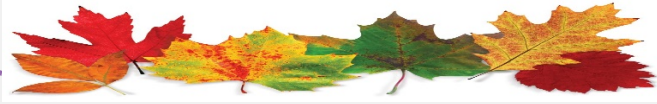


October



### Upcoming Events 2019

**Jan 27 - Feb 2**

**SouthEast Region Rally**

**Seffner, Florida**

**June 16 - 21**

**Spring Midwest Rally**

**Port Clinton, Ohio**

# Midwest Discoverers

Volume I

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## From the President

I thought I would send the membership a note at the conclusion of our Chapter's Lake Junaluska Rally in the Great Smokey Mountains. There were 17 people attending with one couple turning back due to engine problems. One couple's motorhome was awaiting parts, but they came anyway and rented a home on the lake on the main campus. I think it safe to say that everyone had a very good time.

The Business Meeting, while some might say was long, it was extremely beneficial. Much was discussed and thoughts shared by members. Several outcomes are most notable:

- A draft of a new set of Chapter By-Laws was reviewed and several suggestions for changes were included. The final draft will be emailed to all Chapter members for their approval by email vote. Look for your email in the coming weeks.
- While the current By-Laws do not provide for a Vice President, the members elected Nancy McKitrick as Vice President pending the passage of the proposed By-Laws. What a dedicated member Nancy has been, and her service as Vice President will add significant strength to the Chapter Leadership.
- Jeanne Stewart volunteered to be responsible for a Chapter Newsletter. Certainly, we are not talking about anything comparable to the quarterly DOAI Newsletter, but a short "keeping in touch" kind of newsletter that might go out every 4 to 6 weeks. If you or some member you know has an event in their life that you think other members would like to know about, please send a note to Jeanne at [zetapig@netsync.net](mailto:zetapig@netsync.net).

### Just a Note:

**Your 2019 dues can be sent to**

**Joan Fairweather, payable to: Midwest Discoverers \$20.00**

**Mail to: Joan Fairweather**

**231 Rainbow Drive #13131**

**Livingston, TX 77399**

In order for our newsletter to be a success and keep our members informed and active - we need YOU to submit articles, and of course read the newsletter. Articles, pictures, etc. can be sent to my e-mail, or by text.

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- Andie Newlin volunteered to be the Chapter Sunshine person. Again, if you know of anything that could be shared with the Chapter, please contact Andie at newlina1224@gmail.com.
- After much discussion concerning getting new members involved in Chapter activities, two ideas came to life:
  - First, it was voted and approved that the Chapter will pick up \$100 of a new member's first Rally Registration Fee within the first 12 months of membership. The members joining in the calendar year 2018 will be grandfathered in and the offer will extend to them through 2019, the June and Fall Rally's. There have been eleven new couples join the Chapter in 2018.
  - Current Chapter members will be asked to serve as "Sponsors" for new members. Their purpose is to welcome new members into the Chapter and to help them enjoy the same friendships that current members have.
- Hosts for the Fall 2019 rally have not been identified as yet. All members are eligible to serve as Hosts for a Rally. Hosts determine the dates and location of the Rally they host. Normally, the Spring Rally is in June and the Fall Rally is held in September. Dates, location and itinerary are up to the hosts. If you have any interest in serving as Hosts for the Fall 2019 Rally, please give John Hooper a call and he will fill you in on all the details.

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. I'm look forward to seeing each of you again at Rally's in the future.

Warmest Regards,

John Hooper, President Midwest Discoverers (248-390-6895)



**Since the Southeast Regional Rally in Seffner, Florida and our National Rally in Goshen, Indiana, we would like to welcome our newest members:**

Jeff & Julie Bradford from Boyne City, MI

Jeff & Karen Daly from Dix Hills, NY

Brian & Kellie Gray from Dover, NH

Beverly Kaiser from Richmond, MI

Paul & Marie Ricciardi from Perrysburg, OH

Ken & Chris Wutenberger from Crossville, TN

Dean & Linda Millhouse from Piqua, OH

Phil & Ruth Skiff from Waterford, MI

Rick & Linda Slagle from Sidney, OH

James & Linda Teske from Edwardsburg, MI

Chris & Dianne Wooddell from Sidney, OH

## New Member Sponsor is Rick Parton

Rick will be attempting to pair up new members with other members who have belonged to the Midwest Discovery chapter longer than you. That however, may not be such a long time.

