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IT'S 2016! WE MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR!

Now we look forward to a new year of DOAI, RVing, making new friends, greeting old friends, finding new highways to travel, and seeing lots of new sights – all favorite pastimes.

And speaking of a new year, have you made any New Year's resolutions? Here are two suggestions:

- ✓ Resolve to **ATTEND A REGIONAL AND/OR NATIONAL RALLY**. It'll be the icing on your RV cake/the cherry atop your RV sundae, and you'll have a great time.
- ✓ Resolve to **READ THIS NEWSLETTER** – every issue, every page – because there will be important and helpful information within, articles of interest from industry experts, and a few chuckles here and there. Not only that, **your** input is always welcome!

In this issue...

- * DOAI's new national rally master, **MaryAnn Crowell**, coming off a successful national rally in Iowa last September, shares the exciting news of this year's shindig in Bath, New York (**page 3**). You can register **now** and will be able to spend up to twelve nights in a premier camping location in the heart of New York State's Finger Lakes district. The registration form is on **page 23** and online at www.discoveryowners.com.
- * DOAI's intrepid webmaster, **Bob Cook**, has a very important message for each of you (**page 4**) that pertains to membership and our ability to make contact with you when an important matter arises.
- * Whether you are new to DOAI or if you've been a member for a while, don't miss the helpful article entitled 'All Things DOAI' (**page 11**). We've gathered all the benefits of membership into one spot for your edification and future assistance.
- * *RV Education 101* co-owner/instructor, **Mark Polk**, has good advice for all of us when we go RVing in cold weather (**page 19**). Mark and his wife, **Dawn**, are extremely generous in sharing their insights and expertise with us, and we thank them. ❖

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Ron Wacker

President's report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of DOAI. Working with the great group of national officers, region vice presidents and local chapters, together we will continue to build on our number one owners' group. Thank you to **John** and the past officers for their service and hard work.

My wife and I also thank all the men and women, both past and present, who have served in the military, as well as police officers, fire fighters and first responders. Thanks to their sacrifice and dedication to their jobs, our USA is free and safe. It allows us to travel this beautiful country in our fancy motor homes, make new friends and enjoy good fellowship with others.

I thank my campaign committee for their hard work. We started out at the bottom of the polls, but soon took over top place. Oh, wait! I was at the top and the bottom at the same time! Do you know the whole slate of officers were, too? A little humor there, but in all honesty, it is a shame we didn't have multiple people running for all the offices. Our association is only as strong as its members. To keep our group strong, we need your support and participation. Believe me, the more you participate in this or any other group, the more you will get out of it. So please, don't be afraid to participate.

Chapter, region and national rallies are both fun and educational. If you have not made it to one of these rallies, especially the national and the southeast region, you don't know what you are missing. Besides making new friends, the knowledge gained about your Discovery, the great entertainment, vendors and fantastic food are all benefits to be gained.

Our newsletter by **Nina Soltwedel** and website by **Bob Cook** are two means of communication that make DOAI so strong and far exceed any other RV group. I thank both Nina and Bob for their hard work and dedication. I also thank **Marshall Godwin** for his mentoring. I would not be where I am today without his help (but what in the world has he gotten me into now...ha ha ha).

In closing, I look forward to seeing everyone at the southeast region rally at Lazydays in January and the national rally at Hickory Hill RV Resort in Bath, N.Y. in September. Good health to you and travel safe. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Caring for our DOAI family

Please keep these members in your prayers:

Richard Money, recovering at home after a bad fall in September

Mel Kimbrell, recovering at home after a bad fall in September

Elaine Harvell, experiencing serious back problems

Felesa Baker, continuing to deal with serious back problems

Don Griffith, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Wally Wallington, recovering from surgery

Pat Tracy, recovering from knee replacement surgery in October

John Winter, recovering at home after having had foot surgery in October

Loretta Spencer, recovering from a broken bone in her foot

Jack Romeyk, recovering from having had two stents inserted in October, and laser eye surgery in November

Fred Jecks and his family – his mother died in September

Don Crowell and his family – his daughter died in October

Please notify **Nina Soltwedel** (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com) when a member is ill, has had an accident, is hospitalized, or when a family member has died. ❖



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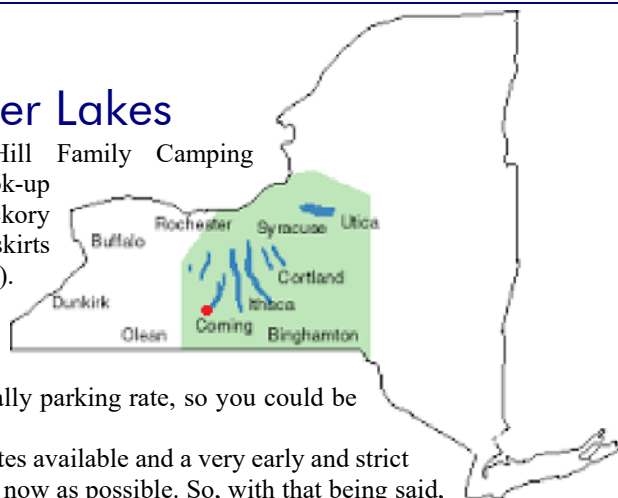
2016 national rally in the Heart of New York's Finger Lakes

The campground for our six-night rally is Hickory Hill Family Camping Resort, Bath, New York. The campground is holding 70 full hook-up 50-amp sites, complete with cable and WiFi available, **just for us!** Hickory Hills is a large resort with a variety of camping areas, just on the outskirts of Bath, N.Y., at the foot of Keuka Lake (see red dot on map on right).

Rally dates are September 19 (in) through September 25 (out), 2016. However, we are opening the time frame for three nights early – September 16, 17 and 18 – and three nights late – September 25, 26 and 27 (out September 28). All early and late days will be at the rally parking rate, so you could be spending a total of 12 nights in the Heart of the Finger Lakes

The rally is really still in the planning stage, but with only 70 sites available and a very early and strict registration closing date, we want you to have as much information now as possible. So, with that being said, **the last date to register will be August 15, 2016.** We are handling ALL registrations including the early dates of September 16-18, as well as the late dates of September 25-27. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE PARK.** See registration form on **page 23.**

Why the early and late days? Is there enough to keep you busy? Yes! So much, in fact, that we are not planning tours; there will be golf (details to follow), and we are working on a farmers market, crafts, and cooking at the RV park with some of the treats of the area. Following are some of the highlights of the Finger Lakes:



Corning Museum of Glass

← Corning Museum of Glass (www.cmog.org/) is the world's largest glass museum. Explore 35 centuries of glass art, history and technology. Discover how glass has changed the world in the hands-on Innovation Center. And, you can make your own glass souvenir. Corning also is the home to the Rockwell Museum, which features the art of the American experience, plus a collection of historic firearms. Just steps away is the Gaffer District, a brick sidewalk area in charming downtown Corning, where you will find boutiques, antique stores, specialty shops, galleries, and restaurants.



Windmill Farm & Craft Market

← In Penn Yan, you will find the Windmill Farm & Craft Market (www.thewindmill.com), only open on Saturdays, with many of the items made by the Amish and Mennonite people in the area.

much more on display here.

Hammondsport is where you will find the Glenn → Curtiss Museum, "Where Biplanes Soared and Motorcycles Roared" (www.glenncurtissmuseum.org). Glenn Curtiss was an inventor, held 87 U.S. patents, held the motorcycle speed record, and made the first U.S. city-to-city flight. There is so



Glenn Curtiss Museum

Watkins Glen (www.watkinsglenchamber.com/) is home to one of the many state parks in the area. The park has a 400 ft. descend and 200 ft. cliffs, with 19 waterfalls, all within a two-mile walking trail. You will also find Watkins Glen International race track, where NASCAR, Grand-Am, and SCCA Trans-Am (just to name a few) major races are held. →

On the four largest Finger Lakes – Canandaigua, Cayuga, Keuka and Seneca – you will find over 100 wineries, eight breweries, ciders and distillery's. You are also less than a day's drive from Alexandria Bay, the 1000 Islands, the St Lawrence Seaway, Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, and Fort Drum.

Wonderful food, beautiful scenery, hiking, wineries, museums, and so much more awaits you at the 2016 national rally!



Watkins Glen



Bob Cook

Webmaster's report

DOAI login page/eGroup

Click the blue Login button on any DOAI webpage and you will find some important information. First, you will see your email address that is on file with DOAI. Next, is your email address for the eGroup. Most people choose to receive eGroup messages at the same email address, but some people prefer to have the eGroup email sent to a different email address. **If your eGroup email address is different than the email address on file in DOAI's records, it is very important that you advise the Membership Coordinator of your eGroup email address.** Your eGroup email address is used to verify your DOAI membership. If your eGroup email address is not on file, you will be kicked out of the eGroup!

Two more important pieces of information is on this page – your DOAI Region that you live in **and** your Dues Date. Although the Membership Coordinator will send you an email reminding you to renew, sometimes this email is overlooked and then you can't log onto the website.



USB C

A new type of USB connector is appearing on devices called USB C. It is an oval connector and it has several advantages

over the older USB A and B connectors. First, there is no "right side up," making it easier to plug in. Second, it is a "universal" connector in that it can simultaneously carry many types of signals. It can carry up to 10 GB/S data, video, and up to 100 watts of power. And, the power can be bi-directional, meaning that not only can you charge your laptop via the USB C port, but you can also use your laptop's battery and USB C port to charge your smartphone!

