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# Midwest Discoverers

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## Upcoming Events 2019/2020

[Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> \(depart on\)](#)

Midwest Discovers Fall Rally,  
Indianapolis, Ind.,

Hosts: Gordan & 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

[Dates TBD](#)

Midwest Discoverers Spring  
Rally – location: Metro Detroit  
area

[Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020](#)

Midwest Discoverers Fall  
Rally - Location: Bedford  
County, PA

Hosts: Richard & Carol Parton

[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

## From the President



If you were not one of attendees during the Spring Rally at Port Clinton, Ohio, you missed a great Rally!!! Val and Les Whipple outdid themselves in planning and executing a

wonderful time for all. Even though Elvis was there, he did not perform for the group.

Future Rallies have been posted on the DOAI website. Again, a log on ID and password is not required. Go to the DOAI website, click Chapters, select Midwest Discoverers, then Rallies and you can see the location of Rallies through 2021.

I had the pleasure to sit with Andie Newlin and review the plans for our Fall Rally in Indianapolis. The itinerary will be posted to the DOAI website soon and when you see it, you will agree that all those attending are in for a super treat. Andie showed me a wonderful, well planned itinerary that is sure to please all that attend. My advice for you is to make your reservations at the KOA soon - there number is 317-894-1397, they are holding sites until August 1<sup>st</sup>. The information should be out, maybe by the time you read this.

I pray joy, peace, and safe travels to all Chapter members.

Warmest Regards,

John Hooper, President

Midwest Discoverers

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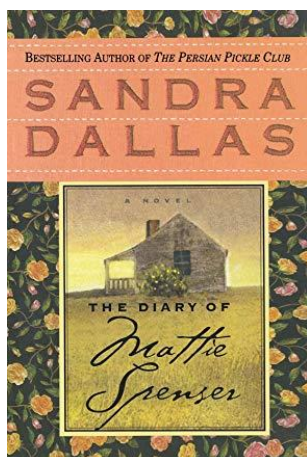
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Amongst our newest members, Ruth Skiff whipped up some pretty neat dishcloths for all the lady attendees at the Port Clinton Rally! She could knit around the campfire, listen to stories, and pass around the constant snacks available. If you left early, perhaps you didn't get one, maybe next time....

Thanks, Ruth from Mary Ann, Joan, Marie, Jeanne, Andie, Val, Nancy, Linda



As a plug for my chairpersonship (how's that for a new word), the DOAI National Rally this September (see above dates) will be featuring this book – [\*The Diary of Mattie Spenser\*](#) by Sandra Dallas. The author is from Colorado Springs and has written many historical fiction books about the West and this one tells of a young new bride's travel from Iowa to Colorado back in the day. One of the things I try to do when we travel around is to pick up books of local history from that area. I like historically accurate with some fiction thrown in. If you are planning on attending the Nat'l Rally in Pueblo, this is our read.

## Port Clinton Midwest Discoverers' Rally, June 2019

The Whipple's, Val and Les did an awesome job with the Port Clinton Rally. Everyone who attended can verify it was one for the ages. The weather initially looked terrible, rain everyday, but we only had rain one day, and the weather was pretty much perfect for everything we did. What we did do was EAT. That Val was discussing the next meal before we even finished the one we were on. In addition to the regular 3 meals, we had the snacks, Happy Hour, snacks, ice cream, snacks, and snacks around campfire. Lots of activities too.



We visited Put-In-Bay, and traveled over on the ferry. As in all the Great Lakes, the water levels are very high, Lake Erie is no exception, and is four feet over normal levels. Marie Ricciardi noted the high levels while boarding the ferry to Put-In-tour train around the island and learned the island, and what a strategic place it of 1812. We had lunch in the Bay, per Les' to have the lobster bisque on the Pier - I was in Lake Erie. We visited the Perry's Memorial - I even have the National Park's view from the top. You could rent golf people(mostly men), just said hey I need a or residents in the area were happy to Interesting fact was that there are 3 islands, and the high school is located on Put-In-Bay, the other 2 islands only have elementary schools, so in the winter the high schoolers are transported to school on an airplane, how cool is that?



Bay. We took a the history about played in the War expertise, you had never knew lobster Victory and Peace quarter. What a carts, but some ride and the staff accommodate.



