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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well Alice and I are on the road. We will be with family for a while and then start our way out to the DOAI National Rally in Pueblo, CO. It feels good to be in the "D" again.

There is what many consider good news from Fleetwood and I have attached the articles for you to read. We are fortunate to be involved with a company like Fleetwood. They certainly appear to care for their customers. Part of their sale included keeping money for warranty concerns, not like some of the companies that went bankrupt and they either started a new company or someone bought the names but did not take on any liabilities. Those people are out of luck. I recently called Fleetwood about a part for the "D" and it was like nothing had happened. It was just great.

As was addressed in the DOAI Express, this is election year. We need to consider a slate of officers for the Mason-Dixons for next year. If you are interested in running for an office, contact me. We need volunteers. All positions are open.

I will be sending out a separate email asking who will be attending the DOAI National Rally in Pueblo, CO. Alice and I will be there a day early and I will try to

reserve enough slots so we can be together. When you get the email, please respond to it.

Just one last thing. Attendance at a local Mason-Dixon rally can be a lot of fun and a good way to get together. A lot of effort goes into a rally planning by the hosts. Support the Mason-Dixons and attend a rally and consider hosting one. Let's get together.

TREASURERS REPORT

As of June 30, 2009 we have \$3,434.47 in the Mason-Dixon Discoverys account.

FLEETWOOD INFORMATION

I received information on the Fleetwood status and have attached the letter to the end of the newsletter

MASON-DIXON CLOTHING

The hats, shirts and sweatshirts look great. Toni Calzone has everything. If you want something, you can contact Toni at antonia.calzone@verizon.net and arrange to get it, but remember to send your payment to our Treasurer, Alice Ricciardi.

DISCOVERY FOR SALE

Unfortunately, health reasons are forcing Frank and Diane Gerlach to sell their beautiful 2008 40X Discovery. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Frank.

Please keep Frank and Diane in your prayers.

Description

2008 Discovery 40X, 41 feet long, 3 slides, 8,300 miles, 350 HP Cummins Diesel, 8K diesel generator, 3 flat-screen HD TVs, Surround sound, Outdoor entertainment center, Satellite, Sirius, Oven, Central vacuum, Washer/Dryer, Select Comfort Queen Bed, 4-door Refrigerator, Side and rear cameras, All owners manuals, Good Sam Warranty, Just serviced, Garaged, Non-smokers, Full tank of fuel. \$160,000, Pennsylvania, Phone: 814/490-3334, E-mail: fishtales06@yahoo.com, selling due to illness, (VIN 65013).



PRAYER LIST

Diane Gerlach
Julie Barefoot
Butch Mauck

Charles Smith
Lee Barefoot

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

6 Dick Tracy
11 John Baker
13 Helen Blackwell
13 Darleen Torbert
15 Jack Torbert

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Lee & Julie Barefoot
11 Tony & Heide Bohn
18 Willy & Elly Hall
18 Hugh & Pat McAdams
29 Marshall & Becky Godwin

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

1 Glen Camp
17 Susan Fleming
20 Peggy Shuping
22 Julie Barefoot
28 Paul Hart

ANNIVERSARIES

10 Dan & Ann Fletcher
10 Dennis & Kristy Green
15 Arlie & Barbara Graybeal
25 Paul & Cecily Hart

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

These were titled "That's how the fight started"

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were
in bed.



I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?" "No," she
answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at
me this time, simply saying "Yes."

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started....

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our
anniversary?"

It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation.

"Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.
So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?"

■
And that's when the fight started....

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour.

The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed.

I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered,

'The weather out there is terrible.'

My loving wife of 10 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?'

■
And then the fight started ...

UPCOMING RALLIES

August

Bill and Marti Katterhenry are hosting a rally at Caney Creek RV Resort, Harriman, TN. (about 20 miles west of Knoxville). This is a beautiful water front RV resort with activities for the whole family. **Rally dates are August 5, 2009 arrival, to August 9 departure.** We have invited the Blue Ridge Discoverys and the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators to join us.

September

National Rally September 18 – 24 Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, Colorado

October - November

Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg, Marshall and Becky Godwin and Debbie and

Robert Fowlkes will host a fall rally in the Williamsburg, VA area. The dates will be sent out as soon as it is finalized.

Look on the Mason-Dixon chapter section of the DOAI website for updated rally information. The website will be updated as information becomes available.

AIP Bid for Fleetwood Operations in Indiana Holds Up

Posted By [RV Business](#) On June 19, 2009 @ 4:32 pm In [Breaking News](#) | [No Comments](#)

Two weeks ago American Industrial Partners put in a \$53 million bid to buy the Decatur, Ind., operations of Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. Thursday (June 18) at the deadline, that bid held up. Which means, Fleetwood workers can expect to go back to work, according to WANE-TV, Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Fleetwood RV as a company however it is named would essentially become a Decatur based company," said Fleetwood Spokeswoman Heather Everett.