However, there is a fly in the ointment. Virtually all of

your legacy USB chargers (and other USB devices) have a USB A connector and will require an adapter cable with USB A on one end and USB C on the other. The problem is that many generic USB C adapter cables don't have a special resistor that is required to properly charge your USB C device. In fact, actual damage to your USB C device can occur without a proper cable. It is recommended that you only buy a USB C adapter cable from a recognized vendor, such as Belkin, to avoid this problem.

Recommended reading

If you didn't attend **Gary Livingston's** Money Saving Tips seminar at the national rally, be sure to check out his presentation online, accessible from the Hints page (www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp). ❖

Chapter prez
Gary Velasquez

Hail and farewell

The Desert Rats conducted their final two rallies for 2015 in September at the Coast Village RV Resort in Pismo Beach, Calif., as guests of the California Discovery chapter, and our final rally was held at the Avi Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nev.

The Pismo Beach rally in September was attended by Desert Rat President **Gary Velasquez** and wife, **Patty**, and past Rat president, **John Bujnovsky** and his wife, **Shirley**. Activities included shopping and dining in the beach town, with a side trip to nearby Morro Bay to attend the Avocado and Margarita Festival. Nightly potluck dinners with the California chapter were plentiful and fun. Our thanks to **Jim and Susan Sullivan** for the invitation and the hospitality extended towards the Rats.

Our final rally in Nevada signaled the farewell, with regret, to the Desert Rats chapter. Unfortunately, due to the

failing health of some of our members and other outside obligations, interest by our members in holding the offices of leadership is non-existent. Therefore, the decision to dissolve the chapter was unanimous. While some of us may join other chapters in the southwest region, most of us intend to remain members of DOAI.

To our members who may not continue their memberships in either form due to health reasons, I say thank you for your participation and loyalty to the Desert Rats over the past eight years. In addition, let it be known that as agreed upon by the current leadership, the remaining club funds will be donated to a worthwhile charity of our choosing to help those less fortunate.

So, with that we bid farewell to the Desert Rats chapter. To the friends that we've met and made, we sincerely hope to see you all again somewhere on the road. Until then, here's wishing you all happy and healthy travels. ❖

Very Important Message!

I have been getting email rejections that say the email account that we have in the member database is not valid. Also, there are approximately 100 members who have not provided an email address, so they miss out on information.

DOAI **does not sell nor spam members**, and therefore, providing your email address will not cause you any problems.

DOAI wants YOU to be fully informed of important information at all times. This newsletter is one method; accessing the DOAI website is another. However, in cases of urgent news, contacting you via your email address is efficient and timely. Please provide your current email address/es to the Membership Coordinator at doaimembership@discoveryowners.com.

If you have any questions about this or anything associated with the DOAI website, please contact me at webmaster@discoveryowners.com.



Past prez
John Baker

Soltwedel and Williams retiring update

As previously reported, two of our loyal members that we depend upon heavily have decided it is time to retire from their volunteer DOAI positions. At the recent national rally, we recognized them for serving us conscientiously and extremely well for 10-plus years. It was my personal pleasure to present each of them with a plaque and a gift card recognizing their loyal service to DOAI.

Nina Soltwedel has served as Discovery Express newsletter editor since January 2004, and will continue through mid-2016 when she will edit her 50th edition! She professionally acquires and edits interesting articles and information and formats it all into our outstanding newsletter which is unparalleled in the RV industry. It is definitely one of DOAI's most important assets and that is due to Nina's dedication, creativity, and attention to detail.

The next "Editor-in-Chief" is still out there to be identified and it could be YOU. We need to identify that person NOW so the Discovery Express never misses an edition. If you have interest in writing, editing, and publishing, please contact Nina or me as soon as possible. We will be happy to answer your questions and make plans to transition this important function to you. I know you are out there; SPEAK UP! We need you.

Since March 2005, **Portia Williams** has kept membership records complete and accurate, publishing regular reports to the board of directors and the membership. She did not realize that she had issued our official welcome to over 3200 new members, over half of all new members in the history of DOAI! Her dedication continues and she has transitioned her duties to **Elaine Holley**, our new membership coordinator.

Ladies, know that the DOAI membership appreciates your many years of dedication to these important jobs! ❖



Freddie Perry

Secretary's report

The board of directors met at the national rally in Iowa, followed the next day by the general meeting of the organization. A brief summary of each meeting follows. If you would like to read the complete minutes, please contact me at fperry3@gmail.com.

Board of Directors meeting, September 25, 2015

◆ Members present: **John Baker, Freddie Perry, Dick Tracy, John Curtis, Bob Soltwedel, Bev Kaiser, Jay Keneson, Joe Stewart, Bob Williams, MaryAnn Crowell, Jack Romeyk**. Also present: **Portia Williams, Bob Cook, Elaine Holley**

- ◆ Dick Tracy provided a financial report, showing increase of net worth and purchase of a new sound system.
- ◆ John Baker announced the appointment of Elaine Holley as membership coordinator; Portia Williams reported current membership numbers.
- ◆ John Baker thanked the board for their work on the 2015 national rally, and announced the board will also sponsor the 2016 national rally in the northeast region because there is no active chapter in that region.
- ◆ Jay Keneson reported on Hickory Hill Family Campground, Bath, N.Y., set for September 19-24, 2016, at a basic cost of \$399 per two-person coach. After discussing the rising costs of rallies, motion made and carried to supplement the rally by up to \$3,000.
- ◆ John Curtis reported the results of the presidents' council meeting, including comments that the board should plan for more than one rally at a time and the feeling that the October rally is too close to the January rally at Lazydays. Discussion centered on the difficulty of getting RV sites for a summer rally.
- ◆ DOAI business cards were distributed and will be available for use by members in recruiting new members.
- ◆ Reducing the number of regions from six to three was discussed.
- ◆ Even though Lazydays is no longer selling the Discovery, they will still welcome us and we can continue to follow the FMA rally. A two-year contract is in place. Discoverys are now sold by General RV in Florida.

General Membership meeting, September 26, 2015

- ◆ John Baker called meeting to order. Dick Tracy announced an audit of the books is being conducted.
- ◆ Voting available at the rally. No representative for northeast region; southwest region vice president no longer a Discovery owner. Anyone interested in service may contact any board member.
- ◆ DOAI business cards are available to all members.
- ◆ Current newsletter editor is stepping down and a replacement is needed. Anyone interested may contact any board member.
- ◆ Current membership coordinator is stepping down and Elaine Holley has volunteered to serve in that position.
- ◆ Jay Keneson presented information on the 2016 national rally, with details to be published in the January 2016 newsletter.
- ◆ The 2017 national rally is slated for the south central region and the board is open for location suggestions.
- ◆ Registration is open for 2016 Camp Discovery. ❖



Elaine Holley

Membership Coordinator's report

The chart reflects the list of new and reinstated members as of the end of October 2015. Please extend the hand of welcome to our new members who have joined DOAI since the last issue of our newsletter ... and encourage them to visit and join a chapter. ❖

Larry/Barbara Anderson, Troy MO
 Brent/Lori Ball, Harrowsmith ON
 Donald/Mary Becker, Sun City AZ
 Michael/Peggy Bingham, Deer Park TX
 David/Veronica Borkowski,
 East Aurora NY
 Bruce/Sandy Boyer, Highland IN
 Don/Anne Burbach, Benicia CA
 Richard/Ileana Capilla, Osprey FL
 Bernard/Judith Chuinard, Tucson AZ
 Marie/Joe Clark, Cullman AL
 Dan/Carol Coffey, Hastings NE
 Timothy/Amy Connolly, Rowlett TX
 David Cooley, Odessa FL
 James/Ginny Crews, Rockledge FL
 Patricia Culler/Ron Green, Coleman TX
 Michael/Lisa Davis, Saint Cloud FL
 Cheryl/John Dodson, Rio Vista CA
 Chuck/Kay Eissler, Kerrville TX
 Marc Fisher/Paulette McGuinness,
 Waynesville NC
 Mark/Leyla Fisher, Leavenworth KS
 Jeffery Folds, Gulf Breeze FL
 Marvin/Rhonda Frable, Saylorsburg PA
 Scott/Jeanne Goetze, Wichita Falls TX
 Jim/Donna Graham, Naples FL
 Robert/Nan Green, Park City UT
 Erik/Sandy Gregersen, Solvang CA
 Jim/Liz Hagen, Corona CA
 Dan/Kim Harris, Mission Viejo CA

