



## From the President



Dick Tracy

We are thankfully beginning to see some light at the end of the proverbial tunnel regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted all our lives and our RVing! Hopefully, all of you are safe and most of you have been able to obtain or are scheduled for the vaccines for COVID-19.

We **ARE** going to be holding our 2021 National Rally this fall. Information on the rally is covered elsewhere in this issue of the Discovery Express. If you have not already made your reservations, please do so soon. We can all look forward to this being a great National Rally where we can return DOAI to being the fun and camaraderie group that we have always enjoyed! I want to thank the host Blue Ridge Chapter members who are working diligently to ensure a great time will be had by all.

Donna Crinklaw has accepted the position as our new Membership Coordinator, and she will be assisted by Le Brightman. The turnover of the Membership duties to these two very qualified volunteers will take place over the next two months by John Baker who has been filling in the vacancy that was created due to the unfortunate passing of Elaine Holly. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank John for all the time and effort he has and is continuing to give to ensure the continuity of the Membership Coordinator duties. We can all assist the Membership team by making timely payment of our DOAI member dues, and by remembering to update your DOAI membership information when you have any change to your email address or phone numbers.

As always, I regularly monitor the postings on both our DOAI Technical and the Lifestyles Groups. I am continually amazed and greatly thankful for the outstanding knowledge sharing that occurs daily on these groups. Both groups demonstrate the value and benefit of DOAI membership as well as clearly show the truly fine people we have in DOAI who are willing to share their knowledge and assist anyone to solve problems and answer questions. If you are not a subscriber to these e-groups I strongly encourage you to join them.

Many of our chapters are resuming their Chapter Rallies for 2021 and I wish all of them have great weather and fun events. Chapters are the heart and soul of DOAI for many of our members and I urge everyone to take advantage of belonging to one or more DOAI Chapters. I hope to see many of you at our National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, and wish everyone a safe return to our DOAI RVing lifestyle as we put the pandemic in our rearview mirrors!

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John Baker

## VP of Development & Temporary Membership Coordinator

COVID has touched every one of us. It interrupted our lives and had tremendously negative affect on our economy. It caused intense pain and loss to many who have contracted it or have lost loved ones or friends to it. Certainly the lost ones will never be forgotten. However, the development, approval, and distribution of at least three vaccines provides hope that the pandemic itself will soon recede into the depths of our memories. The board of directors certainly doesn't want to cancel another rally because of it. Keep masking, washing hands, and practicing social distancing. Most importantly if you have not been vaccinated please consider doing so as soon as you can. Experts urge us to not worry about which vaccine...take the first available.

As you likely know our wonderful long-term Membership Coordinator, Elaine Holley, passed from this life in September. She will be missed tremendously. I volunteered to pick up her functions temporarily. Webmaster Robert Orr has been a tremendous help in this endeavor. He has made countless changes to the membership databases, converting them to one huge Google Worksheet and rearranging them to be more useful and meaningful.

In the last newsletter I asked for someone to step up to the plate on a permanent basis. Our membership is filled with talented and willing folks who help make things work. We did not have a SINGLE volunteer....we had TWO! Starting soon, I will begin bringing them on board in preparation for their learning all the ropes and taking up the mantle going forward.

TA-DAH...Drumroll, please! Donna Crinklaw and Le Brightman are the winners in the Membership Coordinator Sweepstakes. Donna is a long-term member from Williamsburg, Virginia. Le is a relatively new member and full-timer based in Conroe, Texas. Welcome and thank you so much, ladies. This is an interesting and challenging position. I know you will make a GREAT team !

Wishing everyone safe travels and hoping to see you soon.

Our new and reinstated members are listed on the following page.

*John*

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## Temporary Membership Coordinator (Continued)



**Congratulations.** There is no recruiting tool better than the recommendation of a member. When three new members report that you recruited them, the Board grants you a free year on your membership. AND there is no limit on how many free years you can earn. There is a little “hiccup” in this program due to Elaine’s death: we don’t have records prior to February 2020 to apply here. So – all counts had to start over at that point.

We have two winners to announce. Kerry Pinkerton and Mike Ford have each brought in three new members. Some members have two credits, and several have one. As we get out on the road more, talk to other “D” owners and sign them up.

