

February



## Upcoming Events 2019/2020

[June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019](#)

Midwest Discovers Spring  
Rally, Port Clinton, Ohio

Hosts: Les and Val Whipple

[Week of Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019](#)

Midwest Discovers Fall Rally,  
Indianapolis area (details to  
follow)

Hosts: Gordan and Andie  
Newlin

[Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019](#)

DOAI National Rally, Pueblo,  
CO at the Rocky Mountain  
Fairgrounds

[Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020](#)

DOAI Southeast Region Rally,  
Seffner, FL hosted by the  
Mason Dixon Discoverys

[Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020](#)

DOAI National Rally,  
Sevierville, TN at the River  
Plantation hosted by the Blue  
Ridge Discoverys



# Midwest Discoverers

Volume II

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

## [DOAI Web site](#)

Our chapter has a great opportunity in using the DOAI Web site as a communication tool. Every effort is being made to keep the information up to date. Since no password is required to get to the Midwest Discoverer information, the Chapter Membership Directory is not recorded there. If you would rather not have your membership information shared with other Chapter members, please let the president know. Otherwise, if a chapter member would like a copy of the Chapter Membership Directory, let the president know and arrangements will be made to provide it electronically.

One last word about the DOAI website. If you know of any Chapter information you would like to see on the web site, please let the president know. Every effort will be made to provide that information and it will be available to all Chapter members. The president's e-mail address is:  
[jhdiscoverer@gmail.com](mailto:jhdiscoverer@gmail.com)

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## From the President



Camp Discovery 2019 is now in the history book and reads that a good time was had by all. The Midwest

Discoverers Chapter was well represented by a wonderful group of members. However, what happens at Camp Discovery stays at Camp Discovery, especially if it involves Elvis. If you want to know what that means, you will have to ask someone who was there and witnessed it. Just saying. Because I will never tell. That is until the right time.

I did find that I made a significant mistake when I drafted the new By-Laws. They were sent out to the membership of Midwest and accepted by return vote. In them, were included different types of membership in the Chapter with each type having the same rights and privileges, except that Officers of the Chapter must be a DOAI member in good standing. Where I failed was not including the DOAI requirement that only DOAI members can vote on Chapter matters.

Chapter Officers have to be members of DOAI and I support that since the Chapter gets its life from DOAI through our Charter that was issued on November 10, 2003. That means that our Chapter has been in existence for over 15 years. I would expect that we have gone through experiences other Chapters have yet to face. There have been a number of Chapters that did not survive over the 20 year history of DOAI. It was announced during Camp Discovery that another Chapter had disbanded.

While I can support the requirement that Chapter Officers must be members in good standing of DOAI, personally, I have a problem with not allowing all Chapter members vote on Chapter matters. But the "Law" of DOAI overrules me and we must live by the "Law". When we do not like the Law, we need to try to

change the Law. Do we as a Chapter want to take on this battle to change DOAI's requirements? That is the question before the membership.

In most cases, but not all, the ticket of admission to our Chapter has been the ownership of a Discovery motorhome. But over these 15 plus years, some of our members have purchased other types of motor homes and even other types of RVs. That said, we have a number of SOBs (some other brand), about 25% of the membership. And they are wonderful people who have contributed to the success of this Chapter in more ways than one over the years. They pay the same dues that DOAI members pay. Often, they contribute more to the Chapter than other members.

I did ask for a rationale for not allowing Chapter SOBs the privilege of Chapter voting. Personally, I cannot come up with any logical reasons. The response was that it was a DOAI rule. But why is it a DOAI rule? Because it is a DOAI rule. Let's change the subject. I am excited about our upcoming Rally in June at Port Clinton, Ohio. I know Les and Valarie Whipple have great plans for the group and it will be truly a memorable Rally. If you have not gotten your reservations in, you best get with the program. Remember, what happens at Camp Discovery stays at Camp Discovery. The same applies to Port Clinton.

John Hooper 248-390-6895





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These are some recipes I use in our motorhome and at home that use cheap and effective products, we have on hand. I buy vinegar in the gallon size and does not have to be 'cleaning' vinegar, just white vinegar and store brand is fine.

### Shower Cleaner

- ½ cup hydrogen peroxide
- ½ cup rubbing alcohol
- 1 tsp liquid dish soap
- 1 tbl dishwasher rinse (Jet Dry)
- 3 cups of water

### Disinfecting Counter Wipes

- Save a container from Walmart/Clorox Wipes
- Cut paper towel roll in half (may have to adjust width of roll to fit container)
- Put ½ roll in container
- In large measuring bowl, mix 12 oz. water, ¼ cup of rubbing alcohol, 4 drops of dish soap
- Pour liquid slowly over towels, soak, then remove cardboard center

## Camp Discovery (South East Regional Rally) 2019

The Florida awesome as and had a chilly, was a start for the catchers, on the book fiction, and read. The



Sunshiners outdid themselves at this rally. - Camp Discovery was always, but this year they added a whole new tract for the women tent set up where this took place. Some mornings it was a little especially for yoga on a mat, or knitting with gloves on - but it for having a place to hold competing seminars. Other seminars ladies included, a jewelry making class, making crystal sun Swedish knitting, painting with chalk, and a book club discussion A Land Remembered by Patrick D. Smith. If you like historical want to learn the origins of the Florida Cracker this is a great food was excellent, as well as the hospitality and entertainment every night except one. We learned too about the Florida Cracker and some great history of Florida. Back to the entertainment, I think many will agree the hypnotist was outstanding, and she found a very pliable subject. Elvis was in the building. Hoping to have a video to show at Port Clinton.



