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## Spring Forward!

Ok, so the snow is gone, right? Spring has sprung, hasn't it? Well it better have because we are out there Summerizing (That's the opposite of Winterizing isn't it?), firing up the engines, kicking the tires, and charting our routes.

### Do we have some places for you to go? Yes, we do!

The 2019 National Rally is heading to the Southwest (well almost). Beautiful Pueblo Colorado will be the location of DOAI's "Rocky Mountain High" at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. The official action begins on September 23rd and goes through September 29th, 2019, but arrangements have been made to allow you to arrive up to 3 days early and stay for rally rates. You can even stay one day after the rally to decompress from the fun! Our Rally Masters for National Rally 2019 are Jim and Susan Sullivan from the Discovery California Chapter. Jim and Susan are not alone in this effort, they will be assisted by fellow members of the Discovery California chapter and members of the D'Zonas Chapter out of Arizona (my home state). See the great National Rally article by Jim on page 11. The registration deadline is August 31, 2019.

The Southeast Region Rally 2019 at Seffner, FL is barely in the rearview and those great guys and gals of the Mason-Dixon chapter are hard at work on the 2020 SE Region Rally – the theme is "RVing the Wine"D"ing Road"- Camp Discovery. We'll be arriving once again on January 27, 2020 and departing on February 2, 2020 at the Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL. See Dick Tracy's article on page 13. Remember that there are two separate registrations to perform for this rally, one with DOAI and one directly with Lazydays. The registration deadline with Lazydays is December 31, 2019.

Save the Date: Not to be outdone, the Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter has already laid the groundwork for the 2020 National Rally in the Great Smokie Mountains. We will arrive on September 29, 2020 (with the option of an early arrival on the 28th) and depart on October 4, 2020. Registration deadline TBD, watch for more information in future newsletters.

Enjoy! Kristy, DOAI Express Newsletter Editor ❖

## Quarterly Question Contest

Congratulations, Herb and Avis Petersen! They submitted the correct answer to the January Quarterly Question. **Vermont** was the 14th state to be admitted to the Union. This quarter's question: **What color jersey is worn by the winners of each stage of the Tour de France?** Contest opens April 1, 2019, and closes 11:59pm, May 15, 2019. See the full instructions on page 22. Good luck! *By Nina Soltwedel.* ❖



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Ron Wacker

## President's report

Everyone, Spring has sprung and summer is here. It is time to take our Discoverys out of winterization and hit the open road. Time to visit more of our beautiful sites across the USA that are on our bucket lists. This is a good time to do it while fuel prices are still low.

It was great seeing so many friends at the Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays. The rally was another fantastic event. The food and entertainment was really good as usual. The seminars by Marshall, Gary and others were so educational and helpful. This is especially true when you have an issue with your coach and you can use the notebook and your notes from Camp Discovery to assist in diagnostics. This year's rally was one for the books with lots of new things for the ladies and new seminars. For those of you that missed it, you missed a great rally.

We are in need of a newsletter editor. The October newsletter will be the last one Kristy Green will be doing. Kristy has done a great job with our newsletter and we will miss her good work. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kristy as soon as possible.

The National rally will be in Pueblo, Colorado on September 23 – 28, 2019. Donna and I wish you a healthy and safe summer, and may you have some great travels with your D. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

## Member Care report

Please keep these DOAI members and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

\*\*Kathy Schmelzer is dealing with serious health issues.

\*\*Gilbert Benshoof had hip replacement surgery in November 2018; He is recovering well.

\*\*Dick Tracy had his right knee replaced last November and is healing very well.

\*\*Robert Lucas suffered a serious fall three years ago. It took a long time to recover and Robert has realized he can no longer drive his D.

\*\*Linda and Barbara Bethane have been experiencing serious health problems, making it necessary to sell their D. Linda wrote: "Barb and I are grateful for all of the wonderful experiences we have had traveling in our D. And we are especially grateful to all of our Discovery owner friends, both those we have met in person and those we have met via email."

\*\*Dick Holmes died January 6.

\*\*Alice Ricciardi died February 6 after a long illness.

\*\*John McLaughlin was diagnosed with cancer in early February. He is undergoing treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Treatment Center in Houston. \*\*John and Sylvia's son, Drew, had a heart valve replacement February 13.

\*\*Pete and Sharon Shaffer, and their hospitalized daughter, Jessica.

\*\*Jim Devine and Phil Yovino, both of whom have cancer and continue to be under treatment.

Please email me ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)) when you or a member of your family is ill, or is hospitalized, or if a member of your family has passed on. ❖

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John Baker

## Past President's report

Spring has sprung! For our members who live up North and didn't escape southward, it is time to flush the pink stuff, air up the tires, etc. and get the D purring again. As always, several areas of our country have had various Winter weather woes but Spring seems to be good for everyone. The new life that comes forward from the Earth is absolutely refreshing to the spirit. By the way, we are expecting a glorious and extra-spectacular wildflower season in the Texas hill country; come see it!

This is our year to elect some new leadership and re-elect others. All offices are up for election. Just a quick rundown of officers we need: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Development, Secretary, Treasurer and National Rally Master. Every DOAI member is eligible for these six positions. There are also six Regional Vice Presidents and, as a DOAI chapter member, YOU are eligible to serve the region in which you reside. The regions are defined on the website.

DOAI just passed its 20th successful year. We need YOU to step into a leadership role for the next 2 years. As always, we will have a mixture of experienced and new officers so don't be intimidated...you will have friendly faces to help you learn as you go.

**Probably the most critical need** is for Rally Master. MaryAnn is term-limited and must vacate the office after the National Rally. The person replacing her could (and should) assist her in finishing details for that rally as a little on-the-job training.

Please contact me by the end of April and let me know that you are willing to serve. All terms are for 2 years beginning in January 2020. I will gladly discuss it with you and place your name into nomination. Telephone solicitors will attest that I am super easy to find, so I am likely not to answer my phone if I don't recognize your number. I will be happy to talk with you but please text me first at 281.814.0004 or email me at bakerjohn@swbell.net.

**One other CRITICAL need:** Kristy Green, our wonderful Discovery Express Editor, has notified us she must resign after only a couple more issues. Surely, we have someone out there who has experience or a yen to fill this role. This is an appointed position so just raise your hand and we can get you going soon. Safe travels. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

## Secretary's report

The quorum of DOAI Board of Directors met at the recently-concluded Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, Fla., on January 29 and January 31. The following topics were discussed (a complete record of the two-session meeting is online at the DOAI website at <http://www.discoveryowners.com/BOD.pdf>):

\*\*Report of continuing work to create a slate of officers for 2019 election was discussed.

\*\*Chapter presidents' meeting report delivered.

\*\*Value of DOAI Calendar discussed, and work will continue on same.

\*\*Status of DOAI finances discussed, with a side discussion on PayPal and electronic rally registration.

\*\*2018 financial statements were approved and will be published in Discovery Express.