Tony/Nancy Adams, Satellite Beach, FL  
 Gregory/Connie Albers, Silverton, OR  
 John/Lynda Alguire, London, Ontario Canada  
 John/Lori Asmus, Prior Lake, MN  
 Jerry/Donna Beyer, West Salem, WI  
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 Jr/Trinese Bolding, Calhan, CO  
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 George/Helen, Brown, Punta Gorda, FL  
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 Joe/Ruth Dunnaway, Great Bend, KS  
 Paul/Lynne Erickson, Calgary, AB  
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 Jeff/Kim Franks, Chatham, IL  
 Doug/Sandi Gokey, Oxford, CT  
 Claude/Manon Gravel, Terrebonne, Quebec Canada  
 Jerry/Sherry Grinstead, Fort Mohave, AZ  
 Tony/Laura Gunter, Elko, NE  
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Kjell/Joana Harshman, Clayton, CA  
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 Kevin/Brenda Louie, Fresno, CA  
 Colter Lovette, Palisade, CO  
 Jerry Meharg/WendyDavis, Hemphil, TX  
 Charles/Penny Metzkes, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL  
 Greg Miller/Lisa Bourg, Jennings, LA  
 Feliberto/Andrea Molinero, Port Charlotte, FL  
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 Don/Madlyn Reeves, Surprise, AZ  
 David/Elizabeth Rummens, Grants Pass, OR  
 Mickey/Sheran Simmons, Shelby, NC  
 Jim/Danine Smedley, Hot Springs, AR  
 Tom/Linda Sullivan, Moneta, VA  
 Graham/Kelly Webster, Monterey, TN  
 Rick/Kimberly Williams, Tempe, AZ  
 Mike Woods, Goodlettsville, TN



Cindy Welch

### Secretary

This is wishing everyone has survived the cold weather and snow with plans to be vaccinated for COVID. Take special care. Cindy



## National Rally Master



Fred Jecks

**G**ood news: The registration link for the [DOAI National Rally](#) in Sevierville, Tennessee, is up on the DOAI website. After the link was posted for one week, 25 coaches had already registered. I suspect we are going to have a great turnout this year, as many of us are tired of quarantining at home for over a year. The rally is scheduled for September 20-26, 2021, at [The Ridge Outdoor Resort](#). The entertainment and food are already planned, and the rally is in an area with plenty of fun things to do and see. We are still working on the seminars and vendors, but it is taking shape to be one of our best, fun-filled national rallies.

I hope to see you there—Fred

## Southeast Region Vice President



SE Region VP  
Kerry Pinkerton

**W**ow, what a year 2020 was. I doubt that anyone EVER thought we'd go through anything like it. Rallies cancelled, lock downs, shortages, not seeing family and friends, masks...total weirdness.

Obviously, everyone knows by now that this year's Camp Discovery was cancelled. What everyone may not know is that the Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) held their rally at LazyDays at the normal time...the week before Camp Discovery would have been. LazyDays and FMA bent over backward to provide a safe environment and was successful. I've heard of no reports of any mass infections or problems related to the rally. Food was SERVED by masked and gloved LazyDays staff in a tent to attendees sitting 4-6 to a table with 6 feet between tables. Seminars were held in the rally hall and everyone was spaced out and masked. I went to Seffner to provide several seminars and felt very comfortable. To me, the FMA rally was a light at the end of the tunnel.

Regional clubs have held or are going to be holding rallies this spring and I'm sure everyone will still be cautious. Careful may be the new normal for all of us. Planning is in full swing for the [National Rally](#) in Sevierville Tennessee September 20-26, 2021.

Thirteen plus coaches of the host chapter, Blue Ridge Discoverys, spent time at the Florida Grande Resort. When we weren't trying to get vaccinated, time was dedicated to confirming plans for the rally. [Registration](#) is open on the DOAI website. Payment is not due until late **August**. It's important to register so we can plan for seminars and food. There will be a full day of seminars and we're trying to plan sessions to fit the folks who attend.

