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We Finally Made It!

To summer that is. Are you so tired of hot one day, snowing the next and/or wet, wet, wet here, starving for water there? Changes in weather from one season to another can be confusing, hard to plan for and sometimes downright dangerous. Whether you and your D are heading out on your own or sharing the fun of Chapter rallies, be sure to do all the maintenance checks you learned at Camp Discovery in Seffner (back in January) and follow up on issues you may have detected when you put your D to bed so that you arrive at National Rally 2019 healthy, safe, happy and ready for fun, fun! Speaking of National Rally 2019:

> **Discovery Owners Association invites ALL Discovery Owners to** attend DOAI's 21st National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado 2019 NATIONAL RALLY "ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH" September 23 - 28, 2019

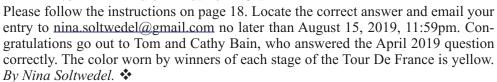
6 Nights Camping * Seminars * Vendors * 3 Catered Dinners * 1 Full Breakfast & 2 Continental Breakfasts * 3 Nights of Entertainment * Ice Cream Social * Swapmeet * Book Exchange * Card Bingo * Poker Tournament * 50/50*

Seminars topics include: NEW 2020 Discovery from Lazydays, Aqua Hot, Cummins Engines, Power Gear Hydraulic Jack System, Tire Safety, Clean & Healthy Holding Tanks, Fleetguard, Firefly Integration, Fire Safety, Furnaces, ACs, Water Heaters, Living in Your RV, History of the Pueblo Area by local author and speaker Joanne Dodds, Boondocking/Dry Camping, Traveling to Alaska, Book Club and many more. Please see page 19 for more fun things to do at the rally!

To register for this fun-filled rally, go to www.discoveryowners.com. Scroll down to: Register now! 2019 National Rally Online Registration Form. Click on and fill in the information. Press the "Submit" button at the end and write a check for the total amount payable to DOAI. Mail the check to: Susan Sullivan, 2238 Emerald Circle, Morro Bay, CA, 93442. If you would like a registration form to fill out instead, email Linda Johnson at billandlindaj@aol.com and she will email one to you. Any questions, contact Linda Johnson, registrar, at billandlindai@aol.com or 562-743-3939. ❖

Quarterly Question Contest

Who was the first U.S. President to be photographed? Lincoln Fillmore Adams Grant



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Ron Wacker

President's report

Donna and I have made it back to the mountains in North Carolina. The Rhododendrons are beautiful. Our daylilies and rose bushes are starting to blossom. The temperatures were in the 90's when we left Florida but up here they are in the 70's. It is so refreshing. I used to complain about all the snowbirds coming down to Florida and now I am one!! Amazing how things can change.

I want to apologize in advance; Donna and I will not be able to attend the National rally in Pueblo. Donna is having some health issues. We are hoping they can be resolved, so please keep her in your prayers. It is a real bummer because we have not been there and we were really looking forward to seeing the sites. Jim and Susan Sullivan from the Discovery California chapter, assisted by fellow members of the Discovery California chapter and members of the D'Zonas Chapter out of Arizona, are working hard on the national rally. It will be a great time for all who attend.

This is addressed to those do it yourselfers. I have a 2007 Discovery that I try to maintain myself for most things. While I have changed the oil and filters on my generator since owning it in 2010, the coolant in the generator had not been changed in the 9 years I owned it. This is simple right. Just drain the coolant, flush and replace with new coolant? Wrong. After draining and flushing the generator it would only run for about 5 minutes and then shut down with over temp error code. I tried everything I could think of to no avail. I finally took it to the Cummins dealer in Ocala, Florida. They performed the 1000 hour maintenance on my generator (mine has 2200 hours on it). \$1600 dollars later the problem was an air pocket that I was not able to get out. They of course replaced all the hoses, belts sensors thermostat and found a cracked intake manifold. When they refilled the coolant they used a vacuum fill system which eliminates any air pockets. My generator is now in great condition and runs like new. Bottom line if you decide to change your generator coolant, take it to a place that has a vacuum fill system.

Donna and I hope you have a fantastic summer. Safe travels. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Member Care report

OAI extends its heartfelt sympathies to the families of those who have gone Home:

**Karen Fuller died April 19 from pancreatic cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Don, who was editor of Discovery Express in the early days of the club.

**Phil Yovino died May 23 from bladder cancer. Phil's wife, Dorothy, died several years ago. Phil was a past

president of DOAI.

**Kelvin Stevens died May 26 after his annual heart transplant check-up. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

**Carlyne Krauter died June 12. She is survived by her husband, Dan. Get well wishes go out to Becky Hazen, who had knee replacement surgery June 19.