\*\*2019 budget was approved.

\*\*Update on IRS tax exempt filing status.

\*\*Site of 2019 National Rally was affirmed, along with the Rally Masters.

\*\*DOAI continues to work with Fleetwood and dealers to obtain list of Discovery purchasers.

\*\*Dissolution of Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter announced effective December 31, 2018.

\*\*DOAI-branded merchandise sales slow.

The Southeast Region Rally also featured a General meeting at which a quorum was present. The complete record of the meeting is online at <http://www.discoveryowners.com/GM.pdf>.

\*\*The proposed Bylaw changes (published in the October 2018 Discovery Express) was approved.

\*\*Work continues to revise procedures to resolve issues between DOAI members and Fleetwood.

\*\*Announcement of electronic registration process being developed for region and national rallies.

\*\*Rally masters for 2019 National Rally in Colorado introduced to membership.

\*\*Need for new Discovery Express editor announced.

\*\*Dissolution of Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter announced.

\*\*Update on IRS tax exempt filing status. ❖



John Ricciardi

## Thank you to all members of DOAI

Thank you to all the members of the DOAI for their prayers, kind words, and offerings of sympathy sent to me and my family after the death of my wife Alice. This organization has been very special to us and I was touched by the outpouring of sympathy from the group.

I'd like to give thanks to our members for their outreach and it's my intention to reach out to all of you individually. However, I'm sure that I missed a few of you and hope that you see this note. I'm grateful to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Your support gave me and my family the strength to get through these very difficult times. ❖



Ricky Keen

## Treasurer's report

The Discovery Owners Association, Inc.'s financial statements for 2018 are being published in this newsletter. See pages 6 and 7 for the detailed Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. During the calendar year of 2018 DOAI spent \$12,135 more than we received, but we were expecting a deficit this year. 2018 was a very special year for our organization, our twentieth anniversary year. Because of that, we planned two very special major rallies celebrating our anniversary and these yellow rallies (Camp Discovery and our national rally in Goshen, IN) incurred expenses in excess of our rally receipts. But DOAI's year-end

Total Assets equaled \$87,948 and exceeded our liabilities by \$66,421. DOAI is still in excellent financial condition.

In addition, our budgeted revenues and expenses for 2019 anticipate an excess of revenues over disbursements of \$2,115. This is more in line with previous years. The 2019 Proposed Budget is being published in this newsletter on page 8.

Finally, in accordance with the DOAI By-laws, the 2018 financial records and statements were audited by the DOAI Audit Committee. The results are reported below. ❖

## DOAI Audit Committee Review

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.  
Audit Committee

To: DOAI Board of Directors  
From: DOAI Audit Committee  
Re: Review of Financial records and Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018  
Date: January 31, 2019

On behalf of the DOAI Audit Committee, this report is submitted to the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Board of Directors. The financial records and statements of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2018 was examined. We tested receipts and disbursements, including supporting documentation for various transactions, reviewed bank statements, reconciliations and investment activity, and reviewed the policies and procedures followed by accounting personnel.

We found no issues or discrepancies to bring to your attention.

Mike Hopkins  
Mike Hopkins, Chairman  
DOAI Audit Committee

## Treasurer's report, continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash Accounts		
Petty Cash	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Cash In Bank-General	25,755.30	32,593.89
Cash In Bank-Rally	5,378.55	9,941.02
Cash In Bank-Savings	50,167.73	50,137.64
Cash In Bank-PayPal	115.24	879.49
Total Cash	<u>81,966.82</u>	<u>94,102.04</u>
Merchandise Inventory-at cost	<u>5,981.50</u>	<u>7,042.70</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 87,948.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,144.74</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Deferred Liabilities		
Prepaid Memberships Received	\$ 19,547.00	\$ 19,060.00
Prepaid Rally Fees Received	<u>1,980.00</u>	<u>2,204.00</u>
Total Deferred Liabilities	<u>21,527.00</u>	<u>21,264.00</u>
Fund Balance		
Beginning Balance	79,880.74	75,623.98
Excess Cash Disbursements over Receipts	(12,135.22)	0.00
Excess Cash Receipts over Disbursements	0.00	5,601.65
Changes from Cash Basis to Accrual Basis		
Change in Merchandise Inventory	(1,061.20)	(450.30)
Change in Prepaid Memberships Received	(487.00)	(960.00)
Change in Prepaid Rally Fees Received	224.00	(527.50)
Change in Deposits Set Aside	0.00	592.91
Adjusted Fund Balance	<u>66,421.32</u>	<u>79,880.74</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 87,948.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,144.74</u></b>

## Treasurer's report, continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

	December 31		Increases (Decreases)
	2018	2017	
<b>RECEIPTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Dues Received	\$ 19,262.92	\$ 20,837.72	\$ (1,574.80)
Amazon Commissions	174.28	254.03	(79.75)
Interest Income	30.09	30.07	0.02
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>19,467.29</u>	<u>21,121.82</u>	<u>(1,654.53)</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS</b>			
Newsletter Expense	3,605.00	2,275.00	1,330.00
Membership Expense	559.19	1,000.42	(441.23)
Insurance Expense	3,272.00	2,277.00	995.00
Advertising Expense	240.00	220.80	19.20
Website Expense	255.35	185.74	69.61
Rally Fee Reimbursements	9,992.40	7,673.33	2,319.07
Office Supplies, Postage, etc	46.91	0.00	46.91
PayPal Charges	594.35	641.49	(47.14)
DOAI Badge Holders and Flags	0.00	1,594.22	(1,594.22)
Corporate License Fees	25.00	25.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	86.74	42.78	43.96
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>18,676.94</u>	<u>15,935.78</u>	<u>2,741.16</u>
<b>RECEIPTS-OTHER</b>			
Rally Receipts-National Rallies	54,949.68	34,667.05	20,282.63
Rally Receipts-SE Regional Rallies	468.00	401.00	67.00
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	1,556.00	1,925.00	(369.00)
50/50 Donations Proceeds	2,829.50	1,316.50	1,513.00
Prepaid Rally Fees	1,980.00	2,204.00	(224.00)
Refund of Prior Year IRS Filing Fee	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Merchandise Sales	5,641.91	2,746.00	2,895.91
Total Receipts-Other	<u>70,425.09</u>	<u>43,259.55</u>	<u>27,165.54</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS-OTHER</b>			
Rally Disbursements-National Rallies	65,279.66	28,592.97	36,686.69
Rally Disbursements-SE Regional Rallies	7,875.39	1,111.98	6,763.41
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	1,556.00	1,925.00	(369.00)
50/50 Donations Disbursed	2,829.50	1,316.50	1,513.00
Net Rally Fees Paid to Chapters	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Merchandise Purchases	3,348.11	2,170.56	1,177.55
IRS Filing Fee	2,400.00	3,000.00	(600.00)
New Chapter Start Up Assistance	0.00	592.91	(592.91)
Miscellaneous Rally Account Expenses	55.30	0.00	55.30
Deposits Paid for Future Rallies	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Future Rally Expenses	6.70	634.02	(627.32)
Total Disbursements-Other	<u>83,350.66</u>	<u>42,843.94</u>	<u>40,506.72</u>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	<u><b>\$ (12,135.22)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 5,601.65</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (17,736.87)</b></u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 94,102.04</b>	<b>\$ 88,500.39</b>	
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	<b>(12,135.22)</b>	<b>5,601.65</b>	
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>	<u><b>\$ 81,966.82</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 94,102.04</b></u>	