Brian/Debbie Harrod, Topeka KS
 Michael Harter, Tampa FL
 Peter/Sharon Havens, Payson AZ
 Henry Holmes, Ooltewah TN
 Brian/Tracy Hopkins,
 Garibaldi Highlands BC
 Curtis/Nelda Hubbard, Simpson LA
 Pete/Ginny James, Livingston TX
 Roger/Karen Johnson, Judsonia AR
 Darrell/Judy Jones, Spring TX
 Danie/Linda Kersey, Delta UT
 Mo/Sally Langham, Cottage Grove OR
 Brent/Donna Lee, Cumming GA
 William Lewis, Deltona FL
 Marlan/Rhonda Lowdermilk, Box Elder SD
 Ray/Julie Luke, Desoto TX
 Gary MacPherson, Colorado Springs CO
 Glenn/Terri Magnuson, Marysville WA
 Sandy Mauck, Minneapolis MN
 James/Mary McCafferty, McClure OH
 Howell/Betty McCullah, Weston Lakes TX
 Ernie Meadows, Taylor TX
 Randy Meredith, Victoria TX
 Guy Monson, Canyon Lake TX
 Noel/Rhoda Montgomery, Adkins TX
 Virgil/Lynda Mulanax, Bandera TX
 Grant Newbury, Hollywood MD
 Bill Nuzzo, Irwin PA
 Jeffrey/Carmen Ogletree, Meridian ID
 Chuck/Judy Osborn, Sun City AZ
 Steven/Karlee Pentecost, Chesapeake VA

2015 Month	Membership	New Members
Jan	1,334	24
Feb	1,318	21
Mar	1,309	21
Apr	1,303	31
May	1,319	27
Jun	1,320	31
Jul	1,330	32
Aug	1,326	30
Sep	1,327	30
Oct	1,325	28

William/Ann Pettit, Midland NC
 Jeffrey Plakos, Port Hueneme CA
 Randy/Nancy Platt, Poplarville MS
 Sean Rafferty, Wichita KS
 Larry/Maureen Record, Belmont NH
 Paul/Cindy Reed, Jackson Springs NC
 William Reed, Maineville OH
 Donald Ritter, Danville IL
 James Robertson/Candice Ecklund,
 Southport NC
 Mark/Mary Robertson, Helena MT
 Searl Root, Fort Myers FL
 Fernando Sanchez, Houston TX
 Bob/Jan Schuster, McNabb IL
 Jackson/Brenda Seltzer, New Caney TX
 Terry/Pam Shoemaker, Caddo Mills TX
 Chad/Trina Sims, Mount Vernon OH
 Jessica Sisney, Splendor TX
 Douglass Stiebeling/Dani Moore,
 Windermere FL
 Phil/Tina Todd, Wendell NC
 Darren Tramel, White Oak TX
 Joe Vaglica, Endicott NY
 Jim/Lynn Weatherford, Orange Park FL
 Dan/Jan Wee, West Salem WI
 Malcolm/Deanna Whitaker, Ellenton FL



Portia Williams

It's been great, DOAI!

In the October 2015 issue of the *Discovery Express*, **John Baker** announced that I am retiring. I have handed the membership reins over to **Elaine Holley** effective January 1, 2016. I am very happy that she has accepted this position; she will do a great job.

In March 2005, I was approached by **Jim Devine**, DOAI co-founder along with his wife, **Dorothy**, and was asked to be the national DOAI membership director (now coordinator). I had met Jim and Dorothy at the 2003 national DOAI rally in Kennewick, Wash. Great couple! Dorothy passed away in January 2008. Needless to say, I was honored to be considered and accepted the position.

The first membership number I issued was 3109; the most recent number was 6417 (as of 11/20/2015). We continue to maintain a good membership base even through the lean RV years – current membership is more than 1,300.

During the nearly 11 years of volunteer service, I have had the pleasure of working with several presidents – **Phil Yovino**, **Marshall Godwin** and **John Baker** – along with their presidencies and regional vice presidents. It has been great to meet new people and make many friends. My membership responsibilities required that I work closely with **Bob Cook**, webmaster, and **Nina Soltwedel**, *Discovery Express* editor. What a great help they have been.

At the DOAI national rally last September in Amana, Iowa, it was nice to be recognized for my years of volunteer service with a plaque and a gift card. I have put the card to good use – something to help me on the golf course! The plaque is going on the wall of our 2009 40X *Discovery* which, by the way, we are keeping.

Thank you, DOAI – I have enjoyed being of service. ❖

The votes have been cast and here are the numbers

The 2015 election of officers to serve this wonderful club of ours for 2016-2017 has been accomplished. Each and every vote cast has said, in essence, THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to lead us along the Discovery highway for the next twenty-four months. Extra thanks go out to **Bob Cook** and **John Baker**, who coordinated efforts to get ballots to everyone and who extended the voting deadline accordingly. **Marshall Godwin**, as chairman of the nominating committee, reports that a total of 116 ballots were received: 73 paper ballots and 43 electronic ballots. Thirteen of the paper ballots were invalid – two duplicate ballots with the same membership number, and 11 ballots with no region designation nor membership number.

<u>Office/Electee (in bold)</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Office/Electee (in bold)</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
President:		Northeast Region Vice President:	
Ron Wacker	102	<i>No nominee</i>	
Executive Vice President:		Write-in - Jeff Daly	1
Jay Keneson	102	Northwest Region Vice President:	
Vice President for Development:		Bob Soltwedel	9
Marshall Godwin	102	South Central Region Vice President:	
Secretary:		Gary Osburn	22
Freddie Perry	102	Southeast Region Vice President:	
Treasurer:		Bob Deal	16
Dick Tracy	103	Southwest Region Vice President:	
National Rally Master:		<i>No nominee</i>	
MaryAnn Crowell	102	Write-in - Gary Livingston	3
North Central Region Vice President:		Write-in - John Scarborough	1
Bev Kaiser	16	Write-in - Freddie Perry	1
		Write-in - Sam Spade	1
		Write-in - Jim Sullivan	1

Due to a hiccup at ballotbin.com, the website used for voting, it was discovered in mid-November that many DOAI members had not received the voting email notice. Bob Cook is working to help ensure that, when election time rolls around again in late 2017, all ‘bumps in the road’ have been removed. For the future, please remember that members can **always** vote using the ballot that is contained within the October issue of the election year’s newsletter, and mail their ballot via USPS. In addition, if the timing of the election year’s national rally works, there is a ballot box and ballots available at that rally. ❖



John Baker

A note from DOAI’s immediate past president

We had a great time in the Amana Colonies! Many thanks to the Board of Directors who organized the 2015 national rally and to all who volunteered to help make it happen. That demonstrates the spirit of our Discovery family. If something needs to be done, someone will step up and do it.

Of course, we not only explored the surrounding area, ate a lot of good food, and enjoyed being with friends old and new. As we always do, we left significant donations to a local charity and the local food bank to help improve the lives of others whom we shall never meet. You always are so generous in giving and I thank you for that.

DOAI is moving onward with a new Board of Directors under the direction of President **Ron Wacker**. I know you will support them in so many ways as you did my Board and me. Thank you for that support and for the honor you gave me of leading such a top-drawer organization of wonderful people. Lastly, thanks to the guys and gals who served on the Board of Directors with me ... they helped and supported our efforts immensely!

I hope to see you in (sometimes) sunny Florida for Camp Discovery. As always **Marshall, Gary** and others are preparing to present lots of information to help you and me operate our “wheel estate” better, more efficiently, and hopefully save some bucks at the same time. The Florida Discovery Sunshiners are preparing to host us and if there is anyone who knows how to plan and execute a party, it is them! Save travels for everyone! ❖



MaryAnn Crowell

Rally Master's report

If you weren't in Amana last September, you missed a great rally. The Iowa weather certainly gave us the best six fall days – warm days and just right nights. Wish I could promise that at all the rallies. We had an average of 70 coaches, with some arriving late, while others had to leave early. But still a great turnout!

Our early days of shopping, tours and golf all went well. I thank **Judy and John Curtis** for doing the bus tours, and **Bev Kaiser** for getting the golf group together.

We had three days of seminars led off by **Bob Cook**, with **Don Crowell, John Baker, Gary Livingston, Gary Osburn, Preston Hall** and yours truly. We also had what I believe to be our first workshop: "Building a 50 Amp Tester", thanks to **Bruce Plumb** and Gary Osburn.

Ladies, I hope you had a chance to attend the Saturday afternoon gathering. "Oma" certainly told some great stories of old Amana. Thank you, **Bonnie Larson**, for getting that together.

Of course, we had vendors, with our own **Jody Bruce** spending most of her time selling a great selection of DOAI merchandise. Preston Hall with "All Pro Water Flo" did a great job of helping with our "tank" problems.

Food and entertainment: Good food with pizza being cooked on site and then on Saturday night, your steaks were being done right outside on the grill. Of course, the best food was from YOU. We had a great variety on Friday night; I hope you got at least a sample of everything. A wonderful polka band, Jim Busta Polka Band with Mollie B – have you ever seen so many people doing the chicken dance? The Brass Transit Authority on Saturday night was a little loud, but they sure knew the music of the 70's and 80's. I know the card bingo, led by John and Judy Curtis, with **Barry Cummings** giving a helping hand, was a success, because everyone wanted to play longer. I hope you enjoyed the local theater talent, when you saw "Barnum".

Our food pantry donation filled the back of **TJ Croco's** pickup truck. And our charity, Four Oaks, received a check for \$1,828, from the 50/50 tickets and the sale of the beautiful eagle head quilt tickets. Plus our winners all added their winnings back to Four Oaks, which brought the total to \$2,506! Thanks to everyone for letting the Amana, Iowa, area know that we were there to enjoy their area, but also we said, "Thanks for allowing us to be there."