RV sales are through the roof. Inventory is way down on all types of RVs, especially towables. COVID restrictions have impacted factories and Decatur is no exception. These days every manufacturing company is dependent on their vendors and all of them are also impacted by various restrictions around the country/world. For example, when furniture is delayed, Decatur can't install the slides in new coaches. The long and short of it is that things are much delayed and product shortages are common. In talking to friends with other brands, things like rooftop heat pumps are simply not available.

Things are getting better and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the road.

**Kerry Pinkerton, '06 39LK, Harvest, Al**



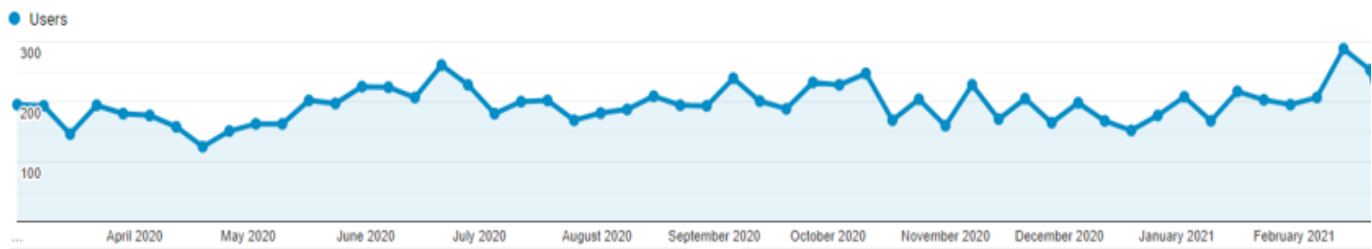
Robert Orr

## Webmaster

Greetings all! I hope 2021 is treating you well. There are no major changes to the website to report this quarter. Please review the below account and do not hesitate to [email me](#) for anything DOAI web related. *All data reported is a 12 months snapshot from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and is provided by Google Analytics®.*

### Website Traffic – Top 5 Web Pages:

Traffic to the website remains steady with no major spikes or dips over the past 12 months:



The top five pages visited are: Home; Hints; egroup; classifieds, and memtest (where you "log in" to check your membership status). The Hints & Tips pages are still very popular. There are currently over 320 individual web pages and over 90 downloadable documents available. Some of the recent additions are:

How to add a [mini split HVAC](#) system to your D – Submitted by Kerry Pinkerton

How to replace the [temperature sensor](#) on an Onan 7.5Kw generator model HDKAJ – Submitted by Rick Fadler

**REVISED** [Comprehensive Guide to Winterizing and De-Winterizing](#) – Multiple Authors

Installing a [wireless weather station](#) - Submitted by Frank Miller

Remember, if you have a tip you think other DOAI members could benefit from, visit the [DOAI Hints & Tips](#) page for instructions on submitting your information - It's super simple!

It is good to see the Classifieds page in the top five visited pages and it appears the page is still providing extra value to your DOAI membership. Remember, if you have **anything** RV related you would like to sell, visit the [DOAI Classifieds](#) page for instructions on how to submit your ad. It's easy and free!

### Web Page Redesign Statistics:

The last redesign of our web page is being skewed towards a more mobile and tablet friendly design and it appears to be helping. However, desktop users still account for the majority of the web traffic @ 62.9%, mobile phones for 30.2%, and Tablets 7.0%. If you have any suggestions for improving the mobile design or any experience on the website, do not hesitate to email your suggestion to [me](#).

Safe travels, stay healthy and I hope to see you all at this year's DOAI National Rally in Sevierville! For more information about the Rally and to register, visit the [DOAI Website](#)



## Region and Chapter Reports



President  
Jim Pinkerton

### Blue Ridge Discoverys

Another winter season is quickly winding down and spring will be here before we know it. Blue Ridge Discoverys have finalized planning for the National Rally in Sevierville. The registration went live on February 14<sup>th</sup> and as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 30 coaches have registered. There have been a few questions as to what the rally fee includes. It includes everything that happens at the resort - Site fees, three full meals plus one full breakfast, and one continental breakfast. Fees also include entertainment, along with a day of seminars. The additional fees are the bus tour, Hatfield and McCoy, Pirates Voyage and golf. Once you have registered, the registrar will take it from there. You do **NOT** need to contact the resort. Also make sure you indicate on the registration if you want to park with your chapter or if you need a handicap space. There are activities for children available. The resort has a swimming pool and play area with swings and other equipment. Also the Dollywood Theme Park is right down the road.

