the 12th when they were released to the public. Hope to see you there. Lakewood offers Wi-Fi or Dial-Up Internet, free local phone calls, full service bath houses, Laundry Facilities, Indoor/Outdoor Pools, Propane refills, A Trading Post, Two Snack bars, Free Pizza delivery, and Daily Planned Activities. It is Pet Friendly (campsites only - No aggressive breeds!).

See Rally schedule on Page 13

Glenda

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Spring Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC*
18-21 Apr 2012
(Registration Deadline was 12 March)
- *Fall Rally, Waynesville, NC*
19-22 Sep 2012
Creekwood Farm RV Park
- *2012 Discoverys National Rally*
Tucson, AZ
8-14 Oct 2012
Lazydays
- *Tom Raper's, Richmond, IN*
21-23 Oct 2012
(Invitation from Tom Raper & Heartlander's Chapter Blue Ridge Discovery)

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SPARTAN TRAINING

Greg Rinehart, the Service Development Coordinator advises that Spartan has moved their camping area from the fair-ground to Spartan campus next to plant 1. They are adding 14, 50amp services at that location for class attendees to use while in training. Instruction includes in-depth, hands-on classes. Follows is the 2012 RV Owner Training Schedule.

May 7-11

June 11-15

July 9-13

August 6-10

September 10-14

A class well worth attending. Includes two catered meals per day for four days and on-road instruction with a Certified Instructor. You also receive a complete wiring diagram for your Spartan Chassis.

Visit www.spartanchassis.com for information regarding, 2012 Training Offerings.

Visit www.regonline.com/2012rvownertraining to register

TIPS FROM THE PROS



Based on a great design by Frank Cason, several RV owners have added an additional water filter and pressure regulator to their coach. In addition, a Y-hose adapter with separate valves going to the city water in and black water flush eliminates the need to disconnect the water hose to flush the black water tank. One additional filter obtained from Lowes, a pressure regulator, obtained from your local RV store, a Y-hose adapter, and small pieces of hose with fittings are all available from Lowes to complete the change. This design filters out larger particles, and replacement filters are cheaper than coach filter options.

(Courtesy of Bob Angus & Frank Cason)

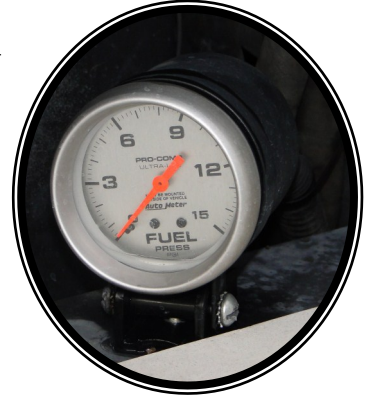


CUMMINS FUEL PUMP

Since purchasing my Discovery 1998 36T new in 1998 I have had to replace 3 lift pumps and one injector pump. Hopefully my experience will be helpful to you regardless of year or engine.

I am sure most of you are aware that our diesel engines have two Fuel pumps. The first is called a transfer or lift pump and the second is an injector pump. The transfer pump normally will pump fuel at about 12 PSI when new and as the pump wears over time the pressure will gradually drop. There is no indicator of this pressure drop on any gauges or warning lights. Typically as the transfer pump output pressure drops to a dangerous level the first symptom will be engine power loss when going up grade or engine quitting under this condition as the injector pump cannot make up the loss of incoming pressure.

The risk of major damage will occur when the transfer pump pressure drops Under 2 PSI. My first experience after engine shutting down on an upgrade led me to a Cummins garage. They placed an inline pressure gauge on the transfer pump output and the pressure was 6 PSI at idle speed. When RPM increased to about 1500 RPM the pressure dropped to 1 PSI. They replaced the transfer pump under warranty. Again the normal pressure of a new pump is about 12 PSI.



I was informed by Cummins there was a retrofit warning light which could be installed which would come on when pressure dropped below 2 PSI. I purchased this kit from Cummins, P/N VP44CLK2Y at a cost of \$76.50 and installed it on the engine. It is relatively easy to install. It requires mounting the light on the dash, disconnecting the lift pump output line and installing the pressure switch. The wiring consists of connecting a fused positive to one side of warning light and running a negative from the light to the low pressure switch just installed on transfer pump. This low pressure indicator light informed me of a second transfer pump failure and then later the third failure.