Please send me an email (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com) whenever you or a member of your family is ill, is hospitalized, or if a family member has died. ❖

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Phil Yovino

Phil Yovino Memorial

Charter Member Phil Yovino passed away May 21. Phil was a constant supporter and friend of DOAI, serving many years as a member of the Board of Directors. He founded the Discovery Texans chapter and organized several national, regional, and chapter rallies.

Born in Brooklyn, NY he lived many years in Southeast Texas. A proud Navy veteran, Phil never met a stranger. He loved his family, his country and his God. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. R.I.P Phil. *Submitted by John Baker.* •

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John Baker

Past President's report

Elections are Coming. It is that time again...time to search for officers and board members. I want to thank those who have already stepped up to the plate to serve for the 2020-2021 term. But (you knew this was coming) we still have several positions to fill. While some existing directors are eligible to serve, others are "time-limited" out after serving two consecutive terms.

Here are the basics...The six regional vice presidents must reside in the region they represent. All other offices are open to any DOAI member.

Several regional VPs are needed and they are critical to a well-oiled machine. But even **more critical** are National Rally Master and Discovery Express Editor (see Nina's item below).

It is critical that we have a fully staffed board of directors to conduct the business and set the direction of DOAI. The most common sign of impending failure for a volunteer organization is lack of members willing to serve in leadership positions. Let us not go down that path: Be willing to serve. Contact me today bakerjohn@swbell.net or at 281.814.0004 and let's chat about where YOU are needed. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Secretary's report

Searching for a new Discovery Express Editor. Do you like to write? If so, would you consider becoming the next Editor of Discovery Express? The need is urgent, as our current Editor, Kristy, will retire after the October 2019 issue ... that's the final issue of this year.

It is a rewarding job, as the Editor gets the news before everyone else. Not only that, the Editor is a member (non-voting) of the DOAI Board of Directors, and that would mean your voice would be an important part of all BOD meetings. The job also enables the Editor to get to know many of the club's members, and you may find new friendships being formed.

Sound like something you might like to do? If so, please email John Baker right away (<u>bakerjohn@swbell.net</u>). He welcomes your response and is willing to answer your questions.

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ince our last issue of Discovery Express, please "Welcome" our new and reinstated mem-Deers listed here. 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. Some reminders:

Elaine Holley

(1) If you have changed your email address and are unsure if you've let us know, please **confirm** that your subscribed email address is correct, as shown when you first login to the DOAI website. If it is not correct, please send me an email at doaimembership@discovervowners.com.

Remember, an email is our major means of communication and required in order to receive our Discovery Express newsletter each quarter.

- (2) If you have tried to reach me, but were not successful, <u>please</u> leave me a message or send a text message whichever you prefer. As John Baker said in the April Express, "telephone solicitors will attest that I am super easy to find, so I am likely not to answer my phone if I don't recognize your number". I am sure that statement fits most of us in today's world. We also do not take our phone into restaurants or doctor and dentist offices.
- (3) We continue to ask members to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year's membership free for every three new members referred. *Congratulations* go out this quarter to Jim & Kathy Pinkerton for their referrals. �

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Editor's Note by Kristy Green - Thank You

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



MaryAnn Crowell

National Rally Master's report

Rocky Mountain High, our next National Rally is really coming together. Jim & Susan Sullivan, along with the Discovery California & D'Zonas chapters, have done an amazing job of planning the upcoming National Rally. Actually, they are farther along than just planning, all of the critical areas have been finished. National Rally 2019 is moving right along to becoming a truly great rally for our members. See other articles in this issue for more complete information.

Pueblo, Colorado has so much to see and do. Three days of early arrival are available to you, for lots of sightseeing including: Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs (just 45-50 miles away) gateway to Pikes Peak, Cave of the Winds, Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge & the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, just to name a few. You are only 115 miles from Denver, with an Art Museum, Botanic Garden and the Zoo. Right in Pueblo you can explore the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk, the Whitewater Park and the Train Museum. Of course, this is just a vast overview of many more things to do.

Once you have registered for "Rocky Mountain High" rally, you can also register for the "RVing the Wine "D" ing Road" rally aka Camp Discovery (in Seffner FL., Starting January 27th and departing on February 2, 2020). Both rally registrations are available on the DOAI website using our new and easy online registration.

As if this was not enough, I also know that a lot of work is being done for the 2020 National Rally by the Blue Ridge Discoverys. See their chapter report later in this issue for updates.

Please get your National Rally registrations in soon! ❖



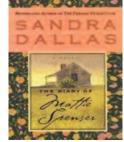
Jeanne Stewart

Book Club report

Hope you all have been enjoying Spring. A lot of the country has been experiencing awful weather, but hopefully all are safe, and looking forward to a great summer and planning on attending the National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado in September. I know I am looking forward to it. The Sullivans look to be planning a memorable rally for all.