There was also Heineman Winery on the island, and while some tried the wine, a few visited the Crystal Cave. Here's Trish visiting - she didn't have to duck her head, she fit right in. There used to be several wineries on the island, but this is the only one left, and they produce all the wine consumed on the island. We were fortunate on the day we visited that there were not lots more visitors, I guess the projected weather forecast scared them off.



Perry's Victory and Peace Memorial



I think the whole gang is here at our tour of the Liberty Aviation Museum with our very informative guide.



Marblehead Lighthouse



Who are these patriots? Gordon Newlin, Bob Stewart, Rick Parton, Lucky Warner, Les Whipple

This is a picture of our newest members of the Midwest Discoverers - Ed and Lisa Monin.



They were camping at the Cedarlane RV Park where we were hosting our rally. Here's President John signing them up. They do not own a Discovery but a Fleetwood motorhome, and are new to motorhome ownership. After our campfire discussions, not too sure they made the right decisions - horror stories or problems, breakdowns, issues, never mentioned by the salesperson who sold you the vehicle. They joined us at several of our activities, and hope they enjoyed the

group. Welcome to the Monin's!

### **Midwest Discoverers Fall 2019 Rally**

**Dates: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**KOA Indy, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Phone: 317-894-1397, only a limited number of sites have been reserved, reserve your site before Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>!**



**Rally Hosts: Gordon and Andie Newlin, please contact with any questions,**

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**Andie: 574-721-3267 (C) [mewlina1224@gmail.com](mailto:mewlina1224@gmail.com)**

I have enclosed in the pages of this newsletter, the information sheet, the registration form, and the preliminary itinerary. Your officers have done a marvelous job of keeping the members informed thru e-mail. President John and secretary/treasurer Joan have been doing a great job, thanks folks!

Not sure whether it is an elected position, but I would like to nominate Val Whipple as official photographer. She takes many pics, not all included in this edition, but most, and when her phone runs out of juice, she just grabs Les'.

Thanks, Val

## Officers and Chairpersons

**President: John Hooper 248-390-6895**

**Vice President: Nancy McKitrick 614-879-5665** Nancy is still taking orders for the Midwest golf shirts, please contact her if you would like to order, you can send her a check and the price includes mailing the shirt to you, or you can make arrangements to pick up at a future rally.

**Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Fairweather**

**Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Stewart 716-679-6593 [zetapig@netsync.net](mailto:zetapig@netsync.net)**

**Sunshine Chair: Andie Newlin (please let Andie know of any events, illnesses, or something to share)**

**Photographer: Val Whipple**

**Fall Rally Chairs:**

**Gordon (574-721-8887) & Andie (574-721-3267) Newlin**



**Dinner and meeting at Waldo Peppers.**





More Dinner Pictures



Ferry Boat Ride, Look at all that Blue!



## New Member Profile

I thought it would be interesting to learn something new about our members each newsletter. This time I have selected Phil and Ruth Skiff from Waterford, MI., 35 miles north of Detroit. They have been married 8 years, and have 4 daughters and 11 grandchildren. Their motorcoach is a 2018 40E. They joined at the National Rally in Goshen last year and have visited in their motorhome Pentwater and Port Huron, Mi., and Port Clinton, Ohio. So far, Midwest Discoverers excluded, their visit to Port Huron, Michigan was their favorite place and they stayed at the Lake Huron Campground. They would like to visit both the Grand Canyon and Alaska. They joined DOAI and the Midwest Discoverers because they have a great support network, and to meet new people and experience new things. Ruth is quite crafty and enjoys making greeting cards, knitting, and crocheting. A great addition to the group, and already put into service by President John.

**Good morning, Girls!**



**Looks like Happy Hour to me**





It is time to think about the Fall Rally at KOA Indy, Indiana. That is about 10 miles east of downtown Indianapolis, IN. Our Midwest Discoverers Rally will begin with arrival on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and end with departure on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Of course, you can come earlier and stay later if you desire. (The National rally is the following week at Pueblo, Colorado.)

The Itinerary for the Indy is attached and can also be found on the DOAI web site, [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com). You do not have to log on to the web site. Click on Chapters, then select Midwest Discoverers and then Rally information. You can see the latest version of the Indianapolis Itinerary there. There may be changes to the Itinerary between now and the time of the Rally but any changes will be minor.