Over the last five-plus years a few of our Blue Ridge members have wintered at Florida Grande RV Resort in Webster, Florida. Each year we see an additional member or two stay for the season. Most of us have been renting our sites. This year eight Blue Ridge coaches have purchased lots at Florida Grande. There were already two owners here. There are six additional BRD coaches that are renting for the season. Other Blue Ridgers are expected for shorter stays. Most of us will stay until April 18<sup>th</sup> and depart for our Spring rally in Conway, South Carolina, on April 20<sup>th</sup>. From there most of us will head to our home base.

Eleven coaches with a mix of Blue Ridge and Ozark members are heading to the Northeast on August 18<sup>th</sup> turning at Niagara Falls and working our way down the East coast ending at the National Rally in Sevierville.

Blue Ridge membership is now at 61 coaches with four new members since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome to the club Cherie Boice and Ned Stedman, Roger and Judy Davis, James and Mary Kay Knapp, and Randy and Gale Starita.

I hope to see many of you at the DOAI National Rally in Sevierville.

Safe Travels.

Jim Pinkerton



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Night view of Florida Grande RV Resort, Webster, FL

Blue Ridge Discoverys (Continued)

(Photos courtesy of Jim Pinkerton)



Blue Ridge Discoverys enjoy a “low country boil” outside the clubhouse at Florida Grande



The cook, Tom Leydic, watches as Bill Humphrey, Kathy Ridgely and Glenda Angus fill their plates



21 Jan 2021, Seffner, FL, FMA Rally Tent

## Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Southwest Region VP-  
Discovery California  
Jim Sullivan

### Discovery California – Southwest Region VP

Discovery California is planning a rally in Chula Vista (South of San Diego) March 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Most of us should have completed their first dose of the vaccine so we ought to be mostly safe. Susan has been working hard to organize the rally events around St Patrick’s Day, and we will have another Cornhole tournament during the event. We are excited about getting the band back together after the 2020 confinement.

#### Discovery California plans for 2021

Chula Vista RV Resort,	March 15 -18, 2021
Black Oak Casino & RV Park Rally	April 29-May 3, 2021
National Rally in Sevierville, TN	September 20-26, 2021
Pechanga RV Resort	November 7-11, 2021

During the Pechanga Rally we will be having our annual membership and election of new officers meeting that was postponed last year. There has been a suggestion we revisit the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, June 3-6, 2021. We are hoping that we can arrange another rally in the Borrego area perhaps in the fall. Jim

### Florida Discovery Sunshiners



Chapter prez  
Bruce Bruce

There are six Discovery Sunshiners that are attending the FMCA rally in Perry, Georgia. We'll spend the night at Carols Meat and Sausage parking lot then travel to the Perry Campground the next day.

I do not have an itinerary yet; but will let you know of our activities and where we go. We are to be there on the 10th of March. I'm undertaking security and am a handicapped driver volunteer. I hope to get the RV out of the shop as it's been there for 4 months for body and mechanical work (sensor in throttle) an engine off fault code. It was ordered Monday from Atlanta. Oh, Well Situation Normal!!

Regards, Bruce

### Region and 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
- Hints and Tips

- DOAI Membership Sponsors
- DOAI Information/Invitation for Non-Members
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- National Rally information and registration form
- Regional Rally information and registration form
- and so much more ....



## Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Chapter prez  
Marshall Godwin

### Mason Dixon Discoverys

Our chapter lost one of its founding members recently. Ron Kiebler passed away after several years of failing health. Ron and Alice were present on that rainy day on June 5th, 2004, when we gathered at Candy Hill Campground in Winchester, Virginia, to determine if we wanted to form a new DOAI chapter. It turned out to be an historic day, not because of the birth of the Mason Dixon Discoverys, but because it was the day Ronald Reagan died.

There was a small number of coaches there so most attendees were elected to a chapter office. Ron was the first Wagon Master. Jim and Dorothy Devine represented DOAI. Jim was the founder of DOAI and is currently Founder/President Emeritus. He doesn't have a problem remembering his DOAI number—it's 1.