In previous newsletters, I have suggested several books that I thought might be applicable to discuss as our book club choice. None of the previous

suggested books were bad choices. However, in following up with the outstanding book we read for our Southeast Region Rally in January, I felt a book about the local area, and a local author would be best.



The book is: *The Diary of Mattie Spenser* by Sandra Dallas.

This book was recommended by the Rosemount Museum in Pueblo. I also sent a note to the author Sandra Dallas who resides in Denver, a mere 100 miles away, and asked if she would like to join us. She may, if she has something else going on nearer to where we will be. She has written several novels, and has received many awards. I think this will add to our learning about the Colorado area. The book is available in Kindle format, even an audio edition, hardcover and paperback.

Looking forward to seeing Discovery member friends in Colorado! Happy Reading. ❖

DOAI Calendar of Important Dates

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

HERITAGE FARM TOURS

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



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

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

8:30 a.m. Depart from fair grounds

9:00 Arrive at Musso's Farm and Market, cart rides to the fields for vegetables.

10:00 Depart

10:15 Arrive Mauro's Farm and Bakery, sample Slovenian Potica (A nut roll and a staple among Pueblo's varied local foods) and other ethnic cookies.

11:00 Depart

11:15 Arrive at DiTomaso's, the oldest vegetable market in Pueblo County, Zinnia flower cutting and seed gathering. 12:00 Depart for lunch.



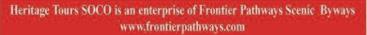








Photos clockwise from top: Musso Farms market, Colian Farm Stand (DiTomaso), Pueblo County fields, Rusler truck, DiTomaso pumpkins









Roh Cook

Website Committee report

In just a few short months, it will be a year since Robert Orr has taken control of Webmaster duties for DOAI. In addition to doing an outstanding job, Robert brings new energy and a great vision to the website. He has planned a total redesign of the website that will make it more visually appealing and easier to use. I have seen the basic framework and it is fantastic! I won't divulge any details other than it will take a ton of work to complete. I would not be surprised for Robert to post a teaser link on the eGroup as the work progresses. Robert has certainly been a Godsend for DOAI. If you will be at Pueblo this year, please thank Robert for everything he has

done and he continues to do for DOAI.

Unlike most DOAI members, Robert also has a full-time job. I don't know where he finds the time or gets his energy. Perhaps now is the time to ask for volunteers to help Robert. If you have some familiarity with Excel, there are several smaller duties that you could help with, such as administer the eGroup. If you also have some basic HTML skills or a willingness to learn, someone is also needed as a backup for Robert. This past year has seen major changes in mine and Mary's life. I don't plan on going anywhere, but life has really been getting in the way of my giving Robert much help. ❖



Robert Orr

Website Committee report

Since coming onboard as a co-webmaster for DOAI, I was impressed with the general structure and information content of DOAI's website. While taking on more responsibility for the website, I heard from some of you. You mentioned that you find the site to be a bit behind the times and some of you find it difficult to use on various devices.

As I work on the site, I have been looking for ways to address these issues and finding answers. Because the bones of the site are good, it will not require a complete make over, but we are looking at a total facelift including: a simple but elegant design with modern Adams color scheme

and an easy to read top bar menu with drop downs, an easy to follow table of contents panel with plenty of immediate information as well as links to additional in-depth information. It will be easy to navigate, regardless of the device being used to view the site.

I am excited to say the draft of the new site is almost ready. It needs beta testing and a finishing review by the DOAI Board in October before being released.

So now that you know a change is afoot, keep your eyes on the website and keep your hints and tips coming. Here are the new submissions for the Hints & Tips this quarter. Head on over to the website to check them out!

- True 50 amp conversion for D's prior to 2001.5 Submitted by Gary Bogart
- Resetting the load shed system (Intellitec EMS) Submitted by Chris Smith
- Replace the Clearance Lights with LED Fixtures Submitted by Frank Miller
- Replace the Docking Lights with LED Fixtures Submitted by Frank Miller
- Replace Backup Lights with LED Fixtures Submitted by Frank Miller ❖

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Region and Chapter reports

Chapter prez Bruce Plumb

Ozarks Discovery chapter

zarks Discovery Chapter went on their first rolling rally starting on May 29 and ending June 9, 2019. Our leaders for the trip were Don and Chris Muskoph and Randy and Mary Conklen. Other attendees included Randy and Karen Kemp, Mike and Brenda Keen, and Ricky and Debbie Keen. Our numbers were small but we had big fun.

