

# Discovery Owners Association, Inc.—Established 1998 –

# From the President



Dick Tracy

Continuing my update and repeating my thanks for the many who continue to express concerns about Pat's status, she continues to heal slowly and is undergoing therapy to help strengthen her muscles. Aiding her kept me from attending the SE Regional in person, however I was able to participate in the two board of director meetings held during the rally.

Mentioning the SE Regional Rally at Lazy Days, I need not tell those who were there how great a rally it was. For those who could not participate you missed both an excellent RV educational time at Camp Discovery, where a record 21 RV related seminars were offered, and missed all the fun times at the rally that was hosted by the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter. I urge all of you to join us in January of 2024 at our first SE Regional that will be held at a new to us location, Red Oaks, a Sun RV Resort campground on State Route 93 in Bushnell, Florida. The 2024 rally will be hosted by the Mason-Dixon Chapter, and they have already started planning to ensure another great event and have lined up an excellent caterer. Over 50 of the rig owners at this year's SE rally have already pre-registered for 2024. The registration form for the rally is available to all on our DOAI website www.Discoveryowners.com, register early!

At the recent Board meeting the Board decided to discontinue the Associate Member category of DOAI Membership. There had been some confusion by some of our DOAI members when they were renewing their memberships and a number of those renewed as Associate Members. Those who are DOAI Members, all of whom own a Discovery Motorhome, are and should be regular members.

I have seen some drop in the price for diesel fuel and hope that you are finding the same wherever you are fueling your rig. That should help you financially when driving to our **2023 National Rally** to be held at the **Darke County Fairgrounds** in Greenville, Ohio. The dates for the 2023 National are Monday, September 18th thru Sunday September 24th with availability to extend your stay there up to three days prior and/or following the rally at the rally camping rate. I anticipate that a number of you will want to take your Discovery to the REV Fleetwood RV Maintenance facility located only about 60 miles away in Decatur, Indiana. If so, be sure to call and schedule your visit there well ahead of time. They do excellent work repairing nearly anything on your Discovery.

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# From the President Continued

As always, if you see another Discovery wherever you may be camped, be sure to introduce yourself to them and if they are not DOAI members take a few minutes to tell them about DOAI and invite them to join. Happy camping!

Important notice all members. DOAI is in the process of reviewing and updating the listing of DOAI members who have access to both our Technical and our Non-Technical DOAI on-line message boards in Groups IO. This is being done to ensure that access is limited to only active DOAI members. For more information I urge you to please read Robert Orr's article included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dick Tracy



Fred Jecks

# National Rally Master

The Blue Ridge Chapter did a super job hosting the 2023 Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery). The Marti Gras Celebration at the Lazydays Resort in Seffner, FL, was a huge success. Jim Pinkerton and the Blue Ridge Chapter did a great job planning and conducting the rally and if you missed this

one, you missed a great rally. Those that attended left with brain overload as there were 22 scheduled technical seminars (thanks to Kerry Pinkerton), but all had a great time.

This year's Camp Discovery was the last time for holding it at Lazydays as they are closing the campground on April 1, 2023 for renovations with no date for opening. Next year's Southeast Region Rally will be held at <a href="Red Oaks RV Resort">Red Oaks RV Resort</a> in Bushnell, FL, January 29 to February 4, 2024. The Mason-Dixon Chapter will be hosting this rally. Save these dates on your calendars.

The Northeast Region is continuing their preparations to host the 2023 National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, OH, and it will be September 18-24, 2023. The NE Region will be hosting this rally with some help from the North Central Chapter. Greenville, OH, is about an hour from Decatur, IN, and about an hour from Dayton, OH. Registration is online through our DOAI website. Registration cutoff will be August 18, 2023. I'm expecting a large attendance for this rally, as we are celebrating Fleetwood Discovery's 25th anniversary. Get your registration filled out early as there is a limited number of sites available.

Safe travels everyone. Fred

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# **Secretary**



Cindy Welch

Hello All, follows are the minutes from our General Business Meeting held at the Southeast Region Rally:

Dick Tracy, President John Ricciardi, Executive VP Ron Wacker, Past President John Baker, VP for Development Cindy Welch, Secretary Linda Culbertson, Treasurer Fred Jecks, National Rally Master Gary Klemmer, NC Region VP

Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP Mel Pless, SC Region VP Frank Miller, SE Region VP Bruce Plumb, SW Region VP Non-Voting:
Linda Griffith, Membership Coordinator
Kerry Pinkerton, National Technical
Coord for Major Rallies
Jody Bruce, Merchandise
Coordinator
Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor
Robert Orr, Webmaster

## 2023 SE Region Rally General Membership Meeting Minutes Friday, February 3, 2023

## John Ricciardi-presiding for Dick Tracy

- Thank you to the Blue Ridge for a great Rally!
   10:05 AM Meeting called to order by John Ricciardi
- Pledge of Allegiance
- There are problems with the website, redesign and updating already started;
- Eliminating the Associate Membership
- Disbanding 1<sup>st</sup> year free

## **Linda Griffith-Membership Coordinator**

- Changes made due to decrease in dues
- 1<sup>st</sup> year free gained more members, but affected bottom line; not full access with Associate Membership.