A special thanks to those who helped so much before the rally with all the planning, and to all of YOU, our great DOAI members, for attending. Now, on to 2016! ❖

Chapters' rally photos



Louisiana Mudbugs



Florida Discovery Sunshiners



Discovery Texans



Midwest Discoverers



Ozarks Discovery



Texas Discovery Road Runners

Rally opportunities

We invite you to attend any of the following rallies. Contact chapter president for details (see **page 10**). See also the consolidated rally schedule at www.discoveryowners.com. It is updated periodically.

January 2016 –

- 10-24 Discovery California, Quartzsite, Ariz.
- 24-29 Southeast region rally, Seffner, Fla.
- 24 Heartland Discoverys, Seffner, Fla.

February 2016 –

- 3-6 Discovery Texans, Tyler, Tex.
- 26-29 Discovery California, Temecula, Calif.

March 2016 –

- 30/4-2 Discovery Texans, Hempstead, Tex.

April 2016 –

- 26/5-1 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Dillard, Ga.

May 2016 –

- 6-9 Discovery California, Pismo Beach, Calif.
- 11-14 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Ashland, Va.
- 12-15 Ozarks Discovery, Mountain View, Ark.
- 19-21 Discovery Texans, Stonewall, Tex.

June 2016 –

- 6-9 Midwest Discoverers, Mackinaw, Mich.
- 10-13 Midwest Discoverers, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

September 2016 –

- 11-16 Midwest Discoverers, Cape Cod, Mass.
- 19-24 DOAI national rally, Bath, N.Y.

November 2016 –

- 9-12 Discovery Texans, San Marcos, Tex.



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Atwood Mobile Products	800.825.4328	Power Gear	800.334.4712
Caterpillar RV engine support	877.777.3126	Riverpark	800.442.7717
Carefree of Colorado	800.621.2617	RV Doctor	www.rvdoctor.com
Carriage Carpets (Shaw Flooring)	877.706.3054	RV Education 101	www.rveducation101.com
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Sullivan RV Sales & Service	800.720.0484, Ext. 6	Thetford Corp.	800.521.3032
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Goodyear Tire & Rubber	800.321.2136	www.gasbuddy.com ✓ ✕ ◻ ✧ ✨	
Intellitec	800.251.2408	www.interstaterestareas.com - no app	
Kidde Safety products	800.880.6788	www.rvdumps.com/dumpstations - no app	
Kwikkee products	800.736.9961	www.rvparking.com ✓	
Magnadyne	800.638.3600	www.rvparky.com ✓ ✕	
Michelin North America	800.847.3435	www.truckertools.com ✓ ✕	
Norcold, Inc.	800.543.1219	www.usarestops.com ✓ ✕	

Apps for smartphones (free or paid): ✓ Apple; ✕ Android; ◻ Windows; ✧ Mobile Web; ✨ Blackberry
For other member-recommended helpful contacts/apps/websites, visit www.discoveryowners.com

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All things DOAI

A look at some of the benefits available to you as a member of this great club of RVers

DOAI decals

Each new DOAI member receives a static-cling DOAI decal like you see here (actual decal is white letters on clear background). These decals are a great way to tell the world you belong to a super motor home organization. Because they are static cling, they are easy to adhere to a window, and equally easy to remove. They look great on each front side window top, and another one would be super on your toad.



Additional decals for \$2 each (including shipping). Send your check (made payable to Discovery Owners Association, Inc.) to Membership Coordinator **Elaine Holley**, 2317 Fran Cir, Clyde TX 79510-3441.

Name badges

Official DOAI badges (in a medium blue-green) are good to wear whenever you are at a DOAI gathering. It helps everyone get to know you. Here's how to get your badge:



1. Print out a list of what you are ordering
2. Write a check for the total amount of the order (don't forget to include the \$3 shipping fee)
3. Print your name/s
4. Print your ship-to address
5. Send all items to *The Signman, PO Box 622143, Oviedo FL 32762-2143* (telephone 407.365.3722; email signman@signman.net).

Badge with pin back (with or without two holes)* . . . \$5.00
 Badge with magnet back (with or without two holes)* \$6.75
 Bolo tie (specify black or white) \$3.50
 Job bar (for national officers/chairmen) with rings . . . \$3.50
 Shipping \$3.00
 *If you don't specify "with", the badge will come without corner holes. There is no extra charge for drilling the holes.

DOAI-branded merchandise

Discovery-branded shirts, t-shirts, tote bags, jackets, vests, and caps are more great ways to declare your affiliation with the best RV owners club in the U.S. The DOAI store is open at regional and national rallies.



Reasonably-priced items of excellent quality mean that you won't be disappointed when you shop. DOAI decals are also available at the DOAI store. Merchandise Coordinator **Jody Bruce** welcomes ideas for new items, and will work hard to come up with what you want (bruce7073@gmail.com).

Free or discounted advertising online and in this newsletter



All active DOAI members are eligible to advertise in the newsletter and online at no or discounted cost. Free advertising is available for selling those used RV-related items you have laying around, as well as when you get ready to sell your Discovery. While limited to three lines in the newsletter, your online ad can be as lengthy as you wish, and can include up to three photos. Online ads are viewable by anyone surfing the 'Net, looking for a good used RV or related item, not just DOAI folks.

DOAI members who have their own RV-related business are eligible for discounted advertising rates, including certain free online ad space. Because of the variety of advertising opportunities available, contact Newsletter Editor **Nina Soltwedel** for details (doaexpress@discoveryowners.com).

The DOAI eGroup

Worth the "price of admission" is DOAI's very helpful eGroup, hosted on the Yahoo! site. What is it, exactly? It's an all-in-one-place venue where you can post your question, problem, or suggestion relating to your Discovery, or your travels, or just about anything else that's RV-related. After you post your question/problem/suggestion, each person in the group receives that post.

If you're on the road and have encountered a situation with your Discovery that puzzles you, post the problem. Within minutes you will receive intelligent responses from other D owners who have either experienced that problem or learned of a solution.

Want to know where a good tire dealer is in Podunk, Somestate? There's most likely someone who's been there, done that. Want to know about the best route to get to Dogpatch, Otherstate? Yep, someone can probably tell you that, as well. Got an aggravating problem with a fuse that you can't locate? There are at least five guys who'll know where it can be found.

How do you join? It's very simple: send an email to Webmaster **Bob Cook** (webmaster@discoveryowners.com) and ask for an invitation. Bob will send that to you, which will include easy instructions to register with Yahoo! and begin your participation in the group. You'll never regret the action.

The DOAI website

If you have Internet access, take time to check out the many helpful articles that are available to you. There are informational materials online that do not appear in this newsletter, and you may be surprised to learn what all is there.

For example, **Jim Smith**, a non-member RV owner, shares his *RV Care* maintenance database. Utilizing this program can

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potentially save you hundreds of dollars in repair costs. Bob Cook continually updates the **Map Overlay Files** which contain campground, fuel stop, and service location data. This is a great assistant as you drive down the road. These two items are available to everyone, members and non-members alike.

Other pages available to all are **Classified** and **Advertisers**. The **Classified** page includes ads from DOAI members selling Discovery motor homes and RV-related materials. You may also find classified ads from members who own businesses, such as campgrounds. The **Advertisers** page includes those display ads from paying advertisers. These ads are hyperlinked to the respective advertisers' websites. These ads help pay the expenses of producing this quarterly newsletter, so we are grateful for their patronage.

When you reach DOAI's home page (www.discoveryowners.com), you will see other pages listed along the left side including **Links**, **Chapters**, **Rallies**, **Login**, **Join**, and **Contact DOAI**.

Some of the website's pages are restricted for access by members only. These pages are the **News**, **Hints**, **Modifications**, **Member List**, **eGroup**, **Chat Room** and **Bulletin Board** pages.

- ✧ **News** – details on renewing your membership electronically, list of latest additions to **Modifications** page (with link to that page), and a link to view newsletters online.
- ✧ **Newsletters** – *Discovery Express* is available for members on this page, from the very first issue to the latest. Included on the main **Newsletters** page is a link to the **Index of Helpful Articles** from the newsletter, each hyperlinked to the particular issue.
- ✧ **Hints and Modifications** – The **Hints** page is loaded with the experiences of many members in solving problems. The **Modifications** page includes information from various members on how they've improved their Discovery motor homes with upgrades and renovations.
- ✧ **Member List** – a list of all active DOAI members, updated monthly. The data includes phone numbers and email addresses. The **Member List** page also includes links to DOAI's bylaws and standing rules pages.
- ✧ **eGroup** – See the blurb on the previous page.
- ✧ **Bulletin Board** – This is a place where anyone can go to post and read messages concerning DOAI, the Discovery coach and general RVing. Messages are posted by topic.
- ✧ **Chat Room** – A weekly chat with fellow members takes place each Tuesday evening at 9:00 p.m. Eastern time. However, the chat room is open 24 hours a day. Please feel free to advise your friends and schedule a real-time chat with them, or you can leave the chat window open to see who pops in.

After you've browsed through the DOAI website, send a note of thanks to our webmaster, Bob Cook. The number of hours he spends maintaining the website is tremendous, and all at no cost to the club other than DOAI-owned equipment upkeep.

Chapter membership

Belonging to a DOAI chapter helps make your membership even more enjoyable. You have the opportunity to gather with other members on a more intimate scale such as weekend campouts, usually held in an area close to you.