Our first stop was in the Holland, MI area. Next it was off to Mackinac Island. Although it was cold and cloudy,

we rode our bikes the 8 miles around the island. We went to the Soo locks and dam in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, where we rode a sightseeing boat through the locks. Then we were off again going south to a quaint little town called Frankenmuth, MI, which they claim has the largest Christmas store (it covers 7.35 acres). The girls had a lot of fun there. Our last stop was Port Huron, MI, which is between Lake Huron and Lake Erie on the St. Clair River. We rode another sightseeing boat on the St. Clair. A great time was had by all, although we did have one Discovery pulled out of the mud at one of the camp grounds when Ricky (oops I wasn't supposed to mention any names) drove into the grass. It was cool, rained off and on, and on, never the less, we didn't let it stop us from having fun and seeing a lot of the state of Michigan. *



Top to bottom: Brenda & Mike Keen, Mary & Randy Conklen, Chris & Don Muskoph, Debbie & Ricky Keen, and Karen & Randy Kemp



Mackinac Island, MI



Brenda and Mike Keen -Mackinac Island, MI



Frankenmuth, MI



Ozark Discovery Ds in a line up



Oops! One got stuck in the grass. Ricky???





Lining up for a boat tour



Making Pretzels!



Restaurant time!



President Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

The Blue Ridge chapter met in Sevierville, TN April 28 through May 5, 2019 for our spring rally. This was a working rally for us in preparation for the 2020 National rally. We spent the better part of 5 days scouting the area, attending shows, dining out and playing golf. Each night we had a working happy hour and reported our findings to Bob Angus. We are off to a good start, but there is still work to do. The committee chairpersons will continue to work with local catering and entertainment providers and we will meet again next April to fine tune and finalize.

The location for the 2020 rally was originally reported to be at River Plantation in Sevierville. Upon arrival, we discovered that River Plantation had been sold. The former owner has started development on a new resort in Sevierville called THE RIDGE OUTDOOR RESORT. A number of us toured the resort and made the decision to move the national to The Ridge.

The Ridge is not an RV Park. It is truly a resort. They officially opened for business Memorial Day weekend. Their website is www.theridgeoutdoorresort.com if you want to take a look.

We will make a short presentation in Pueblo with more information about The Ridge and the 2020 National.

A number of Blueridgers are making plans to head west for the Pueblo National rally. Some of us are heading out this summer and playing tourist on the way. After Pueblo, we will caravan back east with a couple stops in Kansas and then to St. Louis for our fall rally at the Casino Queen. Anyone who would like to caravan with us and or join us for our rally in St. Louis, you are welcome. If you would like to join us please contact me at:

<u>jepinker@wisperhome.com</u> or our rally master Tim Ridgley at: <u>buddy2110@yahoo.com</u> and we will forward you our itinerary and registration form.

Hope to see many of you in Pueblo. ❖



Southwest Region VP Jim Sullivan

Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

What a party Discovery California had. It lasted over 4 days last April at one of the nicest RV parks in California, Pismo Coast Village! The rally was hosted by the dynamic duo of Cheryl and Paul Stein. We had 12 Discoverys and 2 SOBs totaling 27 people. There was a good mixture of regulars, newbies, and our special SOB guests. Pismo Coast Village is a great location for a rally, right on the beach in the very beachy town of Pismo Beach. The weather cooperated with plenty of sunshine and ocean breezes.

Early Friday morning, Paul Stein had the golfers out for an early morning round of golf. According to Herb, he got sandbagged by Jay Ono, one of our newbies.

One of the activities was a tour of a Luffa farm. You might say, "What's a Luffa?" or "Why would I want to go to a Luffa farm?" Those were questions that I raised with Susan who just told me to be quiet and get in the Jeep. Well, the farm where they grow these plants was definitely quirky. If I remember right, Luffas are part of the cucumber family grown in hot houses. Luffas actually come from a gourd and grow on a vine and after they are peeled and dried they sell them to people as sponges. Of course, there was a gift shop. I got to know everything I ever wanted to know about Luffas. After leaving the Luffa farm, I realized how much smarter I had become.

Bill Pardini has friends in high places and was able to arrange a tasting at a local winery, Sausalito Canyon Winery. Our group overwhelmed the small winery with our crowd, but the winery did a great job of hosting us. We sat outside on their beautiful patio, looking out at a view that was to die for. Not only did the winery bring out their best wines, they also brought out big cheese and cracker plates for our enjoyment. The best part was the 25% discount that Bill was able to arrange. Great job Bill!

One evening we headed over to the little town of Oceano. Our first stop was Sylvester's Hamburgers for hamburgers and beers. We then walked next door to the Great American Melodrama Theater for a performance of the play "Unnecessary Farce". Everyone seemed to have a delightful time.