Those are words Decatur residents thought they'd never hear.

"I think it would be great yeah, I think it would really boost the community and help out a bunch," said Decatur resident Randy Clifton.

Last year Fleetwood RV cut 550 of its 600 workers at the Decatur plant. In March the company filed for bankruptcy. Since that time only one bid from American Industrial Partners came in. It was the bid Decatur was waiting for.

"They would keep the facilities in Decatur open, plus all of our manufacturing facilities, our service facilities, as well as the Gold Shield subsidiaries," said Everett.

The company might have a new name, a new president and a new CEO. But many of the same faces will make their way back into the plant hopefully sometime this summer.

"It will be a definite revival building the spirits back up again," said a Decatur resident.

The news brings new confidence to a place decimated by unemployment.

"Everybody's held together pretty well, I heard the mayor speak on it, and people in the community, everybody's still supportive and everybody's still moving along," said another Decatur resident.

AIP's proposal has to be approved by a judge next Wednesday. After that, the sale should be finalized by sometime in early to mid July. At that point AIP should start setting up its headquarters in Decatur.



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Fleetwood's RV Headquarters Moving to Decatur, Ind.?

Posted By [RV Business](#) On June 23, 2009 @ 8:38 am In [Breaking News](#) | [No Comments](#)

If you're new here, you may want to subscribe to my [Daily RV Industry News Feed](#). Thanks for visiting, Sherman Goldenberg

If the sale of Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.'s RV business is approved by a federal bankruptcy court on Wednesday, the headquarters for the RV operations could be moving to Decatur, Ind.

New York equity firm American Industrial Partners was the first and only bidder to put a price tag on most of the company's RV business, according to the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*. For \$53 million, less liabilities, the firm has agreed to buy Fleetwood's intellectual property and RV brands in addition to two motorhome manufacturing plants, two motorhome service centers and the company's subsidiary Gold Shield supplier, all located in Decatur.

"It's not our place to say, even though we think that's a possibility," said Sydney Rosencranz, a Fleetwood spokeswoman, in response to the issue of the headquarters moving to Decatur. The headquarters for Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. and the manufactured housing division would remain in Riverside in the meantime.

Citing a confidentiality agreement signed with Fleetwood, Paul Bamatter, spokesman for American Industrial Partners, wouldn't comment on the deal.

Decatur, located in eastern Indiana just south of Fort Wayne, is a city of about 9,500 people in a county of 33,000.

"People are on unemployment now that have never been on unemployment," said Decatur Mayor John Schultz. The unemployment rate in Adams County where Fleetwood's Decatur plants are located has risen to 15.1%. Layoffs at the RV maker's plants there started before Christmas, he said.

Since American Industrial bid for Fleetwood's RV business — primarily for plants in his city — Schultz hopes his out-of-work residents will be able to go back to work.

"You don't buy a manufacturing plant unless you're going to manufacture something. Maybe that's me being optimistic," he said.

Larry Macklin, the county's economic development director, couldn't confirm if the company planned to relocate Fleetwood's RV headquarters to Decatur.

"It would be one of the greatest boosts we could see," Macklin said. "We'll be looking forward to Wednesday, that's for sure," he said of the bankruptcy hearing.

Fleetwood filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy March 10. Since then the company has sold its travel trailer division, its military housing operations and various assets.

The bankruptcy court is scheduled to decide Wednesday whether to approve the deal with American Industrial.

The Riverside plant still has 150 on payroll, said Rosencranz.

American Industrial didn't buy the company's motorhome manufacturing plants in Riverside and Paxinos, Pa., or its manufactured housing division. Fleetwood Enterprises would still own those assets, although the fate of remaining plants is unclear.



- [Fleetwood Signs Asset Purchase Agreement with AIP \(0\)](#)
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2009 National Rally
DISCOVERYS IN THE ROCKIES
 Arrive September 18 – Depart September 24, 2009
 Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, Colorado

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT legibly or TYPE all information as you want it to appear on your name badge

Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street _____ City, State, ZIP+4 Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Other _____
 Email _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone/s _____
 DOAI # _____ DOAI Region Affiliation _____
 Need handicap parking? Yes _____ No _____ First National Rally? Yes _____ No _____
 Are You? DOAI Officer/Chairman _____ Chapter Officer _____ Chapter _____
 Guest/s Name, City, State _____

REGISTRATION:

\$295.00 per coach with two adults (September 18 to 23) \$ _____
 \$240.00 per coach with one adult (September 18 to 23) \$ _____
 \$55.00 each additional person/child (September 18 to 23) × __ person/s = \$ _____
 \$15.00 early arrival Thursday, September 17 \$ _____
 \$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) \$ _____

OPTIONAL TOURS AND GOLF:

Tour 1: Sat., Sept. 19 - U.S. Air Force Academy/Pikes Peak Cog Railway .. \$77.00 × __ person/s = \$ _____
Tour 2: Sun., Sept. 20 - Seven Falls/Garden of the Gods/Cliff Dwellings . . . \$67.00 × __ person/s = \$ _____
Golf Tournament: Sun., Sept. 20 - Elmwood Golf Course \$52.00 × __ person/s = \$ _____
*NOTE: Include golf registration form with this form if you are going to participate in tournament.
 See form on next page.*

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: *Discovery Owners Assn., Inc.* **Check Enclosed/Total** \$ _____

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Jan Kovach, Registrar, 2612 Lightning Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80920-1412
 Questions? Contact Jan at 719.440.4699 or jkkovach@aol.com

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 25, 2009

Full refund cancellation may be made up to August 25, 2009– **AFTER AUGUST 25 – NO REFUND**

→ → → COPY FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS ← ← ←

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email

Four Person Scramble

Name _____ M_____ F_____

Normal/average score for 9 _____ or 18 _____ holes on a normal course **OR**

Your HDCP for 9 _____ or 18 _____ holes

Team No. (TBD) _____



Fill out this form if you plan to participate in the golf tournament. Submit it along with your rally registration form and check. Thank you!

August 2009 Mason-Dixon Discoverys Rally

Hosts: Bill and Marti Katterhenry and Bob and Elizabeth Deal

Location: Caney Creek RV Resort, Harriman, TN
Dates: Arrive August 5 after 2:00 PM
Depart August 9 by 12:00 Noon
Rates: Campground fees are \$139.50 for the four nights. Special rates are offered for early arrival and late departure if space is available
Reservation/Registration will be made directly with Caney Creek Resort (865-882-4042) and must be paid in full by July 5, 2009.
The campground cancellation policy is 30 days or more, full return less \$10.00 admin fee, 14-29 days one half of the fee less \$10.00 admin fee, less than 14 days no refund.

Rally fee is \$5.00 per person to be paid to Bill and Marti Katterhenry 111 Hiwassee Lane, Loudon, TN 37774 by July 5, 2009. No return of Rally fee.

Schedule: The schedule will be very flexible due to the many things to do in this area of Tennessee, so everyone can have a good time.

Wednesday Supper: Provided by the hosts, Hotdogs and chips bring your favorite beverage and utensils. Coffee will be provided

Thursday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Friday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Saturday Breakfast Coffee and juice will be provided, attendees to bring either fruit or bread/bakery item to share. Bring your utensils

Sunday Breakfast Coffee, juice and continental breakfast will be supplied by hosts. Bring your utensils

The location of the breakfasts and dinner will be determined by the hosts

One item being considered is an early dinner at the Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant and a play at the Cumberland County Playhouse. This could be either Friday or Saturday night. Friday's dinner menu at the state park restaurant is catfish/Roast beef/ Ham buffet (\$9.95) Saturday is smoked Ribs/Smoked BBQ Pork/Roast beef buffet (13.95)

The Cumberland County Playhouse offers Broadway plays starring local actors and depending on the play the prices range from \$19.00 to \$23.00 and they offer a discount for 15 or more people

Reservations would be needed for this type of entertainment so please contact Bill and Marti Katterhenry if this is something you would like to do.

The campground also offers entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Another possibility is for a group dinner at the Whitestone Inn, a local restaurant and bed and breakfast. Their dinners range in price from \$17.95 to \$27.95

The hosts are planning activities to keep us together as well as giving us free time to see the sites and to enjoy this beautiful campground.

Please contact Bill and Marti Katterhenry or Bob and Elizabeth Deal with your feelings about the dinners and the play

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Caney Creek RV Resort and Campground
3615 Roane State HWY
Harriman, TN 37748
www.caneycreekrvresort.com
865-882-4042

Cumberland County Playhouse
Crossville, TN
www.ccplayhouse.com

Cumberland Mountain State Park
Crossville, TN
www.tennessee.gov/parks/cumberlandmtn/

Whitestone Inn
Harriman, TN
www.whitestoneinn.com

Directions:

From I40 westbound, exit 350 and turn left at bottom of ramp approximately .2 miles and turn right onto 70 (west) for approximately 2.5 miles when you see the ROANE STATE COLLEGE sign on the right, turn left approximately 100 feet after the sign (you will see the sign for Caney Creek RV Park

From I40 east bound stay right at base of exit and follow the above directions