I called Alice to express our sympathy over Ron's death and to reflect on the many good times we shared with the DOAI family.

Plans are moving forward with our June chapter rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. The campground recently told our co-host, John Ricciardi, that four sites remain open. If you intend to go please call the campground directly to reserve a site, then let me know your site number and arrival date. The name of the campground has changed to Sun Outdoors Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, but everything else remains the same. You can find additional rally information [HERE](#)—our chapter rally information is on the [DOAI website](#).

Online registration recently opened for this year's [DOAI National Rally](#), "Discovering the Blue Ridge Mountains," will also be in Sevierville, Tennessee, starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. You may view the working schedule and register using links on the [DOAI homepage](#).

Spring is almost here. Time to de-winterize your "D" and get on the road. Becky and I just finished the Florida portion of our winter trip today. We are in lower Alabama for two weeks before returning to Virginia with a stopover in Tennessee for a granddaughter's engagement celebration.

Stay safe. Hope to see you at the upcoming chapter rally. Marshall Godwin



Sun Outdoors Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, TN

## Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

### Midwest Discoverers



Chapter Prez  
Chris Wooddell

As I write this, the last remnants of the white stuff on the ground here in my part of Ohio is slowly melting away. That along with the slowly increasing availability of a COVID vaccine for those who want it, and new COVID infection and hospitalization rates in Ohio declining, gives hope for warm weather and a return to normalcy. With that said the Spring and Fall Rally plans are in full swing and Dianne and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Dayton and meeting our new members. Speaking of new members, we would like to welcome Jim Miller and Tamara Bonhotel, David and Annette Roeth, and Robert and Azile Mescher to Midwest Discoverers.

The June rally will be in the Dayton Ohio, area June 6-11<sup>th</sup>. The Rally campground is the [Dayton KOA](#), Brookville, OH, (800) 562-3317. We have sites set aside for the Midwest Discoverers. Several members have already made reservations so please call the Dayton KOA and make your reservations if you are planning to attend.

One of the highlights on the agenda for the June Rally is a visit to the official Museum of the US Air Force. It is the largest and oldest military aviation museum in the world. Check it out at [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil). Other details and venues are being finalized and will be posted on the DOAI website soon.

Phil Skiff and John Hooper have been working on the fall Rally and report that preliminary reservations are in place for the Midwest Chapter Fall Rally in the Detroit Area. We've obtained fifteen sites, #146-161, at Camp Dearborn, in Milford Michigan, for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are leaving on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, staying for six nights. The weekly rate of \$210.00 we are receiving is the same cost for seven nights, Anyone who would like to stay the extra night may leave on Sunday.

It is expected that Chapter members will be able to make formal reservations starting in March with a cut-off of June 1<sup>st</sup>. More information will be provided soon.



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

### Noreaster Discoverys

Well folks not a lot to report as we have been in lock down as many of you have. Hopefully, we are on the road to better things, and we will get to see our Discovery friends soon – we miss you. Hope everyone is ok, Jeanne has had both vaccine shots – the 2<sup>nd</sup> one put her down for 24 hours. My 2<sup>nd</sup> one is next week. We had them in Florida, a much friendlier and accessible state over New York.

We had a very safe and successful rally in September with the Midwest Discoverers hosted by Carol and Rick Parton in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. We visited the Flight 93 Memorial; Horse Curve, a railway phenomenon; Johnstown Flood Museum; and the Portage Museum. A very interesting area, I would encourage anyone to visit.

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## Noreaster Discovery (Continued)

We are looking into a Spring rally, but New York is still not fully open, they have lots of snow now, so we are really not interested in booking a rally. I'm quite concerned about our Emmy winning governor as well, he seems to be in quite a bit of trouble!

Stay safe all, looking forward to Discovery times again. Bob



Chapter Prez  
Linda Griffith

### Discovery Texans

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the spring weather after such a cold winter. Discovery Texans are looking forward to our March rally at [Coffee Creek](#) in Santos, Texas. We have 19 coaches registered. We are hoping most members will have had a chance to obtain their COVID vaccinations. We will have a sanitation station set up and will all be wearing masks for the safety of everyone at all rallies until the threat is over. As usual we plan to have our Wednesday night "Meet & Greet" social hour followed by a supper prepared by volunteers Susan Smith and Linda Griffith.