There are currently twelve chapters throughout the U.S. Details about most chapters are available online (not all chapters have created pages for the DOAI website). On **page 10** of this newsletter you will find a listing of all the chapters with contact information. On **page 9** of each issue we include a list of chapter rallies that are coming up. This list is also available online, updated between publication dates.

Regional and national rallies

Major annual gatherings of DOAI members occur at regional and national rallies. The southeast region rally will take place later this month at Lazydays campground in Seffner, Fla. With the theme of *Camp Discovery*, attendees are offered the opportunity to learn just about all there is to know about our Discovery motor homes, while enjoying camaraderie, good food, entertainment, and the sunshine of Florida. This is an annual staple of DOAI, and the location has been ideal. Many Discovery owners spend their winters in Florida, and the timing of this rally has usually been in late January or early February.

There have been region rallies in other locations, but none are planned at this time.

The DOAI national rally is the **really big event** of each year. The location of the rally varies from year to year, in an effort to assure all members that a national will be relatively close to them at some time. The 2014 national rally took place in Casper, Wyoming; the 2015 national rally was at the Amana Colonies in Iowa; 2016 will find us in Bath, New York.

We can't praise the national rallies enough. The rally committee people always ensure the best food, the best locations, the best vendors, the best seminars, and the best entertainment to be found. Members who attend have found themselves making new friends they might otherwise never have met, seeing sights they might otherwise never have seen, and creating lasting memories.

Do yourself a favor: Promise yourself you'll attend the 2016 national rally in Bath. You will not be sorry ... and you'll have a whale of a good time. See **page 3** for details.

DOAI advisory group

In early 2005, working with members of the then-Fleetwood management team, the Discovery Owners advisory group was formed. The primary mission of the advisory group is to maintain open dialogue regarding the Discovery product and customer service, to assure the Discovery product is meeting the expectations of owners, and to support the members of DOAI.

The advisory group consists of a designated national DOAI liaison (the vice president for development) and the region vice presidents of each of the six DOAI regions. The

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DOAI advisory group, continued

advisory group maintains communication and provides information via the national liaison. The national liaison maintains direct and frequent contact with the product development/design and owner relations management staff of Fleetwood. During national or regional DOAI rallies, the advisory group meets with Fleetwood management, if present, to discuss issues of common interest to Fleetwood and DOAI. In addition, any issues that have not been previously discussed will be reviewed for resolution.

Reporting a problem

Problem-reporting is intended to take place when other actions have failed, or when satisfactory or unsatisfactory service has been provided. DOAI members should have followed this process to resolve their motor home problem:

- ❶ Take the motor home to one or more dealers for problem resolution.
- ❷ Call Fleetwood customer service at 800.322.8216.
- ❸ Ask to speak to a customer service supervisor.
- ❹ Ask to speak to a customer service manager.

When a DOAI member has not been able to resolve the problem by following the above process, the member should contact his region vice president, who will fill out an *Owner Reporting Form*. Acting as a member of the advisory group, the region vice president submits the form to the national liaison. The liaison will coordinate the report with the DOAI board of directors, as necessary, and will then submit the form to Fleetwood’s national owners relations management. The DOAI member will be contacted directly by Fleetwood for resolution.

The DOAI member is asked to keep his region vice president informed as to action, resolution, etc. The region vice president will, in turn, keep the national DOAI liaison informed. The liaison will report results, as necessary, to the DOAI board of directors and to the membership via the *Discovery Express* newsletter.

The owner reporting form is to be used to report unresolved motor home problems, or for problems experienced with dealers that members feel need to be resolved by Fleetwood management, or for positive feedback.

Your region vice president’s name and address is located on **page 10** of this newsletter. The states/provinces covered by each region are listed for clarification.

Get three to join, you get a free year

As you travel around the country, camping at RV campgrounds or stopping at rest stops, be on the watch for other Discovery motor homes. If you do spot one, and it’s possible to go to it, knock on their door and ask if they belong to DOAI.

If they do, you’ve met someone who could become a new friend. If they don’t, it’s an opportunity to tell them about DOAI, and suggest they consider joining.

If you have a couple of the new DOAI business cards (available from Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley), you can clip that card to a copy of this newsletter and give it to the prospective members.

On the membership form is a space for them to write in your name. When they join, and the membership coordinator sees your name in the “who recommended DOAI to you?” slot, you get credit. Get three new DOAI members and you’ve earned a year’s free membership for yourself!

If you have questions, you can always contact Elaine (see page 10 for her contact information).

Do you shop at amazon.com?

DOAI is a member of the Amazon Affiliate program. If you shop at amazon.com, click on the icon shown here that you will



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We hope this overview of all things DOAI will find you in agreement: DOAI membership is a **very good thing**. ❖

Submitted by Nina Soltwedel

Membership sponsors

DOAI is grateful to these organizations for supporting our club by paying for a year’s membership for each purchaser of a **new or used** Discovery motor home: Sponsorship details are available from DOAI Membership Coordinator **Elaine Holley** at 888.594.6818 or doaimembership@discoveryowners.com.

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Classified advertising

Detailed information about these sale items (**including photos**) can be found at www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.htm. Sale ads for Discoverys and RV-related items are free to paid-up members of DOAI. For details, contact Editor at doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com or call 303.570.2736.

Discoverys **FOR SALE**

1999 36T: 84k mi, new tires/batts/curtains/water heater; all records. Al Macklin; 519.336.6514; al.mack@sympatico.ca **\$30,000**

2001.5 38D: 59k mi, exc. cond., recently serviced, more. Dave Smith; 281.379.6337; davesmithrio@att.net **\$46,000 OBO**

2002 37U: 54k mi, clean, with Roadmaster Blackhawk tow package. Sam Hatcher; 850. 387.0105; samhatcher@cs.com **\$49,950**

2004 39J: 60k mi, 6 new tires/batts, clean. Ray Wittschen; 609.408.9320; vetdream@comcast.net **\$50,000**

2007 40X: New roof/radials; trans. maint. plan. Herman Jones; 703.909.3998; mail2charlottejones@yahoo.com **\$99,900**

2008 40X: Ext. warr., ext. enter. cntr, Brake Buddy. Eric McBride; 305.807.3358; eric@mcbridedesign.com **\$129,000 OBO**

2010 40X: 32k mi, no DEF req., new tires/batts, braking sys. Freddie Perry; 530.249.1842; fperry3@gmail.com **\$125,000**

2011 42C: 19k mi, tag axle, res. refrig., enter. cntr. w/kitchen. Jeff Eberlein; 513.404.4164; jecincy@fuse.net **\$159,900**

2014 40E: 8k mi, 3 slides, king bed, ext. enter. center, res. frig. Denny Keller; 214.683.1333; dennykeller60@yahoo.com **\$199,000**



RV-related items **FOR SALE**

50 amp extension cord. John Didich; 419.281.2814; jdidich@frontier.com **Best offer + shpg.**

Eagle 8000 tow bar, new/never used; see photos on DOAI site. Ed Kietzman; 704.572.1511; kkietzman@gmail.com . . . **\$500 + shpg.**

Loveseat from 2000 37V, tan leather, exc. cond., \$2700 new. Ed Kietzman; 704.572.1511; kkietzman@gmail.com . . . **\$250 + shpg.**

Shades, 2 windshields, 1 entry door, like new. John Didich; 419.281.2814; jdidich@frontier.com **\$350 + shpg. OBO**

Xantrex Freedom inverter/charger. Dlvr FMA/SE rally or ship. **Bob Angus**; 931.624.3816; angusr@charter.net **\$400 + shpg.**

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DOAI eGroup conversation

A recent exchange of emails on the eGroup dealt with facets of the Splendide washer/dryer combo in our Discovery motor homes which elicited many responses. The following information is found at the Splendide website (http://splendide.com/consumer_tips.htm), and can also be found in your Splendide owners manual.

Winterization

1. With the machine power OFF, pour ½ quart of RV-type antifreeze into the washer drum
2. Close the door. Advance the Program Selector knob to a SPIN position
3. Press ON/OFF Button (IN). Wait 1-2 minutes
4. Press ON/OFF Button (OUT). Unplug the washer-dryer from the electrical outlet (or disconnect power)
5. Turn the water supply faucets OFF. Disconnect the inlet hoses from the faucets. Drain any remaining water from the hoses. Finished!

Optional RV Winterization

If you're currently pumping antifreeze through the fresh water system, follow these steps to winterize:

1. With the machine power OFF, turn the WASH TEMP knob to HOT
2. Advance the Program Selector knob to REGULAR in Cotton Heavy Duty
3. Press the ON/OFF button (IN) and let the machine fill until antifreeze is in the drum
4. Advance Program Selector to a RESET. Wait 5 seconds (Status/Door Lock LED will blink)
5. Advance Program Selector to a SPIN position. Let the antifreeze drain from the drum
6. Advance Program Selector to RESET. Wait 5 seconds (Status/Door Lock LED will blink)
7. Turn the WASH TEMP knob to COLD
8. Advance the Program Selector knob to REGULAR in Cotton Heavy Duty
9. Let the machine fill until you see antifreeze in the drum
10. Advance the Program Selector knob to RESET. Wait 5 seconds (Status/Door Lock LED will blink)
11. Advance the Program Selector knob to SPIN. Let the antifreeze drain from the drum
12. Press the ON/OFF button (OUT). Finished!