## **Ron Wacker-Past President**

 My job as Past President is to find candidates for the officers up for election, all on the board is due to be replaced.

## Ricky Keen-Treasurer

- Loss of 7K most do to 1<sup>st</sup> Year Membership free,
- Financially sound at \$91+K, with advanced dues payments

## Fred Jecks-National Rally Master

- I want to extend my thanks to the Blue Ridge for an outstanding job.
- 2023 National Rally will be held at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio September 18-24, 2023
- The National Rally will be close to REV in Decatur, if your coach needs to visit REV.
- 2023 is the last year for SE Rally to be held at Lazy Days.

# **Secretary Report Continued**

- Board of Directors voted for Red Oak Resort in Bushnell, FL, for next year's SE Region Rally hosted by the Mason Dixons January 29-February 4, 2024.
- Fees: since the budget has not been approved yet for next year, possibly will be \$100 cheaper for catering
- Registration—Call Campground for reservation when on line.

## **Russ Baldwin-VP NE**

- NE with help from Midwest are hosting the 2023 National Rally which is 1 hour to Decatur and 30 minutes from Dayton at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio.
- If your coach needs to visit REV, you will need to call ahead to Decatur for an appointment; remember only hook-up is electric and a dump station at REV with coach pick up at 8AM for repairs.
- Tour of REV; 45-50 minutes to Decatur
- Rally rate—3 days before/3 days after, \$33/night
- National Rally registration should be on line soon.
- There will be two (2) tours: Extra cost for bus
  - 1. Wright-Patterson Air and Space Museum.
  - 2. Wright Bros. Museum is located at Carillion Historical Park
- · Wineries in the area, as well as Annie Oakley Museum.
- Tours will be on registration form
- Ladies gathering will be at a local Winery instead of rally hall which is limited to large group only.
- Vendors:
  - Reupholstery from Iowa, if she can get 8-10 members interested in upholstering, she will make the trip; call with cost. Bauer RV Upholstery contact information is included in the Rally registration form.
  - De-Fog windows on site
  - Agua-Hot vendor and lecture
  - TSD Seminar
  - Sky Med

# **Cindy Welch-Secretary**

 Reminder to Club Presidents to provide a list of officers and membership roster to me and Linda Griffith, Membership Coordinator.

# **Secretary Report Continued**

## **Kerry Pinkerton-Technical Coordinator**

- Thanks for technical seminar coordinating, new content and welcome to new presenters.
- The Notebook will be on the website "Come hell or high water."

## **Jody Bruce-Merchandise Coordinator**

• Discussion to have merchandise on line, vendor will have all the merchandise on line and willing to do for Region Chapters; Jody will still bring to Camp D.

## Sad Note:

- Our former Rally Master, Maryann Crowell has died, please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Keep Pat Tracy, Dick's wife in your prayers.

## Frank Miller-SE Region VP

- Please look at website and tell us what you want, in the process of updating
- National Rally -not so much technical just tours and fun!
- First-Timers-need to know what and how things happen.
- Check Website for upcoming Rallies by Region/Club
- Discovery Friends—on website, help for mechanical problems

## Glenda Angus-Newsletter Editor

- Please send photos and club information to Glenda for the Newsletter.
- The BOD Directory and DOAI Calendar of Events in Newsletter.

Motion to adjourn made by Mel Pless

2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Miller

10:39 am Meeting adjourned



# **Membership Coordinators**



Linda Griffith (Photo not available for Le Brightman)

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please "Welcome" our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our "D's" and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year free membership for every three members referred. Print out the DOAI Membership Application and carry a few in your coach for referrals. Ask them to list your name on their application so we know who to give the credit. Several folks just say, "Another Discovery Owner." This list is covole ering new members November 2022 thorough January 2023.