## Treasurer's report, continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.****BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019****Proposed  
Budget  
12/31/19****RECEIPTS**

Dues Received	\$ 20,000.00
Interest Income	
CD/Savings Accounts	30.00
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>20,030.00</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Newsletter	3,700.00
Membership Expense	1,000.00
Insurance	3,350.00
Advertising	240.00
Web Site Expense	275.00
Rally Fee Officer/Director Reimbursements	10,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage, Etc.	100.00
Paypal Charges	600.00
Other Expenses	150.00
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>19,415.00</u>

**EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)-OPERATIONS**615.00**OTHER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Other Receipts	
National Rally Receipts over Disbursements	0.00
50/50 Raffle Proceeds	3,000.00
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	1,500.00
SE Regional Rally Receipts over Disbs.(Disb over Receipts)	0.00
Merchandise Sales Receipts	5,000.00
Other Disbursements	
Donations of 50/50 Raffles	(3,000.00)
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	(1,500.00)
Merchandise Inventory Purchased	(3,500.00)
Net Other Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>1,500.00</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS**\$ 2,115.00





Elaine Holley

## Membership Coordinator's report

Please give a warm *Hello and Welcome* to our new and reinstated members who have joined DOAI since January's newsletter. Encourage them to visit and join a chapter. It is another wonderful way to meet fellow "D" owners and share information about our vehicles and travel experiences. We continue to encourage all our members to share information about DOAI in their travels and for every three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership. The same goes for winners of the Quarterly Question Contest. *Congratulations* go out to **Kerry & Carolyn Pinkerton, Peter & Sharon Shaffer, Herb & Avis Petersen, and Robert & Glenda Angus** for their referrals. ❖

Thomas/Toni Abel, Champaign IL  
 Curt Adamson, Riverton UT  
 Kenny Adkins, Lees Summit MO  
 Scott/Janis Austin, Oak Hills CA  
 Gilbert/Marci Benschhof, Vacaville CA  
 Donald/Bobbi Benson, Ellenton FL  
 Gregg/Joanne Bertrand, Jacksonville FL  
 David Biener, Port Charlotte FL  
 David Burrows, The Villages FL  
 Danny/Mandy Catalano,  
 Princeton Junction NJ  
 Walter/Sherry Champney, Front Royal VA  
 Christopher/Mary Clark, Webster FL  
 Roger/Priscilla Cowart, Savannah GA  
 Sean/Suzanne Crosswhite, Marietta GA  
 Shelli/Jonathan Davis, Greenbackville VA  
 Mack/Susan Dempsey, Summerfield FL  
 Herrold Eaton, Thonotosassa FL  
 Mark/Beth Ann Elias, Lewiston NY

Cindy/Tim Fraley, Salem OR  
 Anthony/Diane Freitas, Box Elder SD  
 Phillip/Debi Gifford, Magnolia TX  
 Todd Gilchrist, Monterey TN  
 Reginald Good/Barbara Bates, Lakeside MT  
 Doug/Mary Harrison,  
 RR2 Carrying Place ON  
 Randy/Cindy Hill, Livingston TX  
 Kevin/Janelle Hoogendoorn, Ireton IA  
 Lee/Stacey Howard, Clovis CA  
 Terry/Marge Janiak, Tullahoma TN  
 Robert/Kim Kohlmeyer, Marengo IL  
 Michael/Linda Kolb, Charleston WV  
 Stephen/Shirley Krupp, Orrville OH  
 Charles/Sheryl LaCroix, Catoosa OK  
 Joel/Linda Landavazo, Sanford NC  
 Robert/Deborah McHenry, Concord NH  
 Jack/Pam McKelvy, Ardmore OK  
 Kimberly/Michael Moss, Homosassa FL

Robin Muller, Tarpon Springs FL  
 Simao Lawant Neto, Gotha FL  
 Richard/Scott Ramsey, Surprise AZ  
 Debbie/Mark Sager, Pinckney MI  
 Terry/Priscilla Sandefur, Jacksonville FL  
 Robert/Sam Siebecker, Burton MI  
 Theodore Taylor, Grand Bay AL  
 Dave/Barbra Turkal, Conroe TX  
 Ken/Janet Wahl, Sequim WA  
 Ron/Paula Walton, Tomball TX  
 Guy/Avis Warner, Mound MN  
 Philip/Becky Washburn, Milwaukie OR  
 Bradley/Allison Weathington,  
 Douglasville GA  
 Lior/Sarah Weinstein, Sandy Springs GA  
 Hilliard Wilson, Clermont FL  
 Michael Wright/Suzanne Ottmers,  
 Spicewood TX  
 Reginald/Alfredia York Sr, Denver CO

## 2019 Yuma Drifters gathering a success

On January 26, in the bright sunshine, 27 people gathered for food, fun, and conversation. As in past years, the event was hosted by Bob and Nina Soltwedel in Yuma's Fortuna Foothills. The food and conversation made for a delightful day. Greg Svalstad, on behalf of RVWorld Yuma, provided some of the food, plus liquid refreshments. Attending the gathering were Gale and Linda Culbertson, Frank Dean and Arlene Schumacher, Larry and Cathy Hawkins, Becky Hazen and Lonnie Hodge, Glenn and Terri Magnuson, Pat and Mo McClurg, David and Brenda Neumeier, Herb and Avis Petersen, Bruce and Nancy Plumb and their friends Randy and Diane Clark, Angel and Teresa Rodriguez along with Teresa's mom Bobby, and Wally and Annie Wallington. Everyone agreed that this annual event is not to be missed and are looking forward to 2020.

*Submitted by Nina Soltwedel.* ❖





MaryAnn Crowell

## National Rally Master's report

Are you READY to RALLY! We now have 3 rallies with dates and locations. So, let's start with the much anticipated 2019 National Rally.

"Rocky Mountain High" will be held in Pueblo, Colorado, starting on Monday, September 23, 2019 with departure on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The Colorado State Fairgrounds will once again (3rd time) hold the gathering Discoverys for GREAT FUN and an INFORMATIVE week.

We will be in a new parking area and in a different building too.

Jim & Susan Sullivan of the Discovery California chapter will be the rally masters for this rally. The Sullivans will be heading up a crew consisting of both Discovery California and D'Zonas Chapter members. Of course, many members of other Discovery chapters will assist in making this another GREAT RALLY.