To use again: Flush the water pipes, then

1. Reconnect the water inlet hoses to the corresponding HOT/COLD faucets. Turn the faucets ON. (NOTE: Check the water inlet hoses and pump periodically. Refer to the "Use & Care Guide" that came with the machine)
2. Plug the washer-dryer into an appropriate electrical outlet (or reconnect power supply)
3. With the ON/OFF button in the off (OUT) position, pour ½ tbsp. of powder detergent (or liquid equivalent) into the 'Detergent' compartment inside the Dispenser Drawer
4. Advance the Program Selector knob to an EXPRESS cycle
5. Press the ON/OFF button (IN) and allow the machine to run through the complete cycle to clean out any remaining antifreeze. Finished!

How to clean the drain/lint filter

→ WD802M, WDC1024M, WDC1025MCEE – The lint filter

is located behind a small door in the lower-right, front corner of your machine. A clogged drain/lint filter can prevent the machine from draining properly. To eliminate this risk, clean the drain/lint filter regularly of the lint and debris that naturally accumulates from washing/drying clothes. (NOTE: WD802M Vented models may also have an optional dryer lint screen installed at the dryer vent attachment on the back of the machine. If installed, this screen should be cleaned regularly to optimize drying performance).

→ WD2100, WD2000S, WDC6200CEE, WDC5200 - Forget about cleaning a lint filter! Your machine is so gentle to fabrics that only a small amount of lint is produced. Because of your Splendide's revolutionary pump system, this lint passes safely out the drain (and out the dryer vent in vented models). No maintenance required!

Water Inlet Taps and Hoses

Close the water inlet taps when your machine is not in use. This will limit wear to the machine's water circuit and eliminate the risk of leakage.

Replace inlet hoses at least every five years of use to reduce the risk of hose failure. Inspect and replace inlet hoses if bulges, kinks, cuts, or leaks are found. NOTE: When replacing your inlet hoses, mark the date of replacement on the label with a permanent marker.

Detergent and Softeners

1. Using liquid detergents in any front-loading washer is not recommended because they tend to produce too much foam. But, if you prefer to use a liquid detergent, DO NOT use more than 1 tbsp.
2. Splendide recommends using 1-2 tbsps. of liquid fabric softener as needed, to reduce wrinkling and speed drying. Bio-friendly fabric softeners, or those that appear light in color, dissolve more quickly in less water and minimize build-up within your machine and in the environment. **NEVER use fabric softener sheets.**

Sample Wash/Dry Loads

1. Sample Load 1: 2-3 bath towels, 1 hand towel, 1-2 wash cloth(s) — Wash & dry cycles: cotton heavy duty regular/dry time: 90-110* min.
2. Sample Load 2: 1 queen flat sheet, 1 fitted sheet, 2 standard pillow cases — Wash & Dry Cycles: Permanent Press Regular/Dry Time: 70-90* min.
3. Sample Load 3: 1 hand towel, 1 pair of jeans, 1 sweatshirt — Wash & Dry Cycles: Cotton Heavy Duty Regular/Dry Time: 90-110* min.

*NOTE: Data purely indicative. Sample loads tested in 1.92 cu. ft. drum model. You may wish to remove some items for 1.6 cu. ft. drum models to avoid wrinkling. Actual dry times will vary depending on the type, weight, and size of items being dried. (i.e., a size "Small" sweatshirt would dry faster than a size "XXL", etc.). To avoid overdrying, always start out setting a shorter dry time, then add more time, if needed. ❖

Reports of chapters and regions



Chapter prez
Jim Sullivan

Discovery California chapter

This past fall, we had a joint rally with **Gary Velasquez** and his Desert Rats from Nevada at Pismo Coast Village. Many of us headed to Montana De Oro State Park where we toured Spooner's Ranch House and collected shells and rocks at Spooner's Cove. Afterwards, there was a mad dash of 2,100 miles across the country to attend the DOAI national rally in Amana, Iowa. One of our

members, **Fonda Petronzio**, won the coveted quilt raffle. Besides the Petronzios, **Al and Donna Anderson** also joined us at the rally.

Over the Halloween weekend, **Terry and Sheri Shick** hosted a fun-filled weekend up at the Jackson Rancheria RV Park in Jackson, Calif. Jackson is in the center of California's Motherlode Gold Country.

The weekend before Thanksgiving **Susan** and I hosted a rally down near the border with Mexico at the Palm Canyon RV Park in Borrego Springs. The RV park has easy access to Anza Borrego State Park. It was co-hosted with Frank and Fonda Petronzio. Attendees explored the unique desert surroundings and breathtaking night skies.

There was nothing planned for December, but in January we have a number of informal rallies in which our members participate: the FMCA Rally in Indio, January 6-10, the Blue Grass Festival in Blythe, January 15-17, and then there is a very informal Quartzsite Rally hosted again by Al and Donna Anderson, January 10-24. This will be Al's second go around with this get together. Everyone is invited to dry camp with Al or to stop by and say hello to DOAI members. You can reach Al for more information and directions at aleanderson@sbcglobal.net.

February 26-29, Frank and Fonda will be hosting a rally at the Pechanga Casino in Temecula. There will be a big Food and Chocolate Festival on Friday and on Saturday there is a big wine tasting event that will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Wineries from all over California will be showcasing the works of their vines for a real good benefit.

At the end of March, a great number of our members will show up to help with the FMA rally in Yuma, Ariz., March 30-April 4. Our members **Bill and Linda Johnson** will host this event. The only other planned rally or event that we have at this time is May 6-9 at Pismo Coast Village. It was so well attended last year, we decided to do another one this time in the spring. ❖

Discovery Texans chapter

We welcome **Al and Karin de Haas** and **Phil Merkel and Linda Thomas** to our chapter! They joined at the DOAI national rally in Iowa.

We held our last rally for the year October 28-31 at Canyon Trail RV Resort, San Marcos, Tex. **Don Griffith** volunteered to complete the current term of rally master through 2016. Thanks, Don! As we travel Texas, remember to keep potential rallies in



Chapter prez
Jim Pellow

mind, collect information, and pass along to the rally master for possible meeting sites.

There is much to do in the San Marcos area. Heard about a lot of shopping; many visited the malls, Walmart, Cabela's, and Camping World. We enjoyed a dinner out, a night of potluck – oh, so much food and yummy! Provided us with leftovers for lunch Friday – and our hosts spoiled us Friday and Saturday. Thank you, **Jim and Shirley Barrett** and **Al and Cindy Welch**, for taking care of us in style. Friday morning, the area was hit with a massive amount of rain. We had a weather alert of a sighted tornado on the ground just about 1.5 miles north of us. Our hosts carried on as troupers when the building was flooding and several used the shop vac and mops to keep back the water!

We also conducted chapter business with completion of our general membership meeting. We held elections for positions for 2016-17 term. The results are: **Jim Pellow**, president, and **Judy Jo Bruton**, vice president (both keeping their current positions one last time).

There was a great deal of visiting and playing games including Jokers & Marbles and 5 Crowns. On our last evening, **Don Griffith** sang and played guitar while the rest of us joined him. That is always a treat.

We plan our rallies for Wednesday through Saturday, departing on Sunday. Our 2016 schedule is listed on page 9. Note that we may consider a change in the November 2016 rally location, since we were just there. Safe travels! ❖

Report submitted by Elaine Holley



Chapter prez
Larry Hawkins

D'Zonas chapter

First off, I thank **Mike and Judy Scott** for the excellent job they did as founding president and secretary/treasurer of the D'Zonas. Also due is a "well done" to Mike for his role in the southwest region. They will be missed, but always welcome at any Discovery event, even though they are now owners of an SOB. It is my good fortune that

Paul Smith has remained as vice president; this will make my job much easier. A thank you is also due to my wife, **Cathy**, for taking on the secretary/treasurer duties, and **Doris Smith**, for her continued support.

The Tombstone rally was a fun gathering. Much time was spent discussing our D's, eating, and sightseeing this historic area. The D'Zonas membership has continued to grow. We are planning several rallies after the holidays. One will be a venture into Mexico's Puerto Penasco to enjoy the seafood and beaches. Rallies in the planning stages include a bluegrass festival, the Sedona area, Lake Powell, or possibly Canyon de Chelly. Though dates for these rallies are not yet set in stone, we are looking forward to an active and exciting D'Zonas rally season. A schedule will be sent out in the near future.

So, get your D's maintenance caught up, put a shine on your rig, kick the tires, fill'er up and let's go Discovery-ing Arizona! ❖

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Reports of chapters and regions, continued



Chapter prez
Fred Jecks

Florida Discovery Sunshiners

Our October rally with six coaches was at Daytona Carefree RV Resort, Port Orange, Fla., hosted by **Tom and Eileen Mills**. The weekend began with happy hour, followed by a pizza party. Then, the Sunshiners went to New Smyrna Beach for an all-you-can eat dinner and intercoastal waterway cruise. Other events for the rally included a tour of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, potluck dinner, and a visit to DeLeon Springs State Park for breakfast where the Old Spanish Sugar Mill (now a restaurant) is located.