Tracy Wilkerson/ Conroe, TX Ken & Jill Johnson/ Rock Springs, WY Steve Patterson/Topeka, KS Robert & Karen Durham/ Wilmington, DE Ben Thompson/ Austin, TX Terry Knott & Barbara Jaracz/ Butler, PA Robert & Kashema Truesdale/ Orlando, FL Melodie Chan/ Phoenix, AZ Blaze Cunningham & Jeannie Place/ Tijeras, NM Ronald & Elizabeth Nyland/ Keystone Heights, FL Pat Scarboro/ Arlington, WA Ken Langley & Christine Burns/ Camdenton, MO Jeff & Nancy Prevatt/ St Augustine, FL George & Michelle Litteral/ Palm Bay, FL Brian & Michelle Haw/ Bloomfield Hills, MI John & Fran Galway/ San Antonio, TX Jason Myer & Kim Ammon/ Brownsburg, IN Todd & Tobi Viles/ McKenney, TX James & Karen Wolz/ Fort Arkinson, WI Lester Minor & Sue Garvey/ Portage, MI Greg & Lori English/ Palmyra, PA Mitch & Becky Gram/ Prior Lake, MN Jeff & Tammy Jones/ Livingston, LA Matthew & Kim Cupka/ Livingston, TX Ted & Terri Needle/ Riverside, CA Norris Miller & Cartrina Richey/ Ducula, GA Rod & Lori Ohlrogge/ Manhattan, IL John & Susan Litwinka/ West Palm Beach, FL Jeffrey & Michelle Sleight/ Eldersburg, MD Jack Wimer/ Grove, OK Jeff & Tina Shumate/ Brooksville, FL Mark & Jenny Bezner, Delhart, TX Mike & Marian Comeau/ Danvers, MA

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# **Region Reports**

# Southeast Region Vice President

Although it was a fairly cold winter, over 80 Discoveries headed south of I-10 (sometimes referred to as the **Arctic Circle**, particularly in the winter!) Destination? The South East Regional Rally, Lazy Days RV Resort, Seffner, Florida, Jan 30 – Feb 5 hosted by the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter. Why Florida in the winter? You don't have to shovel Sunshine!

Frank Miller

The Marti-Gras themed rally was fun, relaxing, and informative. In addition to the entertainment, food, golf, and a great get-together for families and friends, we had 22 live presentations as part of our Camp Discovery Seminar.

The Camp Discovery presentations, organized by Kerry Pinkerton, cover many of the aspects of owning, maintaining, and enjoying our Discoverys. They are particularly valuable to our first-time attendees. Our goal for the first timers is to introduce them to the "I don't know what I don't know" aspect of owing a Class A Diesel motor coach. This introduction is extremely useful for avoiding unnecessary cost and disappointment when something unexpected happens.

What? Just because we subject our motorized "house" to continual hurricane force winds and bone jarring earthquake shaking, why would something unexpected happen?

In addition, the Camp Discovery presentations provide valuable insight to subjects like "How to get the most enjoyment out of the RV experience," "Preventative maintenance to avoid costly repairs," "How to deal with On-the-Road issues" and many other motorhome specific topics.

If you missed this Rally, a shortened version of about 6 key topics will be presented at the 2023 DOAI National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds, 800 Sweitzer St., Greenville Ohio, 45331, **SEP 18 – SEP 24** hosted by the Noreaster Discoverys Chapter with help from the Midwest Discoverys Chapter. For reservations and more details please go to <a href="https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.html">https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.html</a>

In addition to the many DOAI National Rally activities, there is lots to see and do while at this rally, including the following:

- Golf
- Wright-Patterson Air and Space Museum, also Wright Bros. Museum on site
- Carillion Historical Park
- Annie Oakley Museum
- Wineries in the area

The 2023 National Rally will be close to the Fleetwood/REV Support Center in Decatur, IN, so if you have any support issues you want addressed by the experts, this could be the perfect opportunity to get that done. While you are there, consider taking the Discovery Factory Tour!

The next Full Camp Discovery will be held at the 2024 Southeast Regional Rally at the <u>Red Oak Resort</u> in Bushnell, FL, Jan 29 – Feb 4, 2024 hosted by the Mason Dixon Discoverys Chapter.

# **Southeast Region Vice President Continued**

Speaking of the 10 DOAI Chapters, have you joined a local Chapter in your area? The Chapters will typically have two rallies per year close to their national geographic location. To see information on the local Chapters, take a look at <a href="https://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters/chapterhome.html">https://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters/chapterhome.html</a>

As a DOAI member, you do not have to be a Chapter member to visit a chapter rally and you can be a member of more than one Chapter. Joining a DOAI chapter is a great way to meet new friends and get more enjoyment out of you Discovery motor home!

Frank Miller - Southeast Region Vice President



# **South Central Region Vice President**

Good day fellow DOAI members. I would like to commend the Blue Ridge chapter for putting together an EXCELLENT Camp Discovery 2023. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great gathering with a lot of good fellowship, insightful technical training, outstanding evening entertainment, and other great gatherings. In the various National Rallies and Camp Discovery rallies Becky and I have attended, I do not recall seeing so many members on the dance floor enjoying the music. Well done to the Blue Ridge chapter!