You can not only enjoy the 6 nights of the rally, but arrangements have been made to give you, three (3) nights early. Early arrival can start on Friday, September 20th, Saturday September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd, for the same parking rate as the rally, \$25.00 per night. That rate also applies to a one night stay after the rally Sunday, September 29th. All parking sites will be full hook up with 50-amp power. So, for those of you that only take 30 amp you will need your electric reduction items.

This is one of the most beautiful areas of the USA. There are loads of photo op sites for your viewing pleasure. Try to take advantage of those extra days if you can.

We will be using the NEW ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION for this rally. Please see the DOAI Web Site and I also put out information on the eGroup. We hope to see many of you using this new feature for rallies, it sure helps the Rally Master and the Registrar to do their jobs more efficiently. If you have questions on this, please contact me. If I don't know the answer I will find someone who does. See page 11 for more "Rocky Mountain High" details.

OK on to the 2020 (yes 2020) rallies:

2020 SE Regional Rally – "RVing the Wine"ing Road - Camp Discovery, Monday, January 27, 2020 with a departure date of Sunday, February 2, 2020. Once again, the Mason-Dixon chapter is in charge of our technical rally, at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL. The rally registration is already online, in the DOAI website and using the new electronic registration form. More details of this rally can be found on page 13.

2020 National Rally – will be hosted by the Blue Ridge Discoverys in the Great Smokie Mountain area.

Save the dates of September 29, 2020 and departure on October 4, 2020. They have also set up an early arrival option of September 28th. Of course, they are NOT ready to announce anything at this time. This is looking like another GREAT rally!

Thanks to the help of all 4 chapters mentioned in my report, you can now mark all those dates as full of fun, learning, and most important, a great time with all of our Discovery Family and Friends. ❖

## DOAI – More Than "Just" A Newsletter

Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) and you'll be taken to the DOAI website. There you will find links to:

Consolidated Rally Schedule  
 Helpful Contacts for Discovery Owners  
 DOAI Name Badge and Decal ordering information  
 Classified sale ads for Discoverys and  
 Discovery-related items  
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## Rocky Mountain High



**R**vers **WANTED TO ATTEND DOAI's** 21st Annual National Rally at Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colorado, September 23-28, 2019. DOAI returns to Pueblo, the most historic and culturally diverse city in the state of Colorado. There is so much to see and do in Pueblo and the surrounding area!

Rally fees include 6 nights of Full-hookups with 50 Amps, Morning Coffee and Donuts, Welcome Party, Heritage Farm Tour, three-catered Dinners, Chili Cook-Off, three nights of Entertainment, Seminars, Vendors, Ice Cream Social, Legendary Quilt Raffle, and you can try your luck at Poker Night or Card Bingo!

To register for this fun-filled rally, go to the DOAI website. Click on **RALLIES** and it will take you directly to:

### **2019 NATIONAL RALLY "ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH"**

We would like all registrations completed online if possible. When you complete the registration form online, write a check for the total amount payable to **DOAI** and mail it to: Susan Sullivan, 2238 Emerald Circle, Morro Bay, CA, 93442. It is really easy to do!

If you would like a registration form to fill out instead, email Linda Johnson at [billandlindaj@aol.com](mailto:billandlindaj@aol.com) and she will email one to you. **Registrations must be received by August 31, 2019.** Cancellations: Full refunds will be given only upon written request (email or letter) if received by August 31, 2019. There will be **NO REFUNDS after August 31, 2019.** Any questions, contact Linda Johnson, registrar, at [billandlindaj@aol.com](mailto:billandlindaj@aol.com) or 562-743-3939.

**Before the rally**, Pueblo holds its **Annual Chile & Frijoles Festival**, September 20-22, 2019. The festival is hosted by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. Every year, thousands pay homage to two of Pueblo's best-loved crops: green chilies and "frijoles" or Pinto Beans. The event features live entertainment, street vendors, cooking competitions, and chiles! You are able to camp up to 3 extra early days at the fairgrounds for \$25 per day starting September 20. Come early and enjoy the festival!

**During the rally**, you will be busy with informative seminars, shopping with a variety of vendors, meeting new and old friends, and enjoying many meals plus great entertainment. Don't forget to experience the colors, aromas, food and sights of a **Heritage Farm Tour** along the Pueblo countryside. Check out the flyer about this history filled and tasty tour. Golf carts are available for rent. Contact Clay McJunkins at [clay@milehighgolfcars.com](mailto:clay@milehighgolfcars.com).

Also, you need to make time to experience Pueblo's many attractions. Explore **The Historic Arkansas Riverwalk** located in beautiful downtown Pueblo, Colorado. Learn about the history of Pueblo and the 1921 flood while riding one of the excursion boats or walk the mile-long channel. **The Steelworks Museum** features exhibits related to all facets of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company and related industries' impacts on the American West. CF&I was a strong force in the development of the history of Pueblo and Southern Colorado. See why **Rosemount Museum** has been called "Colorado's Crown Jewel". Built in 1893, this 37-room mansion was home to the Thatcher family. Nearly all furnishings, accessories, decorative arts, paintings, custom paneling, as well as the wall and window treatments are original to the home.

A short drive from Pueblo are many more attractions such as **Pike's Peak** with 160 turns to the top, the **Air Force Academy's**, not to be missed, cadet lunch formation, **Royal Gorge Bridge & Railroad** in Canon City, **Seven Falls** 224-step stairway for a breath-taking view (or take the elevator), **Manitou Cliff Dwellings**, and the spectacular **Garden of the Gods**.

Again, to register for this fun-filled rally, click on **RALLIES** at the DOAI website and it will take you to the 2019 National Rally Online Registration Form. After completing the registration form, write a check for the total amount payable to **DOAI** and mail it to: Susan Sullivan, 2238 Emerald Circle, Morro Bay, CA, 93442. ❖

### HERITAGE FARM TOURS

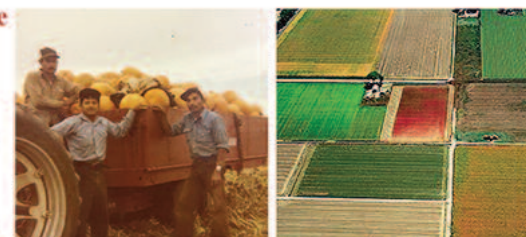
Sharing the abundance and legacy of Pueblo's five-generation farms.



Pueblo's farms are a joy to experience; the colors, aromas, food and sights are the result of generations of family experience. Our authentic roadside markets offer products from dry sausages, cheese, honey, ethnic foods and pastries made on site. Come and learn about our local farm life and history. Join us for the best the season has to offer, shop, taste, enjoy!