My warranty now had expired when the third Transfer pump was replaced at my cost of \$412.00 at Cummins in Roanoke, VA

After all this I decided I needed a transfer pump pressure gauge so I could monitor the exact output pressure of the transfer pump and be able to have an indicator of the gradual pressure drop as the pump wore. I had this installed at a Cummins garage in Roanoke, VA. The gauge is an AUTOMETER #4411 and mounting bracket AUTOMETER #3202. This is a precision racing gauge and installed at a cost of \$328.13. This gauge will register about 12 PSI when idling and when RPM increases to 2000 it will drop momentarily and then regain normal pressure. Obviously this gauge could be mounted anywhere, including the dash however I elected to have it mounted under the rear hood as that would be a shorter run of fuel line. I felt that as the transfer pump pressure drop was a gradual drop and that I had a 2 PSI warning light, there was not a requirement it be visible to me at all times. I always leave my engine running when I get fuel so I can take a peek at the pump pressure through the rear hood.



Next problem was not the transfer pump but rather injector pump failing in February of 2008. I had to replace it after warranty at a cost of \$3825.00. It was installed at Cummins in Tampa, FL. I feel that the lift pump problems over an 8 year period led to the failure of the injector pump.

Perhaps this is a series of rare incidences however if I was to purchase a new coach I would have both the low pressure warning light and the pressure gauge installed immediately. According to Cummins the greatest cause of injector pump failures relates to transfer pump problems.

(Courtesy of Glenn Camp)

2012 Southeast Region Rally “Sunshine Celebration” Seffner Florida



Row 1 from Left: Ivan Manley, Carol Manley; Elaine Harvell, Anne Fletcher, Glenda Angus, Eileen Haden, Isabel Cason, Marie Money, Julie Barry, Sue Stanton, Gayle Camp, Wanda Simpson

Row 2 Standing from Left: Judy Cumbie, Don Cumbie, Charlie Harvell, Dan Fletcher, Linda Cahill, Bob Angus, Pat Cahill, Ron Spearman, Hank Haden Anne Spearman, John Barry, Mary Ellen Hornsby, Larry Hornsby, Richard Money, Frank Cason, Pat Stanton, Glenn Camp, Bobby Simpson and Sarah Wallace
(Photo Courtesy of Frank Cason)

WELCOME to new members Liz and Tom McDermott and George & Patricia Beir. We look forward to seeing all of you in the near future



AN INVITATION FROM HEARTLANDERS CHAPTER

The Heartlanders Discovery Owners Chapter is having a rally at Tom Raper's in Richmond, IN, October 21, 22, and 23. The Heartlanders are working with Barry Burdette at Raper and he has been extremely generous in offering their new camping sites to us along with several extras. Since he knows many of the Blue Ridge Chapter members, he suggested the Heartlanders invite you to join them. We think that's a wonderful idea!

Raper is offering:

- * free camping for up to 80 RVs (9 full hook-ups, 20 with water and electric, 70 with just electric)
- * one catered steak dinner for all of us
- * the exclusive use of their meeting barn (it has a kitchen if we want to do a potluck)
- * use of their two large grills (Barry has hinted that he might grill for us one night)
- * a door prize for every attendee
- * a few special Discovery prizes
- * Raper specialists to address issues we might be having with our RV
- * a tour of the Discovery plant in Decatur, IN

Ivan and Carol Manley are hosts and are currently working on activities. You might want to check out these web sites to get an idea of what they are working on:

- * <http://www.metamoraindiana.com/>
- * <http://www.wbirthplace.com/>
- * <http://visitrichmond.org/>
- * <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>
- * <http://outletstore.warmglow.com/>

If you would like to join the Heartlanders or would like more information, please email or call Ivan at manley-im@netwiz.net 618-532-4557 or Carol at manleycj@netwiz.net 618-322-5688.