There are a couple of rally staples that the Discovery Californians are big on having. Having pot luck breakfasts and dinners is the big one. Everyone gets an opportunity to show off their culinary skills. The other activity that keeps everybody excited is the evening LCR (Left Right Center) tournament. See the photos on the next page of the winner's happy faces. The winners were Jim Moy, Joe Randazzo, and Linda Johnson. The first evenings, I sat next to Jim who won on one of my passed cards. The next evening, I sat next to Joe and I got to watch him win. Lady Luck passed me over for Jim and Joe.

The competitive juices were on full display during the Cornhole Tournament. There were 8 teams. Throughout the afternoon, the tournament created lots of laughs and trash talking. People walking by had to stop and see what was creating all the fuss. The winners were Nancy Devine and Bill Pardini who each pocketed \$40. They really had to work to beat out their competitors.

Come November 7-11, 2019, all of the lucky and some of the not so lucky Discovery Californians will be heading to Sin City, otherwise known as Las Vegas. Mr. Lucky, aka Frank Petronzio, and his wife Fonda are hosting a rally at the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Oasis was a runner up for the National Rally. Join us for some awesome fun! Contact Fonda at fondapet@yahoo.com.

Susan and I have been preoccupied since January with the planning for the 2019 National Rally in Pueblo, Colorado, September 23-28, 2019. We truly feel blessed that by all the members that are stepping up to help with this rally. You don't want to miss this rally! This rally's offerings are 6 Nights Camping, Seminars, Vendors, 3 Catered Dinners, 1 Full Breakfast & 3 Continental Breakfasts, 3 Nights of Entertainment, Ice Cream Social, Swapmeet, Book Exchange, Card Bingo, Poker Tournament, and 50/50 Drawing.

Seminars topics include: NEW 2020 Discovery from Lazydays, Aqua Hot, Cummins Engines, Power Gear Hydraulic Jack System, Tire Safety, Clean & Healthy Holding Tanks, Fleetguard, Firefly Integration, Fire Safety, Furnaces, ACs, Water Heaters, Living in Your RV, History of the Pueblo Area by local author and speaker Joanne Dodds, Boondocking/Dry Camping, Traveling to Alaska, Book Club and many more.

To register for this fun-filled rally, go to <u>www.discoveryowners.com</u>. Scroll down to: 2019 National Rally Online Registration Form ❖



Sandy Arriola and Suzi Jones experience luffa peeling



Wine tasting



More wine tasting



Happy Winners, Left Right Center Tournament



Happy Winners, Left Right Center Tournament



Happy Winners, Left Right Center Tournament



Stiff Competition at the Corn Hole Tournament



The Winners!



More wine tasting



Sheri, Herb, Susan & Jim at the theater



The Gang's All Here



Chapter prez Judy Jo Bruton

Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans' Spring 2019 rallies got off to a fabulous start. We began our "Spring tour" at Coyote Ranch RV Resort in Wichita Falls, Texas. We had 20 coaches in attendance. The May rally took us to Fredericksburg in the beautiful hill country. We had a superb turnout of 26 coaches. Wow, we just keep getting bigger and better!!! The Vineyards at Fredericksburg RV Resort was large and the staff was super friendly. We definitely want to return.

Our hosts for the March Rally were the Griffiths and the Parishes. Friday and Saturday our hosts provided our members with delicious breakfasts and dinners. In addition, they also graciously prepared our Wednesday meal. Thursday meal is always a member potluck. The Griffiths also treated the group to a Friday happy hour with chips, salsa and Margaritas.

Hosts for the May Rally were the Welches and Bruce and Michelle Smith. The breakfast and dinners on Friday and Saturday were so very good. Our hosts always make their hosting a labor of love. The Wednesday meal, Ham, Potato Salad and Green Beans, was prepared by volunteers, Pete and Martha Palasota.

Our chapter continues to grow with new members. We are so excited to welcome: Ralph & Lynn Henry, Gary & Gayla Sauls, Ron & Paula Walton, Sarge & Cass Chandler and Randy & Cheryl Langley. We are so glad you chose the Discovery Texans. We also want to thank Tom and Katy Leydic from the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter for being our guest at the March Rally. We love having friends join us!

Thursdays have become a very busy day for our chapter. The membership (men & women) can attend a Technical Discussion about coach concerns in the morning. That is followed by our newly implemented Ladies/Men exercise class, The Morning Movers. Later in the afternoon, the Ladies have their gathering. We made wreaths in March to hang in our coaches. In May, the ladies gathered at West Side Pizza in Fredericksburg for a totally enjoyable luncheon. After each evening meal we gather to play Bingo or watch a movie. So far we have seen, The Great Outdoors and Uncle Buck. Of course every afternoon there is always a game of Jokers and Marbles being played in the rally hall.