Mel Pless

Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and preparation for Camp Discovery 2023. Your hard work is very much appreciated. A big Thank You also goes out to Kerry Pinkerton for coordinating and managing another round of amazing technical training as well as putting together the Camp Discovery binder. There is always something new to learn each and every year at these sessions. This year was no exception. Plus, a very special Thank You to everyone that volunteered to present or host one or more of the various sessions at Camp Discovery. Without all the generous volunteers, Camp Discovery would not be the great rally that it is.

As you will likely read elsewhere in this newsletter, next year's Camp Discovery is destined for a new place. The <u>Red Oaks RV Resort</u> in Bushnell, FL should offer a great venue for Camp Discovery 2024. I hope to see you there!

For your reference, below is a list of the remaining Discovery Texans Chapter rallies for 2023. We welcome any DOAI member to join us at any of our rallies! You can contact me, the Discovery Texans Rally Master, at <a href="mailto:discoverytexans@gmail.com">discoverytexans@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:mpless@pless.org">mpless@pless.org</a> for more information. (May 3-7, Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, TX and Nov 8-12 Whistle Stop RV Resort, Abilene, TX)

Safe travels on your journey!



# **Region Reports Continued**



# **North Central Region Vice President**

I was not able to attend the recent Camp Discovery, but I have talked to a number of members who did attend and they all said it was a very informative/educational time along with a new friend making rally. If you have not attended a Camp Discovery please pencil the time into your calendar for 2024.

It should be mentioned that Fred Jacks spends more time than many of us can imagine in finding a location that can accommodate a rally our size along with all the amenities required to make the time together move along smoothly. He is already finalizing 2025 Camp Discovery and the National Rally. I feel he needs to be recognized for all his work.

Bruce Plumb and his team are putting together a spring rally for the Ozark group at Mountain View RV Park in Mountain View AR. The rally will begin with arrival date of May 18th with departure May 21st. You will be able to arrive earlier and stay later if you want to stay and enjoy the area longer. Cost is \$35/night during the week and \$36/weekend. The cost for the 3 nights will be \$126.58 for 2 people per coach.

Bruce would like to empathize that the OZARK rally attendees like to eat, jawbone, sit around the fire, listen to live music and tour the sounding area.

The Keen and Kemps have been working on the Fall rally which is being held 3 nights, arriving on Oct 12th and leaving Oct 15th at <u>Blowing Springs RV Park in Bella Vista Arkansas</u>. The rally deadline was Dec 31st 2022, I do not know if they are any openings, but Ricky Keen or Karen Kemp could provide information about any openings that are available. The cost is \$5/night.

The Midwest along with the Northeast Chapter have arranged for a shared Spring Rally to be held at the same location as the fall National rally to look over the facilities and finalize their plans for the National rally (Sept 18-24 at the Darke County Fairgrounds. Greenville, OH). Cost for the Spring Rally is \$40/night and they have the Moose Lot area reserved. If you are interested in attending this rally, please let <a href="Russ Baldwin">Russ Baldwin</a> know.

Please keep watching the DOIA website for an open reservation form for the National Rally. This should be listed very soon

Gary Klemmer

For those of you who had their photo taken at the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, FL, they can be found at the link below:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/uy9SErzhSvyZMTyX7

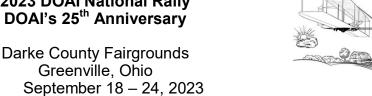
I can be reached at: <a href="mailto:angusg@charter.net">angusg@charter.net</a> Should you have any questions

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# **North East Region Vice President**







Russ Baldwin

# Ohio, So Much to Discover

The Midwest Discoverers and Noreaster Discoverys Chapters are looking forward to sharing the history, scenery and entertainment opportunities of western Ohio with our members. Greenville is located on the Ohio and Indiana border. It is about 90 minutes from Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. It is less than an hour to Dayton and a little over an hour to the REV RV Service and Repair facility in Decatur, Indi-

History lovers will be overwhelmed with the variety of areas of historical significance in the area. The Garst Museum houses numerous exhibits that highlight the life of America's early pioneers and the role this area played in the opening of the Northwest Territories to settlement. It is also the home of the National Annie Oakley Center. Nearby Fort Recovery is the site of two of the most dramatic Indian battles in American history and is only about 30 minutes from the fairgrounds.

Numerous sites in the area celebrate Ohio's role in aviation history and space exploration. Take time to check out the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, OH. The facility honors hometown hero Neil Armstrong, the other astronauts who call Ohio home and all pioneers who have made air and space exploration possible including artifacts from Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first human to go to into space.

We hope that you will join us on one or both of our scheduled bus tours. On Tuesday, September 19 we will visit the National Museum of the US Air Force near Dayton, Ohio. It is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. Thursday, September 21, will find us exploring Carillon Historical Park. It's 65 acre campus was designed by the Olmstead Brothers, the famed landscape architects of Central Park. The Park showcases Dayton's rich heritage of creativity and invention including the airplane, automobile selfstarter and the cash register. It is home to over 30 historic structures, a hand carved carousel, an exquisite 151 foot carillon, trains, locomotives and living history exhibits with docents in period appropriate attire providing additional information, anecdotes and historical context. The John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center is housed here and includes extensive Wright artifacts including the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the only airplane designated as a National Historical Landmark. A reproduction of the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop is also housed here. Not to be missed is the Carillon Brewing Co., which serves food and drink of the 1850's. It is a fully operational brewery, and has the distinction of being the only brewery housed in a museum in the county.

