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Midwest Discoverers

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

I apologize in the lateness of getting out this newsletter, no excuses like buying a new motorhome, or complete overhaul of an old one, just procrastination. President John wrote an article long ago after our fabulous rally in Indianapolis, so this is why his article might seem a bit dated – it is dated that was almost 6 months ago. Oh I will offer the excuse, we greatly enjoyed the rally hosted by the Newlin's in Indianapolis – thank you Gordon and Andie, it was a fun and educational time with a great group of Midwestern Discoverers. We followed up with the National Rally in Colorado Springs. That too was an awesome rally, kinda liking this Discovery Owners group. Great people and good times.

Jeanne

PS – do they do PS's in newsletters? Well this one does – a lot has happened since I had this almost ready to send to Secretary Joan to send out to membership, husband Bob had emergency acute cholecystitis surgery – gall bladder removal. He's doing well, and then this pandemic. Hoping and praying you are all safe!



Upcoming Events 2020/2021

[June 7th-Depart June 14th, 2020](#)

Midwest Discoverers Spring Rally, Detroit, MI area – Camp Dearborn, Milford, MI

Hosts: the Hooper's and the Skiff's

[Sept., 13th-18th, 2020](#)

Midwest Discoverers Fall Rally, Bedford, Pa.,

Hosts: Rick & Carol Parton

[Sept. 28th- October 4th 2020](#)

Discovery Owners Assoc.,
2020 Nat'l Rally – Sevierville, TN

“Discovering the Blue Ridge Mountains”

[Jan. 25th – Jan. 31st, 2021](#)
Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fl.,
hosted by the Florida Sunshiners

All these rallies are on the DOAI website, please get your registrations in asap!

From the President:



I want to admit, up front, that I have never considered myself an Auto Race fan. But I have watched the Indianapolis 500 and marveled at the speed and technology used during the race, on and off the track. But I was not prepared for being at the track. It is absolutely awesome!! Our Rally attendees got to tour the track and visit areas that normally are off limits to visitors. Standing on the fourth floor of the Pagoda, looking down the track to the last turn leading to the finish line, gives you an awe inspired feeling of how really big and complex the race is to the entire community. The city of Indianapolis has been handling Race Fan traffic a long time but it still fascinates me how they handle traffic on Race Day. There can be 350,000, or more, attending the race. I can't imagine the traffic on the town streets. But the city of Indianapolis handles the traffic with such ease.

A tour of the Indy 500 Race Track was just the starter for a wonderful Fall Rally for the Midwest Discoverers. Gordon and Andie Newlin did an outstanding job Hosting the Fall Rally in Indianapolis. From touring the race track to touring a farm that makes its own ice cream and cheese, the time was filled with great things to see and do. And I will leave it to others to tell you how fantastic the food was.

I am extremely happy to report that Joan Fairweather was elected to a second term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter during the Business meeting. The minutes of the business Meeting contains several items that should be of interest to all Chapter members. Please read it and if you have questions, let me know.

John Hooper, President

Midwest Discoverers

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As an update to John's letter from last Fall, his article in the National newsletter the Discovery Express contained some additional information regarding the Midwest Discoverers' chapter. Welcome new members - **Russ and Pat Baldwin, Ron and Becky Hoblit, and Rob and Sherry Krajice.**

Our upcoming Spring Rally at Camp Dearborn will be here before you know it. If you have not made campground reservations, do so quickly - the phone number for reservations are: 248-684-6000 or 313-943-2076. You need to call them and let them know you are with the Midwest group. You can also check online at the DOAI website for current information and the itinerary at present is listed there. I have also enclosed the reservation form and itinerary in this newsletter. Even though it may not be on the registration or scheduled activities, I'm sure there will be plenty of food!

Indianapolis Midwest Discoverers' Rally, September 2019



Here's the gang in the Press box at the Indianapolis 500 Raceway. Don't we look official?

If you would like one of these attractive royal blue Midwest Discoverers' shirts -

Vice President: Nancy McKitrick 614-879-5665 can help you out. 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.