The Griffiths, Don and Linda, initiated a side rally to the Fiddlers Frolic held in Hallettsville before our May Rally. They also hosted a hamburger lunch at their ranch in Hallettsville and we thank them for their generosity and kindness.

May was our last rally until the National Rally in Pueblo. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Our next chapter rally will be November 6 - 9, 2019, at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, Texas.

Our 2019 Rallies:

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

Our 2020 Rallies:

Jan. 8–11 TBD March 25–29 Coffee Creek RV Park, Santos, Texas

If you wish to join us for any of these rallies please fill out a guest reservation request and send to our Treasurer, Linda Griffith. We plan our rallies Wednesday through Saturday departing on Sunday. You will find the guest form on the DOAI website or contact any member for assistance. Safe travels everyone!! Submitted by Susan Smith.
(http://www.discoveryowners.com/dtexrally.htm) (http://discoveryowners.com/DTEXGUEST.pdf)



Social Hour at Coyote Ranch RV Resort



New Exercise Class Implemented



Ladies Luncheon - West Side Pizza, Fredericksburg, TX



Side Rally Hosted by Don and Linda Griffith May 2019



Chapter prez Mark Salomon

Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter

Following the January 2019 SE Region rally at Lazydays, the Florida Discovery Sunshiners have been very busy adding new members to our group and having lots of fun in the sunshine.

In March, the group caravanned to Perry, GA for the 99th International Convention and RV Expo hosted by the Schultzes and the Salmons. We set up our tents and had dinners each night to entertain new members.

In April, we traveled to Lakeland as we got off the ground with a rally hosted by Betty (DQ) Gerhardt and past President Fred Jecks. We spent two days at the Sun N Fun Expo and Airshow. The highlight of the Expo was talking with the Blue Angels pilots and seeing their precision drills.

We also enjoyed a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright buildings located at Florida Southern College. That afternoon we relaxed as we fed the beautiful free-range swans at Lake Morton.

In May we stayed local. Walter and Carolyn Furness were our hosts for an adventure to Hillsborough River State Park. They kept us on the go for a week! Thanks to BillyBob, we were able to have a behind the stage look at the Florida Aquarium. We met the staff of the aquarium. Talking to the staff was very interesting and informative. It was a day well spent and made for a great day for all.

Our next venture found us on a tour of Ft. Foster, which was built during the Seminole Indian war to protect the supply route for the Soldiers and the defense of the Hillsborough River Bridge. The river served as a trade supply route for settlers in the area.

Our last venture included a tour of the Zephyrhills Air Museum, where we toured a WWII era DC -3, followed by a visit to the Ybor City Museum, where we learned about early cigar making skills and the history of immigrants who settled in the early days of Tampa Bay.

These were our last two rallies until November and December. Some of us plan to go to the FMCA in Minot, ND and then to Pueblo, Colorado for the National Rally. ❖



Free Range Swans at lake Morton, Perry GA



Fort Foster Hillsborough, FL



Florida Aquarium Exhibit



Chapel



Zephyrhills Air Museum



Blue Angels at the Sun N Fun Expo and Airshow, Perry, GA



Chapter prez Glenn Magnuson

Northwest Adventurers chapter

In April we had our 1st rally of the year. It was attended by 8 D's and their occupants. It was our first time to meet many of the people, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Two local wineries came and did a private pouring, there was a tour of the Hanford nuclear B-reactor, the ladies learned bead weaving (they created very stylish bracelets), and we were pleasantly surprised to find we have talent in our group as we enjoyed songs around the camp fire. A great camaraderie developed that will create and foster long term friendships.

At our meeting, we got a couple of good ideas for our 2020 rally. We discussed what that would look like, how to bring in revenue for the chapter, donating to a local charity in the area, and recruiting new blood in all age brackets. There were several ideas about how everyone can

participate with the recruiting process. We discussed having a wagon master to help with putting the 2020 rally together.

A special thanks goes to Becky Hazen for her many years as NWA treasurer. Becky and Lonnie have decided to sell their Discovery. Terri Magnuson will be our acting Treasurer until our next election. ❖



Prosser, WA Spring 2019 Rally Group Picture



Discovery Sunshiners have Talent!



Bead weaving



Prosser, WA Rally D's

Submitted by the Editor

John Hooper contacted me as this issue was going to press to let me know the Midwest Discoverers chapter was just a day away from their first big rally of the year in Port Clinton, Ohio. Bet they are having fun. Looking forward to their report on this rally in the DOAI Express October 2019 issue.