For those looking for adult beverages, the Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail is worth exploring. Antique lovers will enjoy numerous shops in the area. For those interested in exploring the outdoors, there are over 10 miles of hiking trails, 14 miles of biking trails and 6 miles of water trails.

Back at the Fairgrounds Rally Hall, there will be lots of social activities along with technical seminars. BYOB Happy Hours will be held nightly. We will kick off the Rally with a welcoming Pizza Party followed by some musical entertainment. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow rally attendees. You can look forward to more catered dinners and entertainment along with a Pot Luck supper.

# **North East Region Vice President Continued**

A "Women's Only" visit to one of the local wineries is planned along with a session to share ideas about ways we have made our beloved D's more homey. We're also looking forward to hosting an Open House time where we can invite others into our homes on wheels and show off and talk about modifications we have made to make our Discoveries more comfortable and functional. There will be a sign up sheet at registration for those who are willing to be hosts.

We're also looking forward to having RV specific vendors on site such as AquaHot and FireFly. We are also working with a vendor who will be on site to reupholster Flexsteel RV furniture and a glass company on site who fixes foggy RV windows. SkyMed and Fantasy RV Tours have also expressed interest in attending.

We're looking forward to a fun filled rally as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of DOAI. Please join us and see what you can discover in Ohio. Below is the <u>Link to the 2023 National Rally</u>:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/

e/1FAIpQLSfuIE3e0Vwqq8QeLmQXvcqXnHNrTvho1zmDTsqPAfmBPrsnRw/viewform



Jeff Daly, Russ Baldwin, Karen Daly, Pat Baldwin, Peg Raphael, Shirley Fleckenstein, Peter Fleckenstein, Jeanne Stewart, Fred Raphael, Bob Stewart.

# **Chapter Reports**



## **Midwest Discoverers**

Greetings from the Midwest Discoverers.

We had a great fall rally with the Noreasters Chapter in the Wisconsin Dells. Many had never been to that area before and found it wonderful. We experimented with a very relaxed, less rigorous schedule, but did find time to visit many local venues and enjoy an incredible river boat tour.

**Chapter Prez** Phil Skiff

The boat trip on the Wisconsin river was the highlight of the week. We spent several hours cruising the beautiful gorges and channels with an adept tour guide. We made stops along the way to explore narrow channels on a boardwalk, and see the world-famous, death-defying, rock leaping dog.

We also used the rally to jump-start planning for the 2023 National Rally to be held in Greenville, OH. Midwest will be supporting the Noreaster chapter hosts. You won't want to miss it.

Our spring and fall rallies are planned to be held at or near the national rally site to help with preparations.

The Midwest Discoverers chapter is open to all DOAI members who frequent this area. We have members from as far away as Florida and Canada. There's rally information and a membership application on our chapter page at the DOAI website. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Safe travels! Phil



Peter and Shirley Fleckenstein



Russ and Pat Baldwin



Mike Hopkins

# **Blue Ridge Discoverys**

The 2023 SE Region Rally is in the history books, and was a spectacular success. I'd like to thank all the Blue Ridge Discovery members who worked on this rally. Special recognition goes to Mike and Leila Weiher for their arrangements for our charities, the Folds of Honor group who provides scholarships for fallen service members and first responders, and the ECHO group for food bank donations. DOAI members donated \$1,180 to Folds of Honor, and contributed 540 pounds of food to the ECHO. Katy Leydic did a fantastic job organizing the meal menus and scheduling the entertainment,

and I think no one can disagree that they did not have a good time at each entertainment event. Don and Chris Muskopf pulled rabbits out of the hat to make the door prizes and extra raffle items a superb success. They came up with some fabulous prizes, and every attendee was included. Of course, going way above and beyond were Bob and Glenda Angus who gave you all your fabulous goodie bags, name tags, and coach posters. Glenda was the rally photographer and took all the photos of the rally attendees. Jim Pinkerton acted as our chapter rally master, and put together a lot of the behind the scenes arrangements. Without him, we would not have had the tent for meetings and classes, and he also was instrumental in coordinating the schedule. Bob Counter did a great job as the master of ceremonies, and made our evening festivities run smoothly. For the golfers, Frank Cason arranged a fabulous golf outing. He also made sure the weather was nice Frank is the founding father of the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter, so without him, none of the things done by the BRD chapter would have taken place. Also worthy of a round of applause are the ladies of the decorating committee who made sure you all had a nice table arrangement, and festive ambiance in the rally hall. Thanks Kathy Pinkerton, Toni Abel, Carolyn Pinkerton, Cherie Boice, Retha Hopkins and Gail Wymer. And I'm sure you would all agree that a standing ovation is due to Kerry Pinkerton for the extensive technical seminar presentation itinerary. The technical seminars are the focus of the rally, and it wouldn't be the same rally without them. Also, Marshall Godwin, who started the Camp Discovery concept, was heavily involved in this years presentations. There were many more who presented and are deserving of our thanks.