The Registration Information Sheet for the rally is attached. There are limited number of sites reserved for us so please contact the reservation office at KOA Indy (317-894-1397) before August 1<sup>st</sup> and tell them you are registering as a member of the Midwest Discoverers Rally. Please return the Registration Sheet by August 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Andie & Gordon Newlin  
200 Point East Lane  
Logansport, IN 46947

Arriving at KOA Indy: the campground is located about 10 miles east of downtown Indianapolis, just off I-70 at Exit 96, which is the Mt. Comfort exit. Go south ¼ mile past McDonalds and the Shell gas station, and turn left on Co. Rd. 200. The campground is on the left.

We are excited to be Hosting the Fall Rally. Every effort has been made to make sure you will have an enjoyable time. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate contacting us.

Gordon & Andie Newlin, Rally Hosts

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# 2019 Midwest Discoverers Fall Rally

September 15 – 21, 2019

KOA Indy

5896 W 200 N

Greenfield, IN 46140

## Registration Sheet

Pilot's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot's Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot's Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rally Registration:

(Rally Registration Fee is \$145 per person, and covers all items on the Itinerary.)

Rally Fee \$145 X \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make Check out to Midwest Discoverers and mail this sheet with check to:)

Gordon Newlin

200 Point East Lane

Logansport, IN 46947

Special Needs: (Dietary, physical, wheelchair, etc.)

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## RV Site Registration

1. Only a limited number of RV sites have been reserved for Midwest Discoverers so call early.
2. You must call the KOA Indy 317-894-1397 to **reserve your site before Thursday, August 1, 2019**
3. All sites are full hookup with cable TV. Free wifi is also available
4. You will be required to pay the first night's site cost when reserving your site. Balance due upon arrival. Make sure the reservations agent knows you are part of the Midwest Discoverers Rally.
5. KOA reservation Office phone number is 317-894-1397.



Jeanne Stewart

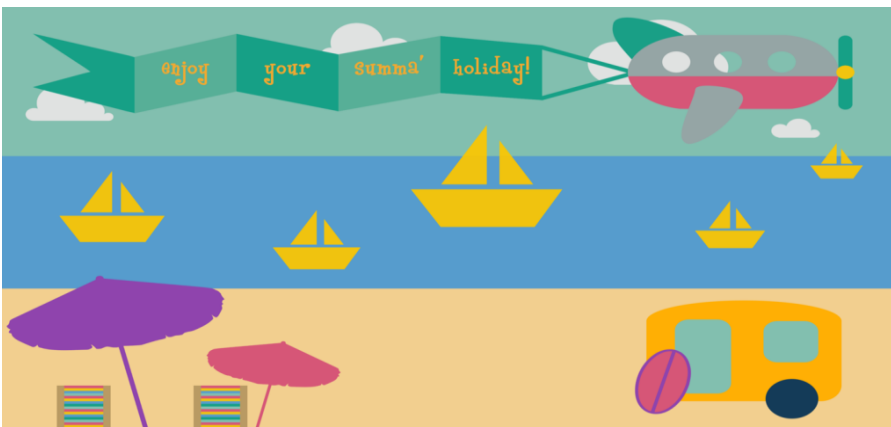
Please print and read your newsletter, it's a lot of work! Your officers, and chairman are not receiving any compensation and they have worked hard to make the Midwest Discoverers a great chapter.



And here we are eating again!



As it is 90+ degrees in most parts of the country, this picture looks refreshing.



Safe travels to all, enjoy Summer!

**MidWestDiscoverers**  
**Fall Rally – September 15 – September 21, 2019**  
**KOA Indy, Indianapolis, IN**

Preliminary itinerary

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Sunday September 15    | 5:00 pm Welcome Dinner  |
| Monday September 16    | Tour the Indianapolis Speedway – Home of the Indy 500 and the Museum  |
| Tuesday September 17   | Trolley Tour of Indianapolis and the Indiana State Museum   |
| Wednesday September 18 | Free Day<br>Pitch-In dinner & business meeting  |
| Thursday September 19  | Tour the Eli Lilly Estate & Grounds (Oldfield's)  |
| Friday September 20    | Trader's Point Creamery, Literal farm-to-table restaurant housed in the romantic setting of a 19th century dairy barn.<br><br>We will tour a working organic dairy farm and beautiful grounds by hay wagon with stops along the way. Cheese and ice cream sampling will complete our tour, all made at The Trader's Point Creamery. You may enjoy lunch on your own following the tour.<br><br>Rally Dinner |
| Saturday September 21  | Depart  |