As you will notice our members are from all over, not just limited to the Midwest region. President John recently sent out an e-mail with our current directory, notice the varieties of home bases.

We like to think of our attraction to our variety of members is attributed to what a great and humble group we are of an eclectic mix...

We do, however love to get together at rallies to make new friendships, enhance the old ones and learn more about each other.



Our next Discovery rally is Camp Discovery in Seffner, Florida, January 26<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Applications for this rally are on DOAI website.

Midwest Rally - in Port Clinton, OH, June 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## **LOOKING FOR RALLY MASTERS TO HOST FALL MIDWEST RALLY!!!!**



*The Raffle Quilt!*

This was the quilt auctioned off at our National Rally recently held in Goshen Indiana - our own Joan Fairweather won it. Each year women members of DOAI conspire to come up with a quilt designed by them and always appropriate to usually the location of the National rally or the theme of the rally. The picture doesn't do it justice, it was beautiful and king size too. For those of you who might not know Joan, she and her husband Maurice are charter members of DOAI, that's 20 years. They are Canadian citizens, live in their RV, travel throughout the U.S., Canada, and winter in Mexico. Congratulations, Joan and Maurice, we're sure you will enjoy your quilt on cool winter nights wherever you may make camp.



Les and Val Whipple are the Rally Hosts for our Spring Rally in Port Clinton, Ohio. The dates are June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The campground for the rally is:

CedarLane RV Park

2926 NW Catawba Road

Port Clinton, OH 43452

Reservations can be made by calling 419-797-9907.

More details will follow, but reservations should be made by January. Remember there is a \$100.00 rally registration reduction for 1<sup>st</sup> year members!! This is off registration not camping.

???? Val 419-262-2180

### This and That (a short synopsis of our personnel at the Lake Junaluska Rally)

As we get to know each other better, one finds out little quirks about our Midwest Discovery

Group! I love pigs and am a proper snorter. Les Whipple is a pretty good snorter too - Cap't Jack not so much. President John has taken this presidency job seriously and is doing a wonderful job. Mary Ann his wife, is just a sweetheart, and always has a smile for everyone. We have some dog lovers in our group, and boy are they dedicated. You'll see Brad and Nancy walking them at all hours. Amos, Jack's standard poodle has adapted to Jack's lifestyle, sleeping in late and going to bed late, and only needs to go out twice a day. Val is a photographer, lots of her pictures are in this newsletter - think there's an appointment due there. So happy to see Gordon at our rally, he had a rough summer, but is looking fine, thanks Andie for getting him back in shape. Lucky and Linda have joined the SOB club (some other brand), but we surely would miss their sense of humor if they were no longer members, and Linda does help keep the wineries in business. Rick and Carol, other members of the SOB club, but not as lucky as Lucky - they joined us anyway without the motorhome, that's dedication or insanity. And not to be



forgotten, our foreigners - the Fairweather's. Maurice (pronounced Morris like the cat) is getting along better each day since his knee replacement surgery and Joan who is a super organized and smart lady who our chapter is very fortunate to have as our secretary/treasurer. Oh, and Bob my husband is a great chauffeur, except if you are in a parking lot - he does circles very well.



### **Maggie Valley Opry**

A fun night was had by all at the Maggie Valley Opry featuring Raymond Fairchild. Raymond is a multiple Grammy winning picker – thanks Hooper for getting that motorhome group in for a performance. Raymond wasn't sure what a motorhome group was but we enjoyed him and he liked having us attend.

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ladies schedule your Mammogram!**



Waynesville Street Party, with our First Responders in attendance!

(Note the view in the background)



## Smokey Mountains

### Officers & Appointments

President: John Hooper

Vice President: Nancy McKittrick (duties to be announced)

Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Fairweather (2019 dues are due)

Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Stewart

Mentor to Members: Rick Parton

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

Spring 2019 Rally Chairs: Les & Valerie Whipple



### Fueling in Tennessee

We four motorhomes met up at the KOA in Clinton, TN. The McKittrick's and the Newlin's had planned to stop there, met up at a rest stop with the Warner's, and the Stewart's had already arrived there the day before. All of us on our way to the Lake Junaluska Rally. We had a fun evening together with lots of pizza. Linda took this photo while we all were fueling together - coincidence or just plain weird?