The next Blue Ridge Discoverys rally will be held in Dillard, GA from April 24-29 at the <u>River Vista RV</u> <u>Resort</u>. This area in the Smoky Mountains has a lot of things available to do. We will have 3 catered meals during the rally, with a rally fee of \$35 per person. Camping sites at a discount rate are available by calling River Vista and mentioning our rally reservation number 81247 through March 24. We invite all DOAI members to join us at this rally. We will be having a fun time!

The fall rally for the Blue Ridge Discoverys will be held at the <u>Holiday Travel Park in Rossville</u>, <u>GA</u> on Sept. 25 through 29. This rally will follow the DOAI national rally. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this Chattanooga area rally.



# **Blue Ridge Discoverys Continued**



Kerry Pinkerton & Don Muskopf (Courtesy Chris Muskopf)



Larry Weinberg, Kerry Pinkerton, Linda Kalwishky, Frank Cason, Tom Abel

Preparing for registration



Mary Yaple, Linda Terrill and Toni Abel decorate the tables



General RV Day (Courtesy of Michelle Sleight)



Another door prize folks - President, Mike Hopkins



Dan Pophin, President

# **Mason-Dixon Discoverys**

The Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter was well represented at the 2023 SE Regions Rally at Lazydays RV Resort. It was a busy and fun-filled time with 21 technical seminars. The Akers hosted an impromptu Happy Hour that was well attended. During the chapter business meeting we began the planning process to host next years' SE Rally. This Rally will be a little more challenging in that Lazydays is closing its RV Resort in April of this year and there is no known date for reopening, therefore, the 2024 SE Region Rally will be at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell FL. The contract with Red Oaks is in place and we are await-

ing the board approval of the budget this month. Rally information and the registration form can be found online at the DOAI website under the Next Rally link (online registration will be available starting in May).

The chapter's Spring rally is scheduled for May 17-21 at <u>Old Mill Stream Campgound</u> in Lancaster, PA. Toni Calzone and Stan Lesniak are developing the agenda for the rally. Marshall Godwin has reserved a set of tickets at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. The show this year is titled "Moses." This is a Broadway quality show and well worth the price. If you plan to attend the show, please let Marshall Godwin know, email is <u>marshall@megodwin.com</u>. Contact old Mill Stream Campground, (717) 299-2314 to reserve your site. Tell them you are with the Mason-Dixon Chapter Rally and would like one of the set-aside sites for the Rally. Please do this soon and send an email to <u>Antonia.calzone@verizon.com</u>. Additional details are posted on the chapter rally page of the DOAI website. Any DOAI member is invited to attend our rallies.

The chapter is also planning a fall rally just prior to the National Rally in September. Details to come so stay tuned and watch the DOAI Chapter website for more details.



Becky Godwin, Larry Weingard, Roger & Alice Austiff, Michelle & Jeff Sleight and John Smith



# **Mason Dixon Discoverys Continued**



John Smith, Marshall Godwin, Vince & Kristi Akers, Julianne Lesniak, Karen Smith

(Photo's courtesy of Dan Pophin)





Diane Pophin, Becky Godwin, Marshall Godwin, Larry Weingard & Roger Austiff

# **Mason Dixon Discoverys Continued**





Vince & Kristi Akers and Stan & Julie Lesniak—Mason Dixon Discoverys (Photo courtesy of Kristi Akers)



John Ricciardi—Mason Dixon



John Ricciardi, Godwin's granddaughter, Becky & Marshall Godwin, Danuta Mason

(Photo courtesy of Jim Mason)

# Florida Discovery Sunshiners

The Florida Sunshiners where again well represented at the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, Florida.





Cory & Jane Richter



Florida Discovery Sunshiners (Photo courtesy of Mark Salomon)



Chapter prez Bob Stewart done!