Here's the famous yard of bricks at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. At one time the entire the entire 2 ½ mile track was all paved in bricks. Now the winners of both the 500 and the Nascar 400 kiss the bricks after their victory. Obviously, before coronavirus.



And here we are at our KOA campground in Indianapolis. The hosts were awesome both the owners of campground and our chapter hosts - Andy and Gordon Newlin. Wonderful breakfasts each morning, an awesome pot luck dinner, and campfires, where we never run out of camp wood.

nightly seemed to



We visited the Eli Lilly House and Gardens in Oldfields. The Lilly House & Gardens are situated on a 26 acre historic estate and the house museum is on the grounds of the Indian Museum of Art, it is a National Historic Landmark.

These lights or designs were in the foyer and raised up and down as well as open and closed - I could have included

my video, it was quite impressive.



Val & Les Whipple in the greenhouse.

We had a guided tour of the museum, saw lots of old valuable stuff, and a few of us decided we had seen enough of these rich folks' lifestyles. We were ready to get back to our old motorhomes and drink some beer or wine, and sit around a campfire.



President John checking out and loading up on our Pot Luck Dinner!



Our Hosts: Gordon and Andie



Unbelievable, we are eating again!



National Rally 2020 "Rocky Mountain High", Pueblo, Co

A few brave souls headed out from Indiana to Pueblo, Colorado. We all agreed Kansas is a long straight windy state. Some of us ventured ahead, and others followed. Attendees from the Indiana rally included Bob and Jeanne Stewart, Phil and Ruth Skiff, and Bev Kaiser. At National we were joined by **new members Gerry and Pam Mask**.

Jim and Susan Sullivan of California did an awesome job, along with Rally Master Mary Ann Crowell with putting together a rally in less than 9 months. For us, it was another opportunity to see a part of the country we have not visited, socialize with old friends, and make some new acquaintances with west coast Discovery members. Our Regional rallies are a great time to get together with people we have gotten to know better. A national rally is a great opportunity to visit a place you may not have traveled and with Discovery friends.

Ruth Skiff did an awesome seminar on card making, Phil Skiff was in charge of a morning devotional each day, and Jeanne Stewart headed up a book club presentation on *The Diary of Maddie Spenser* by local author Sandra Dallas, the journey of a young bride from Iowa to Colorado in the 1870's in a covered wagon. I will never complain about our travels in our motorhome, well not as much.



This year's quilt won by one of the California member Suzi Jones, Discovery members donated over \$1600.00 for raffle tickets on this quilt. What talented ladies we have in our group. I heard we even had a gentleman sign up this year to help out with the quilt.

DOAI 2020 Southeast Region Rally - RVing the Wine "D"ing Road, Seffner, Fl



Look at this fine looking group representing the Midwest Discoverers at the Southeast Regional rally in Florida. You'll notice lots of new faces, even we members of the Midwest chapter did not know them. DOAI has changed their policy for first year

members to the organization - membership is free - and our chapter the Midwest Discoverers has adopted that policy as well. The philosophy being, first year members if they have free membership and join a regional chapter, will get involved and be future dues paying and involved members. We did not know some of these people, but when they called for pictures for the Midwest group, they came up to join us. Welcome! I hope you can join us at one of our future Regional rallies, so we can get to know you.



Karen & Jeff Daly



Peg & Fred Raphael



Phil & Ruth Skiff



Jeanne & Bob Stewart



Val & Les Whipple



Russ & Pat Baldwin

Coronavirus Alert: and other things. I truly hope all of you are safe and healthy. Grave times here folks. Not sure how much is relevant in the newsletter regarding future get togethers, but wanted to get this out. In the midst of things, husband Bob - the quiet one - went into the hospital on March 9th, with stomach issues. Stomach issues turned into, or rather had been brewing into acute cholecystitis. He needed his gallbladder removed, and removed NOW. It was disgusting, however after 5 days in the hospital, he is home and recovering well in Florida. Hospital and staff were awesome, and we are so thankful to be in our motorhome in Florida. I'm hoping they will not kick us out - do not want to go back to New York and that mayhem.