This was a picture taken at Clearwater Beach after dinner at Frenchy's and a dolphin cruise in Tampa Bay. This year during Camp Discovery, the Florida Sunshiners provided a list of activities for chapters or individuals to do while in the area. Many of us have attended Camp Discovery for a few years, and a new venue was a welcome change. The Noreaster Discoverys chapter and the Midwest Discoverers, as well as our guests Don and Sue Griffith. As noted in the National Discovery newsletter, many of the Midwest Discoverers' are members as well of the

Noreaster Discoverys chapter.

**Midwest Discoverers Spring 2019 Rally** Dates: June 16<sup>th</sup> (check in 1:00p.m. thru Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (depart - June 22<sup>nd</sup>, check out noon) Dates are flexible , you do not have to stay the entire time or you may want to extend your time.

**Where:** Cedarlane RV Park  
2926Northeast Catawba Road  
Port Clinton, OH 43452

**Reservations:** 419-797-9907

Lots of activities and points of interest. Rally Fee to be determined. It will include daily continental



breakfast, and one evening casual dinner at the Mon Ami Winery and if time permitting a cruise on the Goodtime. Camping reservations are to be made directly with Cedarlane RV Park - the deadline has passed, but you can still call and see if sites are available. Rates are \$54.00 per night (discount rate), full hook-ups, back-in spot. Check out Cedarlane website - information of concellation policy, directions, and much more.

If you own a Nat'l Parks and Federal Recreational Land Sr. Pass, be sure to bring, it will give you free access to Perry's Memorial.

**Les & Val Whipple, Rally Masters**



Brad McKittrick has passed on a very helpful app to put on your phone for your Cummins engine, if in fact that is what your Discovery has. You can find this app in the App store, Cummins Quick Serve Mobile. It is free, and after you download, enter engine serial number, and it will pull up all pertinent info for your Cummins engine. Thanks, Brad for that helpful tip.

We had great representation at the DOAI South East Regional Rally in Seffner, Florida. If we are not careful, we might be hosting the rally in the future. For those folks who would like to get out of the snow, ice, or cold of the Midwest, this rally is a good start off to a warmer winter in the South.

Representing the Midwest Discoverers were President John and First Lady Mary Ann Hooper, Jeff and Karen Daly, Gregory and Carol Holbrock, Bev Kaiser, Fred and Peggy Raphael, Paul and Marie Ricciardi, Jack Romeyk, Rick and Linda Slagle, Bob and Jeanne Stewart, Les and Val Whipple, and Chris and Dianne Wooddell.



There were so many, I hope I didn't forget anyone. Hope you all had a great time, learned some new things, renewed some old friendships, and met some new people. Rallies are a great opportunity to share with people who have a common connection - a Discovery motorhome.

Future opportunities exist with a rally in Port Clinton, Ohio, the Indianapolis, Indiana area, and Pueblo, Colorado - that's just in 2019.

Already for 2020, Seffner, Florida and Sevierville, Tennessee.

Jeanne

## New Member Mentors

Please don't forget to support your new members as best you can. Communicate often. How about the Mentors writing a piece about their new member for the newsletter? How great it would be if we could "Spotlight" one or two members in each Newsletter, with their permission of course. It would help us all to get to know them quicker and better. Mentors can send their written piece to Jeanne for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## Officers and Chairpersons

President: John Hooper 248-390-6895

Vice President: Nancy McKitrick

Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Fairweather (2019 dues are due) and can be mailed to Joan at:  
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Sunshine Chair: Andie Newlin (please let Andie know of any events, illnesses, or something to share)

Spring 2019 Rally Chairs:  
Les (419-276-0799 & Valerie (419-262-2180) Whipple

Fall Rally Chairs:  
Gordan (574-721-8887) & Andie (574-721-3267) Newlin



Registrations for Nat'l Rally in Pueblo, CO and SE Regional in Seffner, FL., (2020)

DOAI and the Mason Dixon chapter who are hosting the Florida rally are utilizing a new registration form done entirely online and using PayPal to receive payments. It has been very difficult to do registrations by hand and keep changing spread sheets as new registrations come in.

Be looking on the DOAI website for registrations for both. If you don't feel comfortable using PayPal, you will be able to send checks by mail. The future is here.