**All stops include: immigration history of farm families, activities and Shopping. The farmers love gifting tour guests with fruit and vegetables to take with them and, time allowing, they will stop and chat.**

- 8:30 a.m. Depart from fair grounds**
- 9:00 Arrive at Musso's Farm and Market, cart rides to the fields for vegetables.**
- 10:00 Depart**
- 10:15 Arrive Mauro's Farm and Bakery, sample Slovenian Potica (A nut roll and a staple among Pueblo's varied local foods) and other ethnic cookies.**
- 11:00 Depart**
- 11:15 Arrive at DiTomaso's, the oldest vegetable market in Pueblo County, Zinnia flower cutting and seed gathering.**
- 12:00 Depart for lunch.**



Photos clockwise from top: Musso Farms market, Colian Farm Stand (DiTomaso), Pueblo County fields, Rusler truck, DiTomaso pumpkins

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## 2020 Southeast Region Rally

The 2020 DOAI Southeast Region Rally will be held at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL, **arrival date on Monday, Jan 27th, 2020. Departure date is Sunday, Feb 2nd.** This major rally is open to all DOAI members. It includes technical and non-technical activities. The technical track is based on the highly regarded Camp Discovery series of seminars. The non-technical track includes general RV lifestyle seminars, crafts and activities.

This six-night rally will have four catered meals plus one pot luck dinner. We will have RV related vendors during Vendor Day, a Golf outing and entertainment. The nearby General RV dealer will host rally attendees for lunch and the opportunity to tour new Discovery motorhomes. They will provide a charter bus for transportation runs between Lazydays and General.

New for this rally we are using on-line registration with DOAI for this rally as well as the ability to pay the DOAI Rally fee portion through PayPal or by check. The DOAI portion is \$11 for each person in your coach plus \$15 for each Camp Discovery notebook ordered. Notebook contains a copy of all presentation material for note taking and reference. Highly recommended for first time Camp Discovery attendees or those who have not recently attended. Here is the link to the DOAI Rally Registration Form - 2020 SE Rally Registration Form. Use this form to register for the Rally.

**Those attending the rally must also call Lazydays directly at (800) 905-6627 to register with the campground.** Let them know you are attending the Discovery Owners Rally. You will pay Lazydays for camping and the rally meal package cost. Lazydays will collect the fee for your camp site and catered meals. Lazydays' costs, including tax, are: Two-person coach: \$429.77; One-person coach: \$364.67; Guests staying in your coach: \$65.10 per person. There is a maximum of two additional days at the rally rate of \$49.93 per day. They will hold your credit card on file. Their cancellation policy is on the above linked reservation form. We suggest you make the call to Lazydays as soon as possible. Lazydays has set aside sites for the rally till December 31, 2019. If you register after that date, call Lazydays first to see if a site is available.

If you also plan to attend the Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) rally that starts Jan 21st, let Lazydays know. They can register you for that rally and, hopefully, keep you on the same site for both rallies. There is a one-day break between FMA and DOAI rallies. Lazydays will charge you our special daily rally rate for that night's stay.

The FMA rally is more social than technical. One nice benefit of the FMA rally is the REV Rally Support Team is usually on-site and available to repair several issues. Labor is free and parts are significantly discounted. There is no guarantee the team will be there for 2020 but they have been for many years.

The 2020 DOAI SE Region rally truly has something for everyone. The technical information exchanged is unlike what you can find anywhere. It is a great way for new Discovery owners to quickly gain detailed information regarding key systems and equipment in their coach. The seminars are focused on Discovery coaches with model year specific information.

For those who have been through the technical portion or not interested in that side of the RV adventure, you will have a great variety of non-technical options daily. We want this to be a fun-filled time for everyone.

The rally master, Dick Tracy, and all members of the host chapter, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, are working hard to make this an outstanding experience for you. Take the leap today, click the link above and sign up now to be a part of **RVing the Wine”D”ing Road.** ❖

### Editor's Note by Kristy Green - Thank You

This newsletter is all about you, your chapters, your regions and your activities. If you have photographs of your latest rallies and chapter activities or done something special with your D, please submit them to your chapter president or secretary for possible inclusion with their quarterly report in the newsletter. Pictures should be high resolution, preferably jpeg, color and able to fit in an e-mail. Please identify people individually if the group is of 16 or fewer people. The next newsletter deadline for submissions is June 1, 2019. Questions or submissions can be sent to the editor at: [doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com).



Bob Cook

## Website Committee report

**WHAT THREE WORDS.** This is certainly a strange title for an article...but it is a great way to locate someone anywhere on Earth within 10 square feet.

Imagine you are at a Rally or at a huge event such as Quartzite and you need to direct your friends exactly to where you are. You could use your GPS and text them your coordinates, but that is a bit of a pain. Or, you could just open the WHAT3WORDS app on your phone to get your three-word location. As I write this, I am at `spices.padding.libraries`, which is my pool deck at my house in Florida. I just have to use the WHAT3WORDS app to position the grid to where my phone is and the app gives my three-word location. I can then give it to a friend to plug into the app to see where I am and also navigate to my location using any map app on their phone.

What3Words has taken the globe and divided it up into 57 trillion 3 meter by 3 meter grids (approximately 10'x10') and assigned each grid a unique three-word name. Obviously, this has great use wherever there are not standard addresses, but it is also a great alternative to avoid confusion even if there are addresses. Was that East or West Springfield? Was that Springfield Avenue, Drive, Street or Parkway?

What3Words is actually a navigation alternative on the Mercedes-Benz voice navigation system on their 2018 models and is used by package delivery services such as DHL. There are alternatives – Google Maps uses Plus Codes, but they are somewhat cryptic and not as easy to use. The only downside is that the What3Words app must be installed on your phone. ❖



Jeanne Stewart

## Book Club report

**T**hank you so much to the Florida Discovery Sunshiners Ladies for hosting the Book Club get together at the Southeast Camp Discovery Rally in Seffner, FL, especially Penny Smith.

We had a tent to host our event away from the noise and confusion of the rally hall. It was a bit chilly, but we had a propane heater. The discussion was lively and engaging. If you have not read [A Land Remembered](#) by Patrick D Smith, I highly recommend it. The connection between this book and the theme of the rally - the Florida Cracker - was perfect. We certainly had a better understanding of the Cracker history. We felt pretty smart when listening to the awesome poet

who was the evening entertainment one night. Thank you again to the Florida Discovery Sunshiners Ladies.

In talking with the Rally hosts for the National Rally in Colorado this September, Jim and Susan Sullivan, I volunteered to do a book club selection again. I am looking forward to gathering again with other interested readers.

I am good with leading the discussion, but I need people to participate. So, I thought this time we would give you, the participants, a choice in the book selection. I am staying with the theme of historical fiction. Here are the suggested selections:

[Centennial](#) by James Mitchner written in 1976 to commemorate the Bicentennial, a magnificent saga of the West, the glory of America's past, and the story of Colorado- the Centennial state. It's long, 1104 pages, but I would like to read it regardless, before I visit Colorado.

[The Lost Girls of Paris](#) by Pam Jenoff a remarkable story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female secret agents during WWII, published in 2019, 384 pages.

[The Ragged Edge of Night](#) by Olivia Hawkins is set in Nazi Germany, a powerful story of a priest turned husband turned resistance leader, published in 2018, 354 pages.