Chapter prez Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys chapter

Hi folks! I hope you've all had a good Spring season so far. I won't mention all the rain we've had except I know we all had our share and some have had much more than others. I will say that everything is green here in western New York due to the abundance of Spring precipitation. Time to get out the Discoverys, check service items, and spruce them up for both a fun and exciting camping and traveling season.

Our Fall rally is coming together and the registration form will be out in a couple of weeks. The dates are September 9th, checking out September 14th. We'll be staying at the Mystic KOA, just off I95 (EXIT 92) in North Stonington, Ct. Their phone number is 800-562-3451. We have five sites reserved, all pull thrus, with 50 amp service, full hookups. They are sites D1 – D5, please

make sure you mention you are with the Noreaster Discoverys when making your reservation. More information will follow later. This sure is a great place to visit with so many things to see, and of course many historical venues. We hope we have a great turnout.

We were greatly saddened by the death of one of our charter members (this time around) of the Noreaster Discoverys – Alice Ricciardi. Many of you newer members probably did not know Alice, she was one of the core group who helped make our numbers in order to charter our new group. She was a long time member of the Mason-Dixon chapter of DOAI. A funny, warm, compassionate, lady, Jeanne and I will miss her. With that said, enjoy your times with your motorhomes – I know we sometimes get so busy, but good times with friends ranks pretty high up there as well.

Take time to look on the DOAI website, there are many chapter rallies, and our National Rally coming up in Colorado this September. Both the National and Southeast Regional rally forms can be submitted from the DOAI website.

The National Rally sounds awesome – take the opportunity to be there. We are looking forward to it. Jim and Susan Sullivan, and their chapter, have been working very hard to organize this rally, a great turn out would be a thank you to them for taking on this endeavor. ❖



Chapter prez Marshall Goodwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

It is the middle of camping season, so many of our members are traveling and enjoying their Discoverys. Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg are on their third big adventure in Alaska. That is one of the top RV dream trips. so you need to do it while you still have the opportunity. The RV lifestyle provides a great way to see this beautiful country and make friends along the way.

We had a large turnout for the Spring rally in Williamsburg, VA. Our rally hosts, Dennis Kiser and Donna Crinklaw, did an over-the-top job to plan and conduct this rally. I want to thank them for their exceptional effort. See more details about the rally below.

The Fall chapter rally will be held at Americamps, RV Resort, 11322 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA. The rally begins Wednesday, October 30, 2019 and we depart Sunday, November 3rd. You can

arrive as early as Monday and get the rally rate. Please call the campground to make reservations as soon as possible. Their number is 804-798-5298. When registering, tell them you are with the Mason-Dixon Discoverys Rally. More information will be furnished as it becomes available.

The Fall rally provides the last opportunity for the chapter to work collectively on final plans to host the 2020 DOAI Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, FL. We need as many members as possible to attend this chapter rally as well as the upcoming SE Region Rally. It takes a coordinated effort to conduct this major annual rally. You will find it fun and rewarding to be a part of all the activities. See Dick Tracy's article in this newsletter for more information.

I would like to welcome our newest members, Michael and Linda Kolb from Charleston, WV. We look forward to getting to know you better in the near future at one of our upcoming events.

Be safe out there. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mason-Dixon Spring rally update:

The Mason-Dixon's were on the go every day of the Spring rally in Williamsburg. Marshall presented a seminar on how to survive camping without the luxury of hookups and another on RVing to and throughout Alaska. Both sessions were very informative and gave those of us who haven't ventured beyond the lower 48 the confidence to forge ahead with a trip to Alaska in the future.

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We also took time out of our local tours to work on plans for the upcoming Camp Discovery Rally in January. The hosts, Dennis Kiser and Donna Crinklaw, prevailed on their friends to assist in making the weekend a memorable event. The activities ranged from hanging out with alpacas to private tours of Williamsburg and Jamestown and culminating with world famous Pierce's BBQ and a private concert of Keltic music by the Route 5 Ramblers. Those of us in attendance were introduced to a few of the eateries that are the local favorites. Chatting over orders of cocktails and flatbreads, on the social patio of the Williamsburg Inn, was a special treat as we enjoyed the lovely view on a perfect Spring evening. Mason-Dixon Spring rally update submitted by Donna Crinklaw. *



Touring the Alpaca Farm



On the bus going to the Alpaca Farm in Williamsburg



Our youngest guests



Prosser, WA Spring 2019 Rally Group picture. Some of our attendees that took the tour of Bruton Parrish, a historic Church in Colonial Williamsburg, are shown.

Left to right: Steven Thorner, Victoria Weyforth, Donna Chrinklaw, Toni Calzone, Marshall Godwin, Becky Godwin, Jerry Pruyne, Helen Blackwell, Debra Pruyne, Sonny Blackwell, Pat Tracy and Dick Tracy.



Carriage in Colonial Williamsburg.