(Carol Manley)



Two Strangers joined us at our table one evening. They claim they are members of the Blue Ridge Discoverys. Can anyone identify either of them?

Could be that the Magician conjured them up! What do you think?

Seffner, Florida

Charlie Harvell

Richard Money



John & Julie Barry



Glenn & Gail Camp



Elaine Harvell & Isabel Cason





Marie & Richard Money

Frank Cason & Bob Angus

January 2012



Ivan & Carol Manley



Sara Wallace



Bob & Wanda Simpson - Founding Members

Entertainment



Eileen dances a jig



Sarah - Hula Hoop Babe



More of a good thing

**Glenn Says,
If Sarah can do it so can I**



I had the most fun. I won!



MEMBERS TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to **Charlie & Elaine Harvell** for our first segment on "Travel Highlights." I've been to some of these places and they are certainly worth visiting.

On our way home from Florida Elaine and I wanted to take a history tour of South Georgia. We have lived in Georgia for 23 years and have not visited some of the state historical sites. We started our tour in Savannah where Georgia began in 1733. We walked around the historic squares, visited a civil war fort, and an inn where the pirate Capt. Flint died. Capt. Flint was the fictional pirate in the novel "Treasure Island." Our next stop was the Bonaventure Cemetery where the last person buried was in the late 1800's and is said to be haunted. This cemetery has been used in several movies. We were in Savannah for 4 days and stayed at the Savannah Oaks RV park located about 10 miles southwest of Savannah. Elaine said that Savannah has great shopping and wonderful restaurants.

Our next stop was Milledgeville, GA where the capital of Georgia was located before and during the Civil War before moving to Atlanta. We visited the old capital building that is now a museum and is part of the Military College of Georgia. The decision to succeed from the Union and become part of the Confederacy happened in this old Capital. We also visited the Governor's Mansion that would compete with a lot of Governor's Mansion today. If you like antebellum homes then plan on visiting Milledgeville. We stayed at the Scenic Mountain RV Park located only five miles from the historic area. Another stop was at the Andersonville Civil War Prison. This was a Confederate Prison located in Andersonville, GA. They have a great museum and you will be able to see how the prisoners lived. Over 32,000 prisoners were confined in a 26-1/2 acre stockade.

For you history buffs, if you would like to see some historical area of Georgia these three areas would be a great place to visit.



1860
GEORGIA CAPITAL
MILLEDGEVILLE



1860
GEORGIA GOVERNORS
MANSION
MILLEDGEVILLE

FOR THE COOK

Pineapple Casserole

(Serves 4)

- 1 20 Oz can Pineapple chunks in juice, un-drained
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 3 Tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1 Cup Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1 Cup Ritz cracker crumbs (a little over 1/2 a sleeve)
- 3 Tablespoons melted butter or margarine



Drain pineapple, reserving 3 Tablespoons juice. Combine sugar & flour. Stir in reserved pineapple juice. Add cheese & pineapple chunks. Spoon mixture into a greased 1 quart casserole dish.

Combine cracker crumbs & butter, stirring well. Sprinkle over pineapple mixture. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly & browned. Can be served hot or cold.

** Recipe is easily doubled or tripled. The topping of Ritz Crackers & butter may take more time depending on the size of the casserole dish.
(Carol Smith)



Quick RV Chicken & Dumplings

(Serves 6)

- 1 Small whole Chicken
- 3 - 4 Tablespoons Oleo or Butter
- Salt & Pepper to Taste (I use Sea Salt)
- 4 Cans store biscuits (plain)



Cover chicken with water add 2-3 Tablespoons Oleo or Butter and cook until meat falls from the bone. Remove bones and return Chicken to the broth. Add, salt, remainder of oleo or butter, and pepper to taste. Bring Chicken and broth back to a boil; tear biscuits into bite size pieces and add to boiling broth until biscuit is cooked in the center (2 to 3 minutes).

