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## Midwest Discoverers/Noreaster Discoverys Newsletter

Published hopefully when I have time and inclination.

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

**South East Regional Rally 2023:** The Rally's theme in



Seffner, Florida was Mardi Gras hosted by the Blue Ridge Discoverys. This will be our last Rally at Lazy Days for at least a year.

Lazy Days, according to rumor are tearing up and redoing campground, so next year's hosts had to come up with an alternative site. It is at Red Oaks RV resort in Bushnell, Florida hosted by the Mason Dixon chapter.

There were several members of both chapters in attendance: Russ and Pat Baldwin, Jeff and Karen Daly, Peter and Shirley Fleckenstein, Fred and Peg Raphael, John Ricciardi, Bob and Jeanne Stewart, Les and Val Whipple for a few days, and Gerry and Pam Mast. We did hook up with Paul and Marie Ricciardi, John and Mary Ann Hooper, and Rick and Carol Pardon outside of the rally. Lots of good seminars, entertainment, food, and

seeing new and old Discovery friends.



## Upcoming Events 2023

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Spring Rally** hosted by Midwest & Noreaster chapters in Greenville, OH at Darke County Fairgrounds, to work on Nat'l Rally. Come for a day, a few days, or the week – we need your input and help. This is a hostless rally, only cost will be camping, \$40.00 per night. **Call Russ to reserve your spot, can pay upon your arrival. Russ: 508-572-8002**

**Fall rally 2023 – most likely another preparatory rally before the Nat'l**

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
DOAI National Rally, Greenville, Ohio hosted by the Noreaster Discoverys/Midwest Discoverers

**Need a Spring 2023 – a suggestion maybe Normandy Farms in Foxboro, MA**

**Rick Pardon is working on a Fall 2024 Rally in the Washington, DC area**

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**South East Regional Rally**  
Red Oaks Campground, Bushnell, Florida (new location)

Pictures from Southeast Regional Rally - Camp Discovery - Lazy Days, Seffner, Florida

Out to dinner at FMA rally - Eustis, Florida

Jeanne Stewart, Peg Raphael & Fred Raphael, Shirley & Pete Fleckenstein, headless Bob



Pat & Russ Baldwin, John and Mary Ann Hooper



Marie and Paul Ricciardi



Rocky and Donna Hubbard from Newport, Kentucky – new members who joined both the Noreaster Discoverys and the Midwest Discoverers at the FMA rally. Val recruits again.



From President Phil:

## Midwest Discoverers

Hi from sunny Florida! I've sent out a couple of update emails recently so there's not a lot of new news to share. I do want to welcome our new members and hope to meet all of you this year. Do try to make it to our "laid-back" rally in Ohio in April. Don't be scared off by the national rally prep - it'll mostly some meetings and planning work. The rest of the time we can goof off and eat and do all the other fun stuff!

I have to say a huge "Thank You!" to the group of chapter folks that have been working on the plans for the national rally this fall - they are doing a spectacular job, overcoming obstacles and putting together an awesome schedule.

I'd also like to encourage everyone to look for opportunities for short, small gatherings as we've done in years past - a few coaches for a weekend somewhere is always fun.

Spring is coming and I wish you all safe travels and look forward to seeing you soon!

Phil

This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife, Phyllis, who now lives in Florida and said that Phil is a compulsive liar.



I'm not sure of the resemblance, but the name is the same, as I write this, the North East is getting that surprise March snowstorm!



## Noreaster Discoverys

### Message from President Bob:

Hi everyone! Hope you're all doing well and enjoying the winter season. This is a great time of year, if you can be in the Southern states getting some rays, and playing a bit of golf. We have been fortunate to meet up with many of our Discovery friends - Noreasters and Midwest Discoverers, as well as other Discovery members from around the states. Still missing our international members - Maurice and Joan Fairweather, but Joan continues to keep our treasury records in impeccable state. Most of our membership is paid and up to date, only a few are in arrears - please note above where to send outstanding dues. Please contact me if you need to know what you owe - by phone, text, or e-mail.

Thanks especially to Russ and Pat Baldwin, they are doing an excellent job with getting our National Rally on track. The registration is online and needs to be submitted online at the DOAI website. Registrations can be made now! Money is not due until August 15th.

The National committee has also been working very hard, we promise a well-rounded, entertaining, educational, event. Please be sure to read Pat Baldwin's article in the Discovery Express to be out soon. Pat did an excellent job 'selling our 25<sup>th</sup> National DOAI Rally.

Welcome new members Rocky and Donna Hubbard of Kentucky, Val recruited them at the FMA rally in January. We hope see them in April, and September.

Be sure to call Russ regarding the Spring Rally in Greenville, he needs to have a count, the only cost to you is for camping. Don't forget too, we would like a donation from each chapter member to be used at door prizes, winners of events, and goody bags. If you are not planning on attending, please make arrangements for your articles to be at the Rally.

That's about it for now. Don't forget to set back your clocks! March 12<sup>th</sup>!

Safe travels everyone.

Bob Stewart

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It was great seeing John and Mary Ann Hooper while in Florida. I think they have visited the Fountain of Youth - you look marvelous!



We also helped celebrate Rick Pardon's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday, Rick!

Hello Fellow Readers:



Annie Oakley was born in Greenville, Ohio, where our National Rally is being held.

There is a book entitled Missy The Life and Times of Annie Oakley by Annie Fern Swartwout (Annie's niece).

This is the book I have chosen as our book club selection for the National Rally. It is available from Amazon. While in Greenville in April, our plans are to visit the area, especially the Garst museum, and perhaps find a speaker who could talk about Annie Oakley.

We will be having a book club meeting at the Nat'l meeting in Greenville, OH, September 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Jeanne Stewart

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**OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **Noreaster Discoverys and Midwest Discoverers Chapters**

The Discovery Owners Association is a non-profit social organization that aims to promote the use and enjoyment of Fleetwood Discovery motorhomes. There are local chapters throughout the United States and Canada. We have a National Rally annually where we share information about the use and maintenance of our Discovery motorhomes along with enjoying the camaraderie of fellow Discovery motorhome owners.

The Noreaster Discoverys and Midwest Discoverers Chapters of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. are co-hosting the 2023 National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio, September 18-24, 2023. We expect that 80 -100 Fleetwood Discovery motor homes will attend.

We are collecting items to be given away as door prizes. Any donation that you can make is greatly appreciated. Gift cards or items from your business store or gift shop make ideal prizes.

Thank you for your support,

Russ Baldwin

2023 National Rally Master

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Checks made payable to Midwest Discoverers (Remember dues are now \$40.00 per member. This motion presented and approved at our last general member ship meeting in Fall 2022.

Happy St. Patrick's Day out there to all you Irish, and wanna be Irish!