Please check these out and send me your favorite choice by May 31, 2019 so the results can be published in the July 1, 2019 issue of the Discovery Express. The book will be chosen by what the majority feels.

I need to hear from you, an e-mail or text would be great. Hope to hear from you my readers - men are welcome too. [zetapig@netsync.net](mailto:zetapig@netsync.net) or 716-679-6593. ❖

## DOAI Calendar of Important Dates

DOAI Calendar of Important Dates is available on the DOAI Website. This calendar is fluid with changes and updates made as they occur. If you are interested, this calendar can be found at:

<https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIImportantDates.pdf>

## Region and Chapter reports



Chapter prez  
Jim Pinkerton

### Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

As winter quickly winds down, many of us snow birds are planning to leave our winter hideouts and head back to our Northern base camps. Blue Ridge Discoverys (BRD) have had another great winter with a number of our members wintering in Central Florida. A few of us wintered at Florida Grande RV resort in Webster Florida. We started trickling into Florida Grande in November and by the Southeast Rally in Seffner, we had 9 BRD coaches in the park. Other Discovery owners were also at FG Resort. At the end of January there were 19 Discovery coaches in the resort. Some of our members went to the FMA rally in Seffner and a number of us joined them for the DOAI Southeast rally. The Florida Sunshiners really put on a great rally. The food and entertainment was great. As always, many thanks go to Marshall, Gary and the other presenters for the seminars they work so hard to organize. After the Seffner rallies we headed back to Florida Grande. For a couple of weeks we had 15 BRD coaches parked at FG Resort. This included 2 coaches we gained after they purchased 2019 Discoverys and were exposed to BRD and learned of the great support group that comes with belonging to DOAI as Discovery owners.

Another of our members stayed at a different park close by, so they were able to join us in our happy hour gatherings. We have played a lot of golf, socialized and helped each other with coach issues. We also celebrated BRD members Bob and Glenda Angus's 50th wedding anniversary.

Most of us will leave FG on March 1. We will meet again in Sevierville TN, April 28 to May 5, for our Spring Rally. This will be a working rally for us as we start planning in preparation for the 2020 DOAI National Rally in Sevierville. Although we call it a working rally, we will still find time to have as much fun as we always do at our rallies. We are starting to make plans for DOAI 2019 National in Pueblo Colorado in late September. Some of us are planning to head west a few weeks early and play tourist. We are planning to stage together, as a club, in Colorado Springs a couple of days before the national. After the rally, we are planning a rolling rally back east with a couple of stops and ending in a four-day rally in St. Louis at the Casino Queen in East St. Louis. Anyone who would like to join us please let myself or our rally master, Tim Ridgley, know. Our St. Louis rally will end on October 6, departing October 7.

Blue Ridge membership continues to grow. At the end of February we were at 56 coaches, an increase of 13 coaches from February last year. I would like to welcome new chapter members, Tom and Toni Abel, who joined us in February.

To all DOAI members, travel safe from Blue Ridge Discovery. ❖



Southwest Region VP  
Jim Sullivan

### Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

A rowdy contingent from Discovery California made it back to Indian Waters RV Resort in Indio, California for a New Year's Eve Celebration. The plan was to kick back, watch some football, and howl at the moon while dancing and romancing in the New Year. The fun-loving attendees included Bob & Anita Zantos, Herb & Sheri Rikelman, Frank & Fonda Petronzio, Paul & Cheryl Stein and the Randazzo's (Joe & Irene, Mike & Jenn, and Joe's daughter, Rose Marie, and her husband Bill).

As with all of the Discovery California events, food is a big deal. As always there is an overabundance of great food and this potluck was no different. For the New Year's Day potluck, Mike Randazzo wooed everyone by smoking a duck on his Traeger. Paul Stein attempted to organize a Cornhole Tournament, but the fun and game was cut short by the cold, wind, and rain sprinkles.

Great fun was had by all at the New Year's Eve dinner/dance party hosted by the resort. Part of the evening's entertainment included a Casino Night. Frank, Jenn, Mike, Bill and Herb played Craps while Irene had fun playing roulette! While all this was going on, Paul and Cheryl showed that they really can cut a rug out on the dance floor. There is a rumor floating around, that is completely unsubstantiated, that Frank and Fonda led a Conga Line followed by Bob Zantos wearing a lamp shade on his head.

Our next rally was at Quartzsite, January 23-28th. Quartzsite is definitely an event one should experience, known as the "Desert Phenomenon", Quartzsite draws over 2 million visitors every year. All of these visitors start coming in early January and, for the most part, are gone by March. With all of these visitors, Quartzsite is truly the RV Boondocking Capital of the World. Not that everyone boondocks, there are hotels and full hookup RV parks, but the hills and desert landscape is dotted with RV's everywhere one looks.

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## Region and chapter reports, continued

This year the Discovery California group stayed right across the street from the Big Tent at the Rice Ranch RV Park. The group included Herb & Sheri Rikelman, Paul & Cheryl Stein, Mike & Jenn Randazzo, Dave & Joan McCoy, and Bill & Linda Johnson.

Anything and everything one could ever need for an RV or the RV lifestyle is in Quartzsite. In fact Herb tells us, "Quartzite was great fun. We shopped 'till we dropped. Bought things we didn't know we needed."

Susan and I drove across the country to Seffner, Florida to attend Camp Discovery. It was important for us to find out what DOAI National's plans are for the 2019 National Rally, since we are going to be the rally hosts and it was to be held in the Southwest Region and all. The DOAI Board of Directors elected to have the National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado. (I believe the DOAI BOD is geographically challenged since Colorado isn't in the southwest.)

We had a great time and were joined by Robin & Jim Hadcock, members of California Discovery from Ontario, Canada. The Florida Discovery Sunshiners did a great job hosting this well attended rally. Prior to DOAI's Camp Discovery, the FMA had its rally in Seffner, also at Lazydays RV Resort.

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*Herb Rikelman and Paul Stein compete in Corn Hole Tournament*



*Mike Randazzo's Duck the Traegar Way*



*Sheri Rikelman, Cheryl Stein, Sheriff, Jenn Randazzo and Fonda Petronzio celebrating New Year's Eve*



*RV Show at Quartzsite, AZ with Paul & Cheryl Stein, David & Joan McCoy, Sheri & Herb Rikelman, Jenn & Mike Randazzo, and Bill & Linda Johnson*



*Discovery California New Year's Eve dinner with friends*



## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Judy Jo Bruton

### Discovery Texans chapter

The New Year got off to a cold and blustery start for our January rally in Murchison, Texas at the Stay A While RV Park. The park was under new ownership and still undergoing renovations but the staff was able to accommodate and help when asked. Our rally master, Don Griffith, was able to arrange for all 17 coaches to be parked close together.