We are all concerned for our Midwest family's safety, and our entire Discovery family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

I'm sure President John will be alerting you on updates, and I have not looked online at the Discovery Owner's page, but I'm sure updates will be posted there.

In fact, the deadline for the Spring rally in Dearborn has been extended until May 1st. President John just sent out an e-mail to that effect with registration form. I'll include it here as well. Let's hope this and all future rallies can be held.



Jeanne



New Member Profile

This month we are featuring Rick and Linda Slagle from Sidney, Ohio - near Dayton. They have been married for 33 years, they have 3 children - 2 boys and a girl, and seven (7) granddaughters. That's a lot of granddaughters! They own a 2017 Discovery. They have camped their entire married life starting in a tent, moved on to campers, and then motorhomes, raising their kids camping.

They have camped all over Ohio; camped in Indiana, Kentucky, Gatlinburg, Virginia Beach, Las Vegas, Florida, Colorado, Arizona, Michigan, and Canada. They've also done many Nascar races, and favorite places so far have been Pigeon Forge and Daytona. However this winter they were going to Key West, thinking that may become a favorite. They recommend Boyd's campground in Key West.

Linda has retired from Hands of America, and Rick is still currently employed (a youngster) as a lineman for Dayton Power and Light.

They joined the Midwest Discoverers to meet new people and enjoy camping with new friends.

And once again, President John has encouraged these new members to take on the hosting of a future rally in the Dayton area - details to be forthcoming.

Welcome, Linda and Rick!

On another note, Midwest member Fred Raphael did have a phone conversation with **Captain Jack** who is currently recovering in a rehab nursing home, as of March 11th, he will be in there another 15 to 16 days. He hopes to attend the DOAI rally in Tennessee. His address:

Jack Romeyk

Good Samaritan Nursing Home
101 Elm Street
Sayville , NY 11782



2020 Midwest Discoverers Spring Rally

June 7 – Depart June 14, 2020

Camp Dearborn,

1700 General Motors Road
Milford, MI 48380

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 \$150 per person. Fee can be paid in full, or a deposit of \$75 per person can be paid with remainder due upon arrival.)

1. Rally Fee or Deposit: \$150 or \$75 X _____ persons = \$ _____

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

John Hooper
3916 North Potsdam Ave., #1286
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-7048

Please Indicate Any Special Needs: (Dietary, physical, etc.) _____

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 Camp Dearborn Reservations Office to **reserve your site before Tuesday, March 31, 2020**.
3. All sites are full hookup.
4. Make sure the reservations agent knows you are part of the Midwest Discoverers Rally.
5. Camp Dearborn reservation Office phone numbers are 248-684-6000 or 313-943-2076.

Midwest Discoverers Spring Rally

June 7 - 14, 2020

Camp Dearborn

Milford, Michigan

Day	Activity
Sunday, June 7	
Am	
Lunch	
PM	Registration
Evening	Welcome Food
Monday, June 8	
Am	Henry Ford And Greenfield Village
Lunch	
PM	
Evening	
Tuesday, June 9	
Am	Motown Museum
Lunch	Majestic Café (Dutch Treat)
PM	***** Open Time Slot *****
Evening	Coach Interiors Tour - Even # sites
Wednesday, June 10	
Am	River Rouge Plant Tour
Lunch	On Your Own
PM	Coach interior Tour - Odd # sites
Evening	Restaurant Meal and Business Meeting
Thursday, June 11	
Am	Day on Your Own See List of Suggestions
Lunch	
PM	
Evening	
Friday, June 12	
Am	Parade Company Tour
Lunch	Greektown
PM	DIA Art Conservatory Tour
Evening	

Saturday, June 13

Am Yankee Air Museum - Ann Arbor
Lunch Dutch Treat in the area
PM Plymouth Township Historical Museum
Evening The Ark - Ann Arbor

Sunday, June 14

Am Breakfast
Departure
Safe Travels