Broth can be allowed to cool and then boiled when ready to add biscuits at a later time. Bob tried this recipe in a slow cooker. It took 5 hours to cook the chicken. He removed the bones while the chicken was still hot so he would not have to wait a lengthy period for the broth to boil. Stove cooking takes less than an hour.
(Glenda & Bob Angus)



In Memory

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of one of our members, Sanford (Smitty) Smith, who passed away 24 February 2012 during surgery. He will be sorely missed. Our sympathy goes to his family.

Health Report

We all look forward to seeing Skip and Dee Kruse at our Myrtle Beach Rally. Both have recently had surgery but are doing well and hope to enjoy the company of other members at Myrtle Beach. Skip and Dee have been unable to travel for 2 years because of health issues.

Isabelle Cason and Marie Money are doing much better after their last illness and I certainly enjoyed seeing them in Seffner, Florida, in January.

Calendar Events

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERY RALLY SCHEDULE

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

APRIL 18 – APRIL 22 (Early arrival 15-17 April)

WEDNESDAY – 18 APR – CONFERENCE CENTER

5:00 PM COCKTAILS - BYOB
6:00 PM HAMBURGERS/HOT DOGS

THURSDAY – 19 APR

7:30 – 9:00 AM COFFEE AT HOST'S COACH/BREAKFAST ON YOU OWN
10:00 AM GOLF AT INDIAN WELLS GOLF CLUB
10:00 AM TOUR OF BROOKGREEN GARDENS
5:00 PM COCKTAILS AT HOST'S COACH - BYOB
6:00 PM DINNER OUT – FLO'S OR NANCE'S RESTAURANT IN MURRELLS INLET

FRIDAY – 20 APR

7:30 – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST AT FIRESIDE ROOM
9:00 AM – 5:00PM TOURING/SHOPPING ON YOUR OWN
6:00 PM DINNER AND SHOW AT PIRATES VOYAGE

SATURDAY – 21 APR

7:30 – 9:30 AM COFFEE AT HOST'S COACH/BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
9:30 – 5:00 PM TOURING/SHOPPING ON YOUR OWN
5:00 PM COCKTAILS AT HOST'S COACH - BYOB
6:00 PM POT LUCK DINNER AT FIRESIDE ROOM
7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING AT FIRESIDE ROOM

SUNDAY – 22 APR

7:30 – 9:00 AM COFFEE AT HOST'S COACH/ GOODBYES

(Courtesy of Hank Haden)

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)

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

(\$9.00 Each) XXLG _____ XXXLG _____

Long Sleeve Blue T-shirts (Enter Quantity Below)

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

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(\$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 _____

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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 AdMark-Attn: Nancy Quinn

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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

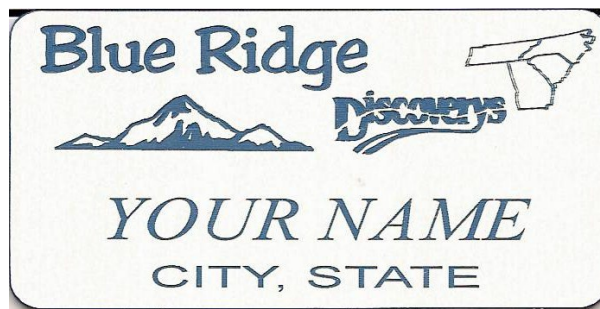
NOTE: The pinless option and bolo option may both be used on the same badge

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.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS**A chapter of Discovery Owners Association, Inc. (DOAI)****Membership Application**

Thank you for joining the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter of DOAI. Membership is open to all DOAI members. Dues are \$15 a year prorated to \$1.25 a month for those joining in a month other than January. The membership voted to collect dues every other year to reduce record keeping and to avoid writing small checks yearly. If you drop your membership during a calendar year, there is no refund for that year; however, if you have paid for a year in advance, there will be a \$15 refund for the unused year. Please mail this application and your check for \$30.00 payable to Blue Ridge Discoverys to our treasurer listed below:

Buddy Reynolds
205 Morgan Court
Greer, SC 29650
864-268-2052
2blreynolds@bellsouth.net

Today's Date: _____

Pilot's Name: _____

Co Pilot's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () ____ - _____ Cell: () ____ - _____

Email: _____

Discovery Year: _____ Length: _____ Model: _____