# **Noreaster Discoverys**

Just when we were hoping for early spring, "Phill" sees his shadow and we get six more weeks of winter. Some lucky Noreatsers got out of the cold, maybe for a little while, and attended the South East Region Rally in Seffner, Florida. We had a good turnout of Noreasters at the rally, with eight coaches in attendance. A great time was had by all. Not only was the weather warm but it's always good to be with the friends we've made over the years. Thanks to ours host, the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter for hosting the rally. Job well

As many of you may already know, the Noreaster Discoverys and Midwest Discoverys are your host for the DOAI National Rally in Greenville, Ohio. The dates are September 18-23, with the registration form and more information on the <u>DOAI</u> web site. We are all working hard to make this an enjoyable event, so make sure to note the dates and make your reservation. A visit to the USAF National Museum, and Carillon Park, in nearby Dayton, Ohio is planned. We'll also have tech seminars, venders with products relevant to RV'rs, entertainment, and so much more. We know you'll have a great time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Safe Travels, Stay Healthy Bob



Jeanne and Bob Stewart

# **Discovery Texans**

Our Discovery Texans Chapter continues to grow. We seem to welcome new members at every rally. It is so exciting to meet new people. They are always excited to find new friends with the same Discovery motorhome, a group to have so much fun with, and to share the same interests.

President Linda Griffith

We are looking forward to spring weather and our next rally in May. We will be in Kerrville, Texas at the <u>Buckhorn Lake Resort Campground</u> which is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. If any DOAI members are planning a trip through Texas, we invite you to join us.

We promise you will have a good time and make new friends. Just contact our Rally Master to make sure sites are available.

We are looking forward to planning our summer travels and attending the DOAI National rally in Greenville, Ohio in September.

If you find yourself passing through Texas on your travels, contact us and see if you can join us at one of our four rallies we have in January, March, May and November. Hope to see you down the road.

## 2023 Discovery Texans Rally Schedule

Jan. 11 – 15	Rusk KOA	Rusk, TX
Mar. $8 - 12$	Knights of Columbus RV Park	Hallettsville, TX
May $3 - 7$	Buckhorn Lake Resort	Kerrville, TX
Nov. $8 - 12$	Whistle Stop RV Resort	Abilene, TX



Sunrise on the last morning leaving the March rally in Hallettsville, Texas



Bluebonnets are in full bloom. Daisy Docekal

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# **Discovery Texans Continued**

Washer Tournament payoff



Randy Langley (Judge) is measuring the washers closest to the hole for points.

Standing Left to Right Assistant Judge Cheryl Langley, player Don Griffith, Tony Mane, Cindy Welch



Winners Don Griffith & Rhoda Montgomery



Local Winery Visit

Kim Reyna, J.R.Reyna, Tony Mane, Lisa Mane, Debbie McKinney, Jim Mckinney, Fran Galway, Jerry Rogers, Bobby Watson, John Galway, Bea Watson, Suzan Cullen, Rhoda Montgomery, Noel Montgomery

# **Discovery Texans Continued**



Calling Bingo is Lynn Henry, Assistant Ralph Henry



Winner J.R. Reyna



Winner Cheryl Langley



Winners Lisa Mane, Ben Thompson

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# **Discovery Texans Continued**

Winner Fred Reid



Winners Debbie McKinney, Lisa Mane





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Playing Left, Center, Right (LCR) in the rally hall

Liz Hand, Tony Mane. Peggy Bingham, Daphne Reid, Cheryl Langley, Rhoda Montgomery, J.R. Reyna, Fran Galway, Debbie McKinney, Lynn Henry, Anne Spearman, Pat Docekal, Bobby Watson, Randy Thredford, Becky Pless, Stan Keifer, Ben Thompson, Becky Rogers, Suzan Cullen, Cindy Welch, Dave Krobath, Don Griffith (red cap).

# **Discovery Texans Continued**



Ladies Luncheon & Craft
Kathy Wilson, Debbie Mc Kinney, Stacy howser, Jill Keifer,



Jill Keifer, Linda Griffith, Kim Reyna, Aurora Reyna, Mel Pless, Randy Langley, Matt Cullen, Ron Spearman (white cap), Stacy Howser, Kathy Wilson, Jim Mckinney, Jon Howser, Deb Krobath

Deb Krobath, Pat Docekal, Becky Rogers, Becky Pless, Fran Galway, Debbie McKinney, Suzan Cullen

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## ATTENTION





Robert Orr

Website

There is currently research being conducted that could mean some very positive changes to the website and digital membership experience for current and future **DOAI** members! Some of you may have noticed that I have been making preparations to audit the membership roster for both Technical and Lifestyle groups.io forums. As part of that audit, there may be an inadvertent removal of a current DOAI member. This may hap-

pen to you for a couple of reasons, but the primary is if the email address you use for your groups.io login is different than what we have on record in the official DOAI Membership Roster.

If you know your address is different, please send me an email as soon as you can, letting me know and I will update the official DOAI Membership Roster with your additional groups.io email address. If you would like this different email address to be your new primary (or co-pilot) email address, please indicate that when you email me. You can check what is in the official DOAI Membership Roster by clicking this link and scrolling to find your name and registered email address(es). You will need your DOAI website credentials to view it. As a reminder, my email address is webmaster@discoveryowners.com.