On Thursday morning we have a round table Technical Discussion to talk about our Discovery motorhomes. If someone is having a problem, the group will discuss it and attempt to assist with a solution. This round table is always well attended and enjoyed by all. On Thursday afternoon, the ladies will gather for refreshments, visiting, and a fun craft of making scrabble tile coasters.

On Friday and Saturday there is a social hour followed by a supper prepared by our rally hosts Mike and Mary Ann Cressler and Mike and Sandy Keliher. After supper we usually play games such as Bingo, Jokers & Marbles, or catch up on visiting with our club friends. We encourage anyone that is a DOAI member to join us at any of our Discovery Texan rallies. You only need to send a "Guest Registration" form with the rally fee to our club treasurer, Sandy Keliher. Her address is on the registration form found on the DOAI website. Click on "Chapters" and it will take you to [Discovery Texans](#) web page. Our future rallies are listed there also. We will be in the beautiful Texas hill country in Fredericksburg, Texas, at The [Vineyards RV Park](#) April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, departing May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please join us if you plan to be in Texas in April. The beautiful Blue Bonnets and Indian Paintbrush wildflowers will be in full bloom that month.

We hope to see everyone at the 2021 DOAI National rally in [Sevierville, Tennessee](#), on September 20th. Registration is now open at [DOAI](#).

## Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Chapter prez  
Larry Hawkins

### D'Zonas

It has been awhile since I have updated the D'Zonas chapter activities. The pandemic and its restrictions have kept us all from doing much. I hope all of you are well.

The most recent happenings with the D'Zonas is that Paul and Doris Smith, our Vice President, have sold their Discovery and resigned. Paul and Doris were active in DOAI and good friends to many. They will be missed and we wish them the very best.

After the National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado, the D'Zonas were given more territory. We are now composed of the four corner states, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico. I was excited about this as it expands our group and rally locations with the opportunity to bring in more members. We will be amending our bylaws as necessary to request a name and logo change more appropriate to our newly assigned district. I will propose a name change to "Four Corners Discovery" or something similar that defines our chapters region. Our logo is a work in progress. We are requesting name and logo suggestions from DOAI members in the four corners area.

Membership is still complementary to anyone that desires to join our chapter. Please contact Cathy Hawkins at [takesailors@yahoo.com](mailto:takesailors@yahoo.com) with your information. We will also reach out and contact members in this newly formed area.

With regard to rallies, we are in the process of figuring out what is possible. If anyone has thoughts or suggestions about rallies and locations contact [me](#). As of now I'm considering a rolling rally later this Spring or early Summer. I will keep everyone informed.

If anyone is interested in helping with the group we are looking for a Vice-President and a Rally Master. These are important positions that require a minimal amount of your time. We could use the help and it is a lot of fun. If interested in helping out or becoming a chapter member contact me at [takesailors@yahoo.com](mailto:takesailors@yahoo.com).

Safe travels and be well. Larry



## Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

### Ozarks Discovery



Chapter prez  
Randy Conklen

Hello to all our friends who are enjoying the warm weather or suffering in the cold temperatures and snow! This year has been a challenge for those of us who enjoy traveling, but it looks like things are starting to open up, restrictions are being lifted, and the vaccine is becoming more available. We hope all of you who were affected by the winter storms in Texas and virtually everywhere except Florida, have avoided any major problems and are back on track with scheduled activities.

Ozarks Discovery members are planning to hold a rally June 3-6, 2021, at [Lakeside Park](#), St. Peters, Missouri. We have reserved some spots, so if you have not made a reservation, you will need to contact them. Anyone is welcome to join us, so come if you can.

We would like to encourage everyone to attend the [DOAI National Rally](#) in Sevierville, Tennessee, September 20-26, 2021. You should have already received registration information, but if not, look on the DOAI website where you will also find information about planned activities.

The Ozarks Discovery Chapter is open to anyone as a member of DOAI, and we welcome and encourage those that are interested in joining to contact [Randy Conklen](#), [Don Muskopf](#), or [Ricky Keen](#). We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones!

### Northwest Adventurer



Chapter prez  
Glenn Magnuson

I hope that everyone is healthy and safe.