At the campground, enjoying our private live entertainment provided by The Route 5 Ramblers.



Dinner on the patio of the Williamsburg Inn



Enjoying a brewery in Jamestown, VA

2020 Southeast Region Rally



Dick Tracy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill Pardini Memorial

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I want to pass on some very sad news; Bill Pardini has passed away June 19th. After I submitted my region/chapter report, I received this note from Meg this morning: "After 3 months, 4 strokes and a heart attack along with a hard fought fight, I lost Bill to complications. He was in no pain and comfortable right to the end."

I don't know what to say except to say Bill was so full of energy, there was nothing he wouldn't do for me and the club. I am going to miss him. Please pray for Bill and Meg. - Jim Sullivan

Quarterly Question Contest Rules

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

Contest Details

1. The quarterly question will appear on the front page of Discovery Express. The answer to each quarter's question will be a word or a year. It will not be highlighted in any way except that, if the answer is a proper noun, it will be capitalized. It will be contained somewhere within the newsletter.



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

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

Summary Of Links

Summary of Links found in this issue of Discovery Express:

Rally links:

https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm for links to all rally registration forms.

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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbdy_aPt8m0uEFEkytN9wGR7NrdcCGTSpLmoR3JycExPa-JLw/viewform for the National Rally registration form.

National Rally Registration forms by email: Linda Johnson @ billandlindai@aol.com

Interested in caravanning to or from Pueblo National Rally 2019 with the Blue Ridge Discoverys? Contact Jim Pinkerton @ jepinker@whisperhome.com or BRD Rally Master, Tim Ridgley,

@ buddy2110@yahoo.com

For Discovery Texans Chapter Members rally form: (http://www.discoveryowners.com/dtexrally.htm). For Non-Discovery Texans Chapter Members i.e.: Guests registering for a Discovery Texans rally event: (http://discoveryowners.com/DTEXGUEST.pdf)

SE Region rally registration forms: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTlzA1WRaGr4W-Booyud4lpw4RAh2WRm_LPxHIWU38K48Nxg/viewform

What is Camp Discovery?

Camp Discovery is a unique effort by fellow Discovery owners to share detailed technical information with other owners. This is done through a series of seminars geared for Discovery brand motor homes and tailored to include specific model year differences. You cannot get this collective body of Discovery specific information anywhere else. If you could, it would likely cost thousands of dollars. But just for you, it's free. It comes at no additional charge for those who attend the Camp Discovery series of technical seminars at the annual DOAI Southeast Region Rally.

The first Camp Discovery was conducted at the 2010 SE rally and has been held annually every since. The depth and scope has expanded over the years as material and topics were added or modified to account for new systems and better understanding of existing systems. Although very helpful for all members, Camp Discovery is especially useful for new owners, whether they purchased a new or used coach. It is a great opportunity to jump start your learning process for the systems and equipment on your coach.

All slides used in the seminars are provided in a printed notetaking handbook that can be purchased prior to the rally. Often a few copies are available to purchase at the rally but to ensure you get a copy, the handbook should be ordered when you register. The cost this year is \$15.00 to cover printing. That is a reduction from previous years based on working with a new print company. The notebook can be used to highlight key information during the seminars and as a handy reference later to help understand system operation or determine why things may not be working as designed.

Should you attend Camp Discovery? YES! Every Discovery owner should attend. You should make it a priority to attend as soon as possible. The next opportunity is the 2020 SE Region Rally to be held at Lazydays RV Resort starting Monday, January 27th. Registration is done online using the form found under the next rally page on the Discovery Owners website. Both the National Rally and Southeast Rally information and registration forms are on the website.

Although this article is geared toward Camp Discovery, the SE Rally includes an equal number of non-technical activities, crafts and seminars for those not interested in technical information. Come and enjoy the activities, catered meals and entertainment. There is something very special about a gathering of approximately 100 Discovery coaches.

What Else Can We Do At The DOAI 21st National Rally?

Glad you asked! Here's some more fun ideas to consider:

Heritage Farm Tour: (Sept. 24 or 25) \$55/pp: This is a tour you do not want to miss! Tours take place on the "Mesa". All stops include history of the farm families, activities, and shopping. Watch chilies being roasted, Zinnia flower gathering, cart rides to the fields, and samples galore. Musso's farm grows over 50 types of chilies! BUT it's more than just chilies. Lots of FARM FRESH PRODUCE will also be available. The farmers of Pueblo grow all kinds of row crops. After the tour, it is off to lunch. Lunch is included in the price. **Golf Tournament:** (Sept. 24) \$55/pp.

Explore Pueblo: Historic Arkansas Riverwalk * Nature & Raptor Center * Rosemount Museum * Steelworks