Our hosts for this rally, Norman and Brenda Millsaps and Michael and Peggy Bingham did a fantastic job of providing wonderful food and fellowship. Friday and Saturday breakfasts and dinners prepared by our hosts were outstanding and so appreciated. Our hosts also provided us with a Potato Bar with all the fixings on Wednesday evening. Our members supplied our Thursday Potluck with so much food we shared it for lunch the next day. Our members are super!

Speaking of our members, we “welcomed” three new couples;

Dave and Barbra Turkal, Jack and Pam McKelvy and Michaela and Dawn Green. Thank you for choosing the Discovery Texans.

Thursday morning is the technical meeting for our members who wish to discuss issues with their coaches and brainstorm resolutions. We have a wonderful base of knowledge in our group. The gentlemen worked throughout the rally helping to find solutions to problems with coaches. Thursday afternoon is the time the ladies of our club get together to have refreshments and share a craft. In January we learned how to finger knit a scarf with the loopy yarn. Cindy Welch and Linda Griffith were so kind and patient while instructing our ladies.

On Friday and Saturday some folks spent the day visiting the area attractions, while others stayed behind to play games and visit in the rally hall. For the evening entertainment we enjoyed a series of Movie Nights: Friday we viewed RV starring Robin Williams and Saturday we had a double feature. First we watched *The Long Long Trailer* with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, followed by an exciting NFC playoff game featuring the Cowboys (because what would an evening be without Cowboy football?). Ok, ok, we also watched the NFL Divisional playoffs between the Colts and the Chiefs on Saturday afternoon. Of course popcorn and candy was readily available for everyone’s enjoyment.

We had four couples attend Camp Discovery. Many thanks for informative and useful information for all attendees.

Our next rally will be May 1-4 in Fredericksburg, Texas at The Vineyards of Fredericksburg. Think about attending, as our guest, for this rally. The beautiful hill country is always a big draw and the bluebonnets will be exceptional after all the rain.

Our 2019 Rallies:

May 1-4 The Vineyards of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Texas

Nov 6-9 Antique Capital RV Park, Gladewater, Texas

If you wish to join us for any of these rallies please fill out a guest reservation request and send it to our Treasurer, Linda Griffith. We plan our rallies Wednesday through Saturday departing on Sunday. You will find the guest form on the DOAI website or contact any member for assistance. Safe travels everyone!!! *Submitted by Susan Smith.* ❖



Our Camp Discovery attendees were: Ricky & Debbie Keen, Michael & Brenda Keen, Inger & Joachim Gaethe and Judy Jo & Harry Bruton.

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
John Hooper

### Midwest Discoverers chapter

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.

Jeanne Stewart has developed our first Newsletter, and what a great job she did!! It is informative, entertaining and even has "Camping Tips" included. What a super Newsletter!!

Our chapter is making the most of the great opportunity to use the DOAI National Website 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 website that is not there, please let the president know.

**Midwest Discoverers Spring 2019 Rally** Dates: June 16th (check in 1:00p.m.) through Friday, June 21st (depart – June 22nd, check out noon)

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

Reservations: 419-797-9907

Port Clinton provides lots of activities and points of interest. The Rally Fee is to be determined. It will include daily continental breakfast and one evening casual dinner at the Mon Ami Winery. If time permits a cruise on the Goodtime may be included. 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 in a back-in spot. Check out Cedarlane website for information, directions, and much more.

If you own a National Parks and Federal Recreational Land Sr. Pass, be sure to bring it along as it will give you free access to Perry's Memorial, a nearby attraction. ❖



Chapter prez  
Larry Hawkins

### D'Zonas chapter

The D'Zonas have once again ventured into Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. The trip went well with five rigs making the journey. Attending were Larry and Cathy Hawkins, Gary and Patty Velazquez, the newlyweds - Becky and Jerry Timberlake, Larry and Debbie German, and Mel and Barb Courtney. The D'Zonas are planning two more rallies this year, including a rolling rally to Moab, Utah. Watch for more info on these rallies at a later date.

We arrived at The Reef RV Park and set up. Cathy and I had a nice view and Gary and Patty Velazquez set up in a scenic oceanfront site. Everyone ventured downtown and much to our surprise we had the place to ourselves. (That changed overnight and the next day we could barely find parking and the streets were crowded.) We later settled in for a great lunch. Cathy and I had some painting and cracked fiberglass repaired on our rig. Later in the day we were downtown again where Patty Velazquez and Becky Timberlake purchased new jewelry. Oh, did I mention we had a great breakfast buffet at the campground before heading out for the day? Debbie German and Jerry Timberlake lead the line for the start of a good morning. Gary and Patty were having a window repaired, so they decided golfing with Larry German would be a good activity for the day. The rest of us milled about; Mel and Barb Courtney went hiking, some folks headed to the fish market, and others just enjoyed a leisurely day. We all came together on Valentines evening for a great Italian dinner at Mar Blue. I hear the lamb was particularly good. The next morning it was back in Old Town, where, if you buy a drink

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you get a free breakfast. Bloody Mary's... what a way to start the day in Mexico. During the trip Becky and Jerry Timberlake had new roofing material and coating installed and a bay door repaired and painted on their Discovery. After a bit of shopping, that included everyone stocking up on shrimp to take home, we met yet again for another meal at a great Mexican restaurant, The Captains Table, which sits high on a hill overlooking town and the Sea of Cortez. What a great time.

We are planning this event again for next year or quite possibly a journey into Baja California. Let us know if you are interested. ❖



*Patty Velazquez and Becky Timberlake purchased new jewelry*



*Debbie German and Jerry Timberlake are leading the line at the breakfast buffet*



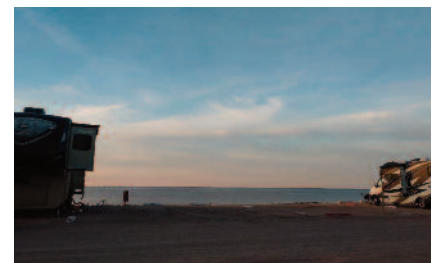
*Valentines dinner Italian style at Mar Blue*



*With great food for all*



*Gary and Patty's rig has a window repair*



*Arrival and set up at the Reef RV Park - Scenic oceanfront sites*



*Paint and Repairs*



*Downtown Puerto Peñasco*



*Great lunch*



*Back in town for a free Bloody Mary Breakfast (you buy the Bloody Mary and the Breakfast is free), Yum!*



*Becky and Jerry Timberlake had new roofing material and coating installed on their D*



*At the Captain's Table*

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Marshall Goodwin

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

The Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter was well represented at the 2019 SE Region Rally. It was a busy and fun-filled time at Lazydays RV Resort. During the chapter business meeting we continued to refine plans to host next years' SE Rally. The contract with Lazydays is in place and the board approved the budget. The rally information and the registration form can be found online at the DOAI website under the Next Rally link. (See the Summary of Links box in this issue on page 22).