Our NWA Chapter just held our elections, and following are the results:

President	Glenn Magnuson
Vice President	David Hinds
Secretary	Joyce Tanner
Treasurer	Terri Magnuson.

With COVID in the forefront, there is not much to report at this time. However, we are hopeful that this pandemic is about over. We are anxious to get out, start planning, and holding group activities  
Glenn.

### Register for the [2021 DOAI National Rally](#)

Visit with us in Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg - Dolly Parton's hometown in the Smokies. Visit the Titanic Museum, Dollywood, Smoky Mountain Deer Farm & Exotic Petting Zoo, Floyd Garret's Muscle Car Museum, Antique Shops, Christmas Village, and much more. Dine at the Old Mill, The Apple Barn, Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant, Paula Deen's, Mama's Farmhouse, or many other unique places. Attend one of the many shows such as Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show; Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show; Pirates Voyage Dinner Show; The Comedy Barn; Biblical Times Dinner Theater and numerous other activities. See you there!

(Glenda)

## Ramblings from Nina



Nina Soltwedel

### Transitions

“April is the cruelest month ...” So wrote T. S. Eliot in his poem, “The Waste Land.”

A philosopher, discussing Eliot’s poem, noted that the intent or deep meaning was “one’s reawakening after the deadness of winter,” and likened it to an arm that had become numb. It isn’t the emotional numbness that hurts, but the sudden resurgence of blood flowing that brings on pins and needles. Suddenly, one must “sit up and take notice,” for lack of a better description.

For RVers, April is often the month when many make their way back to their home grounds after a winter’s stay in warmer climes – they transition. That may not seem cruel ... unless one considers the necessity of saying goodbye to friends, packing up and preparing to hit the road, and then dealing with the traffic and the miles ahead.

Transitions can be difficult.

Transitions can also be easy. Transitions can happen when we least expect them. A transition is not necessarily the physical movement from one place to another, however. A transition can also be mental or emotional, involving the necessity of having to make major decisions.

For many, a major transition could be retirement; the point at which the question is, “What do I want to do with the rest of my life?” Or, the devastating transition from being a couple to becoming single, or a widow, or a widower. Or, accepting that the time has come to cease road trips, sell the Discovery, and find other venues of entertainment, all the while knowing one will miss rallying with many friends across the country.

Some may say the transition into April is cruel because that is when tax returns are due, causing financial pain. Others may say it is cruel because April is when they experience the most and/or wettest snowfalls. Still others may say that, to them, it is not cruel, but inspiring ... their thoughts transition from dreary Winter things like shoveling sidewalks, to rejoicing as they see tulips pop up and fruit trees begin to blossom. On the other hand, there are the Spring cleaning chores that seem to always be on April agendas; however, accomplishing them can be satisfying.

In the end, April is what one makes of it.

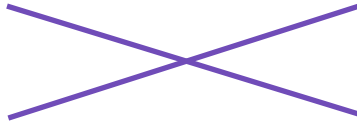
Safe travels to each of you as you transition back to your home base. When planning your travels for the coming months, hold on to the hope that all of us will be able to gather in Tennessee this coming Fall for the national rally.

May your Spring be happy and your transitions go smoothly!



## 2021 Calendar of

## Important Dates



*Newsletter deadlines include reports from all executive officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections (2019 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.*

**JANUARY 2021**

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2021 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

**January 2021**

- 25-31— **Cancelled** Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL
- 29 and 31 –**Cancelled** BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

**FEBRUARY 2021**

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2021 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

**MARCH 2021**

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for April issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for previous year's financial and audit reports to Editor

**APRIL 2021**

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

**MAY 2021**

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2020 tax return with IRS

**JUNE 2021**

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2022 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2021 National Rally to Editor

**JULY 2021**

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

**AUGUST 2021**

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2022 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2021 National Rally

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 20-26 - 2021 National Rally The Ridge Outdoor Resort Sevierville, TN.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2022 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting

**OCTOBER 2021**

- 1 – October *Discovery Express* published
- 6 – DOAI insurance policy and surety bond expires

**NOVEMBER 2021****DECEMBER 2021**

- 1 – Rally Master of 2022 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2022 budget to Editor

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