Thank you and I apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions at all regarding this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I've also updated the join / renew pages on the website, removing the reference to ONE free year membership for new members. The Board of Directors voted to eliminate the Associate Membership and disband the first year free membership. A copy of the new Discovery Owners Association, Inc., Membership Application Form is on the next page and it has already been placed on line

Robert Orr DOAI Volunteer Webmaster



Glenda Angus

# **Discovery Express Editor**

Our hosts for the 2024 Southeast Region Rally, the Mason Dixon Discoverys, are considering having a genealogy/research session. Please let me know what level class or areas of interest you might like to attend (beginners, intermediate, advanced, DNA, etc.) We are open to any suggestions that you might have that will enhance our program. Please mail me at any time at angusg@charter.net

Glenda



## **Website Continued**

# Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

The **DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC** is a non-profit organization. **DOAI** was formed to promote the sharing of information and the camaraderie of fellow Discovery motorhome owners. Full, voting membership in the club is limited to owners of Fleetwood Discovery motorhomes.

## Membership Classifications & Dues Schedules (payable in U.S. funds only):

**Full New Member** – A private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues**: **\$16** for one year; **\$45** for three years; **\$75** for 5 years.

**Full Renewal** Member – A current Full Member. **Dues**: **\$16** for one year; **\$45** for 3 years; **\$75** for 5 years. **Commercial Member** – A Discovery dealer, RV campground / resort or an RV-related for-profit business. Dues: **\$20** per year or **\$75** for five years.

**Questions?** Call the DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free (888) 594-6818. You may also join or renew online at <a href="https://www.discoveryowners.com">www.discoveryowners.com</a>.

**Please** complete the form below (items in **bold** are required for full members) and mail it with your check payable to Discovery Owners Association, Inc. to:

Linda Griffith, DOAI Membership Coordinator P.O. Box 321

Hallettsville, TX 77964-0321

Pilot Information:

Last Name:		First Name:			
Email Address:	Email Address: This email address will be enrolled in				
the DOAI Technical eGroup. You can opt out or change email delivery options at any time.					
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Discovery Year: Discovery Model (37U, 40X, etc.):					
If desired, additional email address for the DOAI Technical eGroup:					
If desired, additional email address for DOAI Lifestyle eGroup:					
State / Provence where you home base (if different from your mailing address):					
Referred by (please select one):					
• •	☐ Current DOAI Member	☐ RV Dealer	☐ RV Bulletin Board		
	□ Ads / Magazine				
Referring "Current DOAl Member", if known:					



## **Book Club**

--Hello Fellow Readers

We had a small but engaging book talk at the South East Discovery Rally in Seffner, Florida. A nice day in the South. Thank you to attendees:

Becky Pless, Penny Smith, Alice Austiff, Cindy Welch, Pat Baldwin, Jorie Soloman, Lisa Wilde, Kathy Burke Howe, and Fran Galway

I have not yet chosen a book for the National Rally being held in Greenville, Ohio – September 2023.

Our chapter, the Noreaster Discoverys and the Midwest Discoverers are hosting, and we will be visiting the actual venue in April. We will be visiting the local Chamber of Commerce and the <u>Garst Museum</u> to get some ideas, and maybe a speaker. Greenville, Ohio, is the home of Annie Oakley. There is a biography of her written by her niece, and is available from Amazon. I have ordered it and will pre-read. I will let you know through an e-mail and in the July 2023 Discovery Express what our selection will be.

We are also planning a Ladies' day at a nearby winery that may be combined with the book club or a stand alone event, details to follow.

I am ready to accept any suggestions, comments or book referrals. I can be reached at:

Jeanne Stewart at 716-679-6593, email: zetapig@netsync.net



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Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: <a href="www.discoveryowners.com">www.discoveryowners.com</a> 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
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# 2023 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 (2022 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

#### **JANUARY 2023**

- 1 January Discovery Express published
- 15 Planning commences for 2023 National Rally
- 31 **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

## January 2023

30-Feb.5—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL TBD–BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

## FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2023 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 2023**

- 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 2023**

1 - April Discovery Express published

## **MAY 2023**

15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2022 tax return with IRS

#### **JUNE 2023**

- 1 Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2023 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 2023 National Rally to Editor

#### JULY 2023

1 – July Discovery Express published

#### **AUGUST 2023**

- 1 President and Treasurer develop 2024 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA **Deadline** to register for 2023 National Rally

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 5-11 2022 National Rally CamPlex Gillette, Wyoming.
- TBA President and Treasurer present 2023 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting
- 2023 National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio from September 18-24

## OCTOBER 2023

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

#### NOVEMBER 2023

## DECEMBER 2023

- 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 **Deadlin**e for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2023 budget to Editor

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