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# Midwest Discoverers/Noreaster Discoverys Newsletter

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(Please send articles, pictures, recipes, tips, etc. to Jeanne)



**Wisconsin Dells Info:** I have received some lovely brochures, from [wisdells.com](http://www.wisdells.com) - I would encourage you to send for some too - they came pretty quickly. I sent out text messages to the 8 who have sent me checks, and all are registered with campground (proud of you) if you pay registration up front, you can use CC, if not, \$213.75 is due when you arrive. They have a restaurant onsite, we will have dinner there first night, also have community room available



## Upcoming Events 2022-2023

[Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Depart on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#)

National DOAI Rally in Gillette, WY – register online at DOAI website **SOON!**

[Tuesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Depart on Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>](#)

Midwest Discoverers Fall Rally, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Hostless: You all pitch in! I have 8 deposits and reservations – if you still are planning on attending, contact campground directly!

[Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)

DOAI Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL hosted by the Blue Ridge chapter

[May/June of 2023](#) – tentative Midwest/Noreaster Rally in Dayton, Ohio area, to work on Nat'l Rally

[Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)

DOAI National Rally, Greenville, Ohio hosted by the Noreaster Discoverys

[Need a Fall rally 2023.](#)

[Rick Pardon is working on a Fall 2024 Rally in Washington, DC area](#)

for breakfast, gatherings. We can have campfires, but need to purchase campfire wood there. I will be sending out a more detailed schedule to those who have registered - they are Phil and Ruth Skiff, Val and Les Whipple, Brad and Nancy McKitrick, Gordon and Andie Newlin, Rick and Linda Slagle, Bob and Azile Mescher, Chris and Diane Wooddell, and Jeanne and Bob Stewart.....

### Pictures from our Lancaster, Pa., Noreasters'/Midwesterners' Rally



Birthday Celebrants  
Gordon Newlin & Val Whipple



Some of the  
Lancaster  
Crew

### Combined Chapters Spring 2022 Rally Noreaster Discoverys and Midwest Discoverers



The Noreaster Discoverys and Midwest Discoverers held a fun filled Spring Rally in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country at Flory's Campground in Ronks, PA from 5/21 – 5/25. Amish Farms and Homesteads surrounded us and our trusty D's and SOB's, and the occasional pungent aromas of the fields being prepared for planting let us know that our neighbors were hard at work.

Thankfully, the air conditioning in Luigi's Lounge came to the rescue especially on those 95° days! The campground location made it easy to get out and explore the area. Many of us enjoyed driving around the countryside amongst the Amish in their horse drawn buggies, enjoying the Amish hospitality, the beauty of the farmlands and, of course, the numerous shopping opportunities. Val and Les were thrilled that their quest for locating the elusive miniature horses was successful.

I'm happy to say that the Rally tradition of eating too much and laughing too loudly was in evidence throughout our short time together. We all enjoyed the campground visit from the Amish woman who was selling her homemade baked goods. Many of us flocked to her wagon to make our purchases. I can personally attest that the sticky buns were delicious! It was so much fun spending time with our fellow chapter owners. The fellowship and camaraderie of this group can't be topped. As expected, the activities planned by Rally hosts Pat and Russ Baldwin highlighted the Amish and German heritage of the area. We toured the Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, a 'living history' village highlighting early Pennsylvania German/Dutch life led by a costumed interpreter. We enjoyed exploring the beautifully restored buildings and the extensive collection of historical agricultural equipment.

Our guided tour of the Wolf Sanctuary of Pennsylvania, in Lititz was the highlight of the rally for some. This family owned refuge cares for over 50 gray wolves and wolf-dogs on its 80 plus acres of natural woodland. Our friendly and knowledgeable guide was a treasure trove of information about the refuge and the individual animals. Two special wolves warmed the hearts of many of us. One loved to be petted by the guide, as he had originally been a family pet. Moving wheels fascinated the other. This wolf tracked the movement of members who were using a rolling walker and powered scooter to descend a rather steep hill. Quite the sight.