The chapter's Spring rally is scheduled for April 24-28 at Chickahominy Riverfront Park, Williamsburg, VA. Dennis Kiser and Donna Crinklaw have done a wonderful job setting up this rally. Plans include an Alpaca farm tour, a visit and tour of the Jamestown Glass Factory, a special presentation on the Jamestown Settlement, and dinner at the famous Pierces BBQ with evening entertainment by the Route 5 Ramblers. You don't need to be a chapter member to attend. Call the park to reserve a site, 757-258-5020, and let Donna know you plan to attend, send email to: [Dlcrinklaw@gmail.com](mailto:Dlcrinklaw@gmail.com). Additional details are posted on the chapter rally page of the DOAI website.

On a sad note, we lost a long-time member and friend, Alice Ricciardi, in February. Alice and John have been active DOAI and Mason-Dixon chapter members for many years. May her memory be a Blessing to all who knew her. ❖



Chapter prez  
Glenn Magnuson

### Northwest Adventurers chapter

Greetings from the Northwest Adventurers. We have completed our vote for officers. The results are as follows.

President	Glenn Magnuson
Vice-president	Dave Hinds
Secretary	Julie Chaffee
Treasurer	Becky Hazen

We are looking forward to our upcoming April rally in Prosser WA. Watch our website [nwadoai.com](http://nwadoai.com) for upcoming events. ❖



Chapter prez  
Bruce Plumb

### Ozarks Discovery chapter

The Ozarks Discovery Chapter was well represented at Camp Discovery 2019 in Seffner, FL. 8 coaches were present, with the possibility of gaining another new member. We had a short meeting and discussed the two rallies planned for 2019. The first one will be a rolling rally in Michigan beginning May 28. The second rally is scheduled to be in Mountain View, AR October 10-13, 2019 at the Mountain View RV Park.

We also learned that the 2019 National DOAI Rally will be held September 23-29 in Pueblo, Colorado. Make plans to attend all three if you can. ❖



*Left to right : Brenda & Mike Keen, Ricky & Debbie Keen, Gary & Nancy (not pictured) Klemmer, Carol & Greg Holbrook, Karen & Randy Kemp, Chris & Don Muskoph, Derek Bernett, and Mary & Randy Conklen*

## Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

### Noreaster Discoverys chapter

Many Noreaster Discoverys attended the Southeast Rally in January. We had a great turnout with ten coaches in attendance. The seminars, women's program, food and entertainment were just fantastic. I heard Elvis was in the house, but I can't say I know anything about that. Tuesday found us at Clearwater Beach for a dolphin cruise. It was interesting to watch those dolphins chase our boat and play in its wake. Afterwards we went to Frenchy's to sample local fresh seafood – it was a good day with great people.

In June some of our members will be attending the Midwest Discoverers Rally in Port Clinton, Ohio. Many of our members also belong to the Midwest chapter.

In September, we will be hosting our Fall Rally in Mystic, CT. More information will be out about this rally soon, so keep the dates of September 9th – 13th, open. I'd like to encourage anyone who hasn't been to a Rally to come out and join us. You'll have a great time and make many new friends.

Finally, we'd like to welcome our newest members:

Stephen and Shirley Krupp & Peter and Shirley Fleckenstein

We are so glad to have you as new members, Welcome! Safe travels everyone. ❖



Noreaster Discoverys at the SE Region Rally - Camp Discovery in Seffner, FL.



Dolphin Cruise in Clearwater Beach, FL



Oh No! Elvis has left the building!

## Update to Nina Soltwedel's 2018 National Rally Presentation

If you received or downloaded a copy of Nina Soltwedel's 2018 National Rally presentation about her brother, a WWII fighter pilot, she recently made several important historical corrections to the first section. She can email a corrected version to you, if you wish. Contact her at [nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com).



## Useful Links

DOAI Website Home Page: [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com)

DOAI Chapter Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters.htm>

DOAI Rally Information Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm>

DOAI Consolidated Rally Schedule: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/rallyschedule.pdf>

DOAI Calendar of Important Dates: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIImportantDates.pdf>

DOAI Express Newsletter sign in page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/login1.asp?stat=2&attempted-Page=https://www.discoveryowners.com/news.asp>

DOAI Useful Links on website: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/links.htm>

Discovery Hints and Tips: [www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp](http://www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp)

President Ron's Favorite Place email: [discovery@rvfunhome.com](mailto:discovery@rvfunhome.com)

## Quarterly Question Contest Rules

Each issue of Discovery Express will feature a question on the front page, and the answer will appear somewhere within. Find the answer and submit the response. A drawing from all correct responses will be made, and the winner will receive a year's free membership in DOAI.

### Contest Details

1. The quarterly question will appear on the front page of Discovery Express. The answer to each quarter's question will be a word or a year. It will not be highlighted in any way except that, if the answer is a proper noun, it will be capitalized. It will be contained somewhere within the newsletter.
2. Entries are to be emailed to Nina Soltwedel ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)) and must contain:
  - a. The member's name and contact information
  - b. The page number where the answer is found
  - c. The complete sentence in which the answer is contained.
3. All DOAI members are eligible to participate. A member is a coach, thus one entry per coach per quarter. A member is limited to one win each calendar year.
5. The contest will open the first day of the month of that issue and close the fifteenth day of the succeeding month of that quarter. Entries may not be submitted until the first day of a quarter (January, April, July, October), and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter (February, May, August, November). Responses received before the opening date will be disqualified.
6. The receipt of an entry will be acknowledged via email. One winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries.
7. The succeeding issue will name the previous quarter's winner and announce the new question.
8. The DOAI Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time.



If you have any questions about the contest, please contact Nina ([nina.soltwedel@gmail.com](mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com)). ❖

## Summary Of Links

### Summary of Links found in this issue of Discovery Express:

For links to all rally registration forms: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm>

For SE Region rally registration forms: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTlzA1WRaGr4W-Booyud4lpw4RAh2WRm\\_LPxHIWU38K48Nxg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTlzA1WRaGr4W-Booyud4lpw4RAh2WRm_LPxHIWU38K48Nxg/viewform)

For the National Rally registration form: <https://www.discoveryowners.com> or

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbdy\\_aPt8m0uEFEkytN9wGR7NrddCGTSpLmoR3JycExpA-JLw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbdy_aPt8m0uEFEkytN9wGR7NrddCGTSpLmoR3JycExpA-JLw/viewform)

For full DOAI Board Meeting Minutes: <http://www.discoveryowners.com/BOD.pdf>

For the Southeast Region Rally General meeting minutes: <http://www.discoveryowners.com/GM.pdf>

DOAI Calendar of Important Dates: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIImportantDates.pdf>

For Discovery Texans Chapter Members rally form: <http://www.discoveryowners.com/dtexrally.htm>.

For Non-Discovery Texans Chapter Members i.e.: Guests registering for a Discovery Texans rally event:

<http://discoveryowners.com/DTEXGUEST.pdf>

Northwest Adventurers website: [www.nwadoai.com](http://www.nwadoai.com)