At the November rally, ten coaches met at Treasure Coast RV Resort in Fort Pierce, Fla., and the hosts were **Jim and Karin Dykes**. Happy hours and good food at the campground and nearby restaurants were enjoyed by all. On Saturday, the group helped celebrate the 30th anniversary of the National Navy UDT SEAL Museum. We cheered while the participants conducted their muster, watching SEALs jump out of a C-130, K-9 demonstrations, and a Huey helicopter show. This museum shows the progression of the WWII Frogmen to today's SEAL. The original Frogmen were trained in Fort Pierce, Fla. The group also attended the Elliot Museum and the House of Refuge in Stuart, Fla. The museum has many first design bicycles, along with a car collection and several other memorabilia.

Our December rally was at Lazydays to celebrate Christmas and finalize the plans and entertainment for the DOAI southeast region rally. In January, our group will be at the FMA rally January 19-24 and then the Sunshiners will host the DOAI southeast region rally (Camp Discovery), January 24-30. Both of these events are at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla. This year's Camp Discovery is shaping up to be the best one yet and we look forward to seeing you there. ❖



Chapter prez
Don Burgess

Louisiana Mudbugs chapter

Our chapter's fall rally was at Lincoln Parish Park near Ruston, La. Although it rained two of the days, it did not put a damper on the camaraderie of our group. Attending were **Joe and Sandra Mire, Donald and Emily Burgess, Ricky and Debbie Keen, Fred Reid, Donald and Frankie Caldwell, Joe and Glenda Reed, and Keith and Carolyn Barnes**. Former D owners/members attending were **Howard and Beth Campbell** and **Alfred and Betty Miller**. Any former member of the club is always welcome at our rallies.

Thursday night found us at a local seafood restaurant with a great buffet and reasonable prices called Landry's Marketplace Restaurant. We have eaten there before and would recommend it to anyone traveling through the Ruston area. Oh, by the way, the Lincoln Parish Park would be a great park for anyone passing through the area for overnighting or extended stay. It is in close proximity to the interstate, great shopping, and, being a college town, is filled with young and energetic people.

Friday found us faced with the coming rain. This gave a few of us an opportunity to explore the area and do some shopping. With snacks on the table all day long and with the constant slow but steady rain, it was decided to forgo the usual dinner at a local restaurant. This gave the group a chance to relax and enjoy the "pitter patter" of rain on the roof. This was definitely a chance to relax and not be on the go all the time. The rain continued coming down quite hard during the night.

The meeting for the club was started at ten o'clock the next morning and primary discussion was for the rallies of the upcoming year. It was decided to have the next rally at Natchitoches, La. In conjunction with the rally will be the annual crawfish boil. This will be the third crawfish boil and, we hope, will be the best, as we become better with it.

The rain continued throughout the day while the group looked forward to the upcoming college football games. The customary potluck dinner was moved up one hour so the group could watch the game.

Sunday morning, we found clear skies and no rain. Coffee was brewing and a continental breakfast awaited us prior to our departure. With the motor homes drying out and farewells said, the umbilical cords were disconnected and everyone went their separate ways to meet again next year. ❖

Submitted by Fred Reid



Chapter prez
John Ricciardi

Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

Alice and I went to the DOAI national rally in Amana, Iowa, and were joined by Mason-Dixon members **Bob and Glenda Angus, Tom and Martha Hundley, Dick and Pat Tracy, Linda and Lou Zilinski**, and new members **Bob and Jeanne Stewart**. We had a great time at a wonderful rally. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones with people from all over the country. Amana is a quaint village with very friendly people. The restaurants served some delicious meals and the catering at the rally was also delicious.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, a merry Christmas (happy Chanukah or other special day) and a safe New Year. I hope you were able to spend these special holidays with the ones you love.

The new year brings new travels. The southeast region rally – Camp Discovery – will be a good starting point for the year. The Mason-Dixons are having a rally May 11-14 (depart May 15) at Americamp in Ashland, Va. This will be a great time. We have sites available, so come and join us. You can get details on the DOAI homepage, Chapters section. ❖



Chapter prez
Jerald Call

Midwest Discoverers chapter

Midwest Discoverers held two rallies in 2015. **Nancy and Brad McKittrick** hosted the June rally at Delaware, Ohio. We all had a great time at the state house, the Columbus Zoo and a lot more. The food was good and lot of it. A big thanks to both of them. *Continued on next page...*

Reports of chapters and regions, continued

The fall rally was held at our farm. **Noreta** and I welcomed all 18 motor homes at this rally. We had a fish fry, hay ride, and we toured the Fleetwood factory in Decatur, Ind. We then moved to Shipshewana, Ind. where we attended a dinner theater, RV museum, Tippecanoe House for dinner, and a lot more. At our business meeting, **Bev Kirk** was elected secretary/treasurer, and I was elected president for the fourth time. Thanks to everyone who came to the fall rally.

Starting on June 6, 2016, we'll be in Mackinaw, Mich., for three days. We will tour the ice breaker "Mackinaw," which is now a museum, and will spend a day on Mackinac Island. Then we will move to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 10-13. We will have a dinner cruise through the Soo Locks and the upper St. Mary River. Other things are still in the works at this time. **Dick and Sylvia Holmes** will be the rally masters.

The fall rally will be at Cape Cod, Mass., September 11-16. Activities will be in Mayflower, Plymouth Rock, J. F. Kennedy Library, a 90-minute narrated tour of Boston, a trip to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and a lot more. **Bev and George Kirk** will be the rally masters. We look forward to seeing all the members at these rallies. ❖



Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

Ozarks Discovery chapter

We had a great rally at Lake Catherine State Park in Arkansas with four coaches making the trip: **Bruce and Nancy Plumb, Ricky and Debbie Keen, David and Beth Tillery, and Martin and Bev Travis**. At the last minute, some coaches had to back out; we hope everyone is recovering and look forward to seeing them this year.

We had a fun time visiting and touring Hot Springs National Park in downtown Hot Springs. We did a lot of eating, which we seem to be pretty good at. We visited several great restaurants, including a world famous barbecue place. We took a tour of one of the famous Hot Bath Houses, but no one took advantage of the baths. The park has several hiking trails and the group took the waterfall trail. We enjoyed sitting around the campfires and catching up with each other.

We are planning the next rally in Mountain View, Ark. at the Mt. View RV Park, May 12-15.

The Keens and Tillerys attended the national rally at Amana, Iowa, in August and had a fun and informative time. The chapter gained new members at the rally: **Ron and Julie Ohrt**. Ron is a retired food broker. He was very popular with some of his "samples." ❖

Report submitted by *Debbie Keen*

Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter

Our last rally for 2015 was in Tyler, Tex., October 29-November 2. We went to First Monday in Canton, which is a giant flea market held the first Monday of each month. It rained so much, I think no one got much shopping done. Six coaches were in attendance.

At our business meeting, **Melissa Plowman** was elected president, and **Lovetta Simpson** was elected treasurer. Other officer positions are unfilled at this time. Future rally plans are

yet to be determined. ❖

Report submitted by *Doc Simpson*



Region vice prez
Gary Osburn

South Central region

Following the delightful national rally at Amana Colonies, **Debby** and I ventured over to Madison County to see the covered bridges. We were joined by members **Roy and Charlene Howell** and **Dick and Pat Tracy**. We had a beautiful clear sky for the total lunar eclipse, enjoyed the small town of Winterset, photographed the bridges and visited the **John Wayne** birthplace museum. I didn't realize how many movies he made, although a great many had familiar names.

Debby and I almost "moved" to Montana when we heard how much Texas registration was going to cost for the new D. However, after some research and a few phone calls, I armed myself with print-outs of the appropriate statutes, went to visit the county tax office and wrangled a set of Texas license plates for \$387.50 – a little more than 10 percent of the original quote.

We're looking forward now to visiting at rallies for all the chapters in the South Central region and already preparing for Camp Discovery. See ya there! ❖



Region vice prez
Bob Deal

Southeast region

You may be aware that I had a stroke on July 21, 2015. I missed so many DOAI activities this past year, as well as our local chapter rallies, that I feel a bit out of the loop. The chapter presidents in the southeast region have shared with me about the great rallies they have had, and their upcoming rallies. It sounds like a fun year for 2016. **Elizabeth** and I were hoping to visit some rallies in the region, but it wasn't meant to be.

We don't know when we will have the "D" back on the road. I'm still taking therapy, and it is going well. Today (mid-November), I got the okay from my doctor to drive. I don't feel like I'm ready to drive the motor home yet, however.

My family and I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers we received during my recovery. I hope you and your family had a great holiday season. ❖

Two more chapter rally photos



← RVs in Jerry Call's backyard during Midwest Discoverers rally

Skydiver in Florida during → Florida Discovery Sunshiners rally





Mark Polk

Five minutes to a warmer RV

When you use your RV for cold weather camping, it's nice to have a warm place to retreat back to after enjoying some outdoor activities. What would you say if I told you it's possible to prepare your RV to be warm and cozy for cold weather camping in just five minutes? Let's give it a go!

☉ **Minute 1** – The first thing to do is test the RV furnace. Make sure the LP gas supply is turned on and fire up the furnace. The fan should come on and within a minute or so you should feel heat coming from the heat ducts in the RV.