We learned a little bit about Amish life at the Amish Experience and enjoyed the surround theater experience of *Jacob's Choice* at the Plain and Fancy Farm. We also were thrilled to enjoy a delicious homemade meal at the Amish home of Samuel and Ruth Lapp. The dinner was served family style and was absolutely delicious. Who can forget that amazing strawberry jam! We loved the food and learned a little more about the everyday life of Amish families. Quite a unique experience for many of us.



Article submitted by co-chair, Pat Baldwin



Thanks so much, Pat and RussBaldwin, it was a great time as always with this Noreaster/ Midwest Crew.



**Midwest Discoverers' President (by default) and First Lady Ruth Skiff**

***This is some of the article sent out previously to Midwest chapter members, I have repeated some of it, probably worth reading again!***

*Hello MW Discoverers!*

*Greetings from sunny SE Michigan.*

*I hope your summer is going well despite the challenges we've all faced. I heard all the great news from the spring rally in PA – thanks again to Pat and Russ and the others who invested so much in making it a great time for everyone – and I'm still bummed that Ruth and I weren't able to participate.*

*We do plan to make it to our fall rally in Wisconsin, and I hope you're able to go too. Please see the notes about that below – you must get a registration and check to Jeanne before [August 10<sup>th</sup>](#). I'd not rely on the snail mail at this point – send Jeanne an email right now to hold your spot while you get your stuff in the mail to her.*

*For those of you who may have missed the news, Chris Wooddell caught the dreaded SOB virus and now drives some non-disco piece of junk. He is now a probationary member of the MW chapter and I've been forced to take over as interim president of this fine organization. More on this below.*

### **Rally Planning**

*We need to make some rally decisions for 2023 pretty quickly. I'd like to have the ball rolling on this before our September rally in WI so here are some things to think about:*

- The 2023 DOAI national rally has been moved to OH due to the inability to secure a park big enough in the NE. That puts it in our MW home turf though NE is still technically the lead chapter. MW and NE have been in a close partnership due to significantly overlapping memberships for some time. NE is a small chapter and even if the national rally wasn't in OH, we'd still expect to help them with hosting duties as much as we can.*
- Given the above, it's been suggested, and I agree, that a MW/NE spring rally in the Ohio area would be a good idea to help move things along for the national. I need someone to step up to at least coordinate park selection*

and reservations (for a host-less rally), or even take on full rally host responsibilities. We can keep it simple. Please let me know if you can do this.

- We also need to start working on plans for the fall 2023 rally as well. Since the national is in OH, we can probably go anywhere in our region and still be conveniently close to national. Please let me know if you can get the planning started for this. We had talked about a possible Washington DC rally (which is a bit outside the MW turf). I still think this would be fun but given the cost of the park, we'd have to have a substantial subsidy from the chapter for it to work for many folks. I'm open to thoughts and alternatives.
- **Fall Rally Elections**
- According to our bylaws, we're supposed to have President and VP elections on even years. This fall will be the end of my two-year term and we'd elect to both roles for the next two years. I should have formed a nomination committee this past spring to bring a slate to the fall rally.
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- Since that didn't happen, we'll have to take nominations from the floor and vote at our business meeting. I'd like to have some folks, including new members, volunteer to be considered for these roles. We have several past presidents available to do coaching and mentoring. Please send me a note if you're even slightly interested – no strings attached.
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- **National Rally MW Representation**
- Ruth and I won't be able to go to the national rally in WY this fall. We will need someone from MW who is going to sit in on the chapter presidents' meeting and take some notes. Please let me know if you can do this for me.
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- Again, I hope this note finds you healthy and enjoying a better summer than the past couple. I look forward to seeing you in Wisconsin if you can make it.

President Phil

### **More pics from Lancaster Rally**

Gary and Sandy Krieger



Rick and Carol Parton



Bob and Azile  
Mescher



Rick and Linda Slagle



Gordon and Andie Newlin

**Former Midwest President Chris Wooddell (now an SOB) and lovely wife Dianne**



**Midwest Discoverers' Business Meeting, Wed., May 25, 2022**

Interim President Chris, called meeting to order and stated he was the temporary president moderating this meeting, as the newly (by default) President was not present.

Sec/Treas Joan Fairweather also unable to attend due to mechanical difficulties, but stated that the Midwest chapter is indeed in a sound financial position. Chris thanked Joan for all her work that she does on behalf of our chapter whatever country she is in. Chris also wished Phil Skiff and Nancy McKittrick speedy recoveries from health issues as they too were unable to attend. And Chris also thanked Russ and Pat Baldwin for hosting this the Lancaster rally.

Chris read the minutes and treasurer's report from the Fall meeting, minutes approved by Jeanne, seconded by Val.

Old business: Jeanne gave a report on the upcoming Fall rally in Wisconsin

New business: Phil Skiff is your new President, as Chris became an SOB (owner of a different brand coach)

We need a VP, no one volunteered

Spring 2023 rally, hosts needed or place determined - hopefully in Dayton, Ohio area as the National Rally in the Fall is scheduled in that area

Fall 2023 rally, hosts needed or place determined -previously Rick Parton was looking into the DC area, but since the National is now scheduled for Greenville, OH, maybe not as feasible than when the Nat'l Rally was scheduled for the Massachusetts area.

Spring 2024 rally, hosts needed or place determined

No motion was made but a discussion ensued regarding of a merger with the Noreasters' chapter, as many are members of both. Since no motion was made, no action taken, motion needs to be made in order for discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Les -approved.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Stewart, Acting secretary

### **From Northeaster President Bob**

Hey Midwest and NorthEaster members, a big shout out to Russ and Pat Baldwin for hosting our last rally in Lancaster, PA., The food, the group, the events, the smells, and the organization were awesome. Russ budgeted so well we were able to refund some of our members that sadly could not attend. Thanks again, Russ and Pat!

Jeanne and I will not be attending the National Rally in Wisconsin unfortunately, but we hope to see some of the group at our rally in Wisconsin Dells, beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup> - if you have not already registered with the campground, do so immediately - 608-254-7193, your initial deposit, Jeanne has but in order to reserve site to you, you need to register with them. You can pay the remaining camping reservation when you register by phone, or PAY CASH upon arrival. When you register, you will get a confirmation by e-mail with lots of information you need,



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**Noreaster Discoverys' Business Meeting, Wed., May 25, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by President Bob with a quorum present. Jeanne read Secretary's report from previous meeting, Bob read treasurer Joan's report as Joan was unable to attend. The chapter is in sound financial standing. Russ gave a report on our rally here in Lancaster, finances were divided between the two chapters, and with Russ's fine planning, he hopes to reimburse those members who were unable to attend. President Bob thanked both Russ and Pat for an outstanding rally - the facilities (especially the air-conditioned community room), the events, the food.

**New Business:**

The 2023 Nat'l meeting has been changed from Massachussetts to Greenville, Ohio (quite the change). The Noreasters' chapter is expected to host, so we hope we can count on our Midwesterner chapter to help out as it is truly in their area. Thus we are looking for a Spring Rally in that area to help get us ready for the Nat'l event in September - volunteers needed, wanted, please step forward.

In other new business, chapter elections for officers will be held in December 2022 online. Bob will be appointing a nominating committee as per by-laws. Anyone interested, please let Bob know, we are looking for President, secretary, and treasurer, unless Joan wants to hang on another few years - she's done a fantastic job, and we haven't seen her since Indianapolis in September 2019, really? More discussion followed regarding the merger of the 2 chapters- Noreasters and Midwesterners - it was felt to have officers of both and continue to do many things together. No motion made, so no action taken.

Looking for volunteers to host Spring 2023 rally, and co-chairs for Fall 2023 rally with the Midwest Discoverers' chapter.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Baldwin, seconded by Jeanne Stewart - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Stewart, Acting Secretary



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**Val Whipple – official photograper for the Noreaster and Midwest chapter of DOAI, and Noreaster President Bob (hey who's taking the picture?)**



John Ricciardi and Jeanne Stewart



Almost all photos courtesy of official photographer – Val Whipple – yes she's always in your face, but hey what wonderful faces.

Hope you enjoy this newsletter, sorry it took a bit, man I thought summer was supposed to be about relaxing, we have been quite busy!

Jeanne