☉ **Minute 2** – Check the propane level in your LP cylinders or tank and check the condition of your auxiliary battery(s). The furnace consumes more LP gas than other appliances and requires a fully charged battery if you are not plugged into an electrical source. Checking the propane level is self-explanatory and you can check the battery condition using the RV's monitor panel or with a multimeter.

☉ **Minute 3** – Pack warm clothes, extra blankets and don't forget the electric blanket! Sweatshirts, sweatpants and a good pair of winter socks make resting and relaxing inside the RV much more enjoyable when it's cold outside. For your personal protection in cold outdoor temperatures, dress in layers and make sure you have the proper clothing and footwear to stay warm and protected when outdoors.

☉ **Minute 4** – Pack a couple of portable electric heaters. Supple-

menting the heat with thermostatically controlled ceramic heaters does wonders. These heaters work extremely well and you don't need to be concerned about fire or carbon monoxide. ☉ **Minute 5** – Keep the heat in the RV. Make sure all windows and vents are closed and close the curtains or shades to help keep the heat in. Remember: heat rises. Use some foam cushioning or aftermarket accessories to seal the area around roof vents.

Okay, it might take a little more than five minutes to prepare your RV for cold weather camping, but it's worth it when the end result is a nice warm RV on a cold winter's day. There are other concerns with cold weather camping in your RV, like protecting the plumbing system from freezing, but when it comes to staying warm, this five-minute fix will do the trick during those cold weather camping trips. Happy cold weather camping!

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A cautionary tale

Last April, **Frank and Fonda Petronzio** had a frustrating experience with their GPS. DOAI thanks them for telling all!

Fonda writes: "I think everyone has experienced an 'uh-oh' moment when driving with the guidance of their GPS. But when that moment happens when you're behind the wheel of your Discovery, it takes on a whole different meaning ... and sometimes it can get you in a real pickle.

"So here's what happened to us: After leaving the FMA rally on April 12, 2015, my husband **Frank** and I were traveling east on I-40 to Williams, Ariz., for a highly anticipated trip to Grand Canyon the next day. I happened to be driving that beautiful afternoon and Frank was co-piloting and we were using the GPS on my smartphone.

"Mind you, we had directions from the RV park on what exit to take from I-40 to get to their park, but the GPS directions had something else in mind. Rather than take Exit 65 as directed, our GPS said to take Exit 63. In looking at the map, Exit 63 would take us along scenic Route 66. Who wouldn't want to take scenic Route 66? So, we decided to take the exit and I made a left turn which took us back over the highway to a stop sign. Then, as directed, I turned left again and traveled a short distance to the end of the road and was directed to turn right.

"Well, much to my shock and dismay that right turn would take us right to a railroad bridge underpass that didn't quite look tall enough for us to get through and there was no height posted as one would normally hope and expect. I immediately resigned my pilot position to my husband! What were our

options? Well, we could have unhooked our car and Frank could have backed up and tried to turn us around. But no ... after a few minutes of careful evaluation, my husband calmly informed me, "I think I can make it through there."

"As we started to enter the tunnel, we could hear our antenna scraping the roof of the tunnel. About halfway through that tunnel, I couldn't take it anymore and had to abandon ship. I had to see what it looked like from the other side. This photo is what it looked like. Frank was making it through by a hair and was almost clear when I heard it ... the screech of metal scraping. Turns out it was our awning scraping and later we determined it was undamaged. In fact, the only damage we sustained that day was to my nerves. As Frank exited that tunnel, he had a thought: 'I should have let the air out of the air bags!' What is it they say about hindsight?"

"But here are the big lessons we learned that day: you can't always trust your GPS navigation and you should **ALWAYS** follow the campground's directions if provided! We wish everyone safe and correctly navigated travels." ❖



2015 national rally photo album



American Legion Post #671 color guard from Swisher, Iowa, opened our week in Amana Colonies.



Card sharks ... oops, I mean, card bingo winners had a great time and profited nicely!



The local area food bank also profited by our generous donation of foodstuffs. Thanks to all of you for helping feed those in need!



These good-looking people were attending their first DOAI national rally. We hope they had a good time, and we look forward to seeing them at future DOAI rallies.

First timers **Norm and Sheila Hatton** wrote: "We thought the whole event was very well organized and handled. Sheila especially enjoyed the tea and storyteller. We attended all the seminars and found them quite informative and well presented. **John Baker** did an impressive job. We definitely intend to come to the rally this year in New York. Thanks for the good time!"



Fonda Petronzio (left) was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt. The quilt project was led by **Freddie Perry** (right), and Four Oaks was the beneficiary of our generous donations. Thanks, everyone!



Talented **Lovetta Simpson** created the beautifully clever centerpieces.

2015 national rally photo album, continued



Hail, hail, the gang was there in Iowa! One person missing from this august group of rally-goers is our "O'facial Pitcher Taker" **Don Crowell**. He is thanked for supplying all the rally photos you see in this issue. Great job, Don!



Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter



Louisiana Mudbugs chapter



Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter



Discovery Texans chapter



Northeast region



Heartland Discoverys chapter



Northwest Adventurers chapter

2015 national rally photo album, continued



Jim Busta Band with Molly B – highly talented artists gave us a good time!



Oma's Tales gave us a taste of what it was like years ago in the Amana Colonies.



Cluck! Cluck! It's the chicken dance!



Between the grilled hamburger meal one evening, oven fresh pizza another, steaks grilled to perfection on another evening, then a fantastic potluck that was simply overwhelming, plus delicious breakfasts ... well, we all ate like kings and queens!



The 50 amp tester workshop was a big hit.



Jody and Bruce Bruce oversaw an excellent DOAI merchandise booth, and Bruce worked with Gary Osburn on that great 50 amp tester class.

These past three pages hold just a sampling of the fun, frolic, education, food, and good times of the 2015 national rally. If you weren't there, you missed a great time, and we missed you!

Make plans now to attend the 2016 national rally in New York. There will be so many things to see and do that you might be wise to plan on coming early and staying late. The rally team is working now to give you a rally worth attending, a rally worth remembering. See you in New York! ❖



Card bingo was fun and frustrating. All you need is that one last card, but oh no! someone else's card gets called first! Argh!

2016 DOAI National Rally Heart of the Finger Lakes

September 19 through 24 (depart September 25)
Hickory Hill Family Camping Resort, 7531 County Route 13, Bath NY 14810-7982

REGISTRATION FORM

Enter information as you want it to appear on your rally name badge

Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street _____ City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone/s _____
 Email/s _____
 Emergency Contact/s _____ Emergency Phone/s _____
 DOAI # _____ DOAI Region _____ **ALL PARKING FIRST COME, FIRST PARKED**
 Need handicap parking? Yes No First DOAI national rally? Yes No
 Guest/s Name, City, State _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO refunds on dates of camping, guest attendance, meals after AUGUST 15, 2016
 because ALL sites and meals must be paid to the campground by DOAI on August 15, 2016.
 ALL pets required to have copy of current rabies vaccination paperwork for the park.

REGISTRATION:

\$399.00 per coach with two adults (6 nights - includes meals) \$ _____
\$335.00 per coach with one adult (6 nights - includes meals) \$ _____
\$5.00 each additional person/child per night (does not include meals): __ person/s × \$5 × __ nights = \$ _____
\$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) \$ _____

OPTIONAL EARLY/LATE DAYS:

EARLY: September 16 through 18: \$42/night × __ nights = \$ _____
 Dates Early (list dates) _____
LATE: September 25 through 27 (depart September 28): \$42/night × __ nights = \$ _____
 Dates Late (list dates) _____

GUEST MEALS: 3 breakfasts, 2 evening meals, welcome party: \$100 × __ person/s = \$ _____
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, GOLF AT BATH COUNTRY CLUB: \$55 × __ person/s = \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DOAI Total \$ _____

Mail check and registration form to:

Nina Soltwedel, Registrar, 4736 Harwich St, Boulder CO 80301-4217
 Questions? Contact Nina Soltwedel; 303.570.2736; rallyregistrar@discoveryowners.com or
 MaryAnn Crowell, Rally Master; 254.644.6225; macrowell1979@gmail.com

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT IN FULL MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Full refund cancellation may be made up to August 15, 2016 – AFTER AUGUST 15 – NO REFUND

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You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email.

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
ELAINE HOLLEY, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
2317 FRAN CIR
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Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization, established to foster social opportunities and information exchange among all members.

Membership classifications:

Regular - a private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** for the first year (includes one-time **\$4** administrative fee); **\$16** for one-year renewal; **\$45 (\$49 new members)** for three years; **\$75 (\$79 new members)** for five years.

Commercial - Discovery dealer, RV campground/resort, or an RV-related for-profit business. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** per year, or **\$75** for five years.

Questions? Call DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free 888.594.6818

Mail the form below with your check payable to *Discovery Owners Association, Inc.* to: **Elaine Holley, Membership Coordinator, 2317 Fran Cir, Clyde TX 79510-3441.** You may also join/renew online at www.discoveryowners.com

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Business Name, if joining as Commercial Member _____

Address _____

City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

Email Address (*check box on right for electronic newsletter*) _____

Discovery Year/Model, if joining as Regular Member _____

Who recommended DOAI membership to you? _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ representing (*check one*): One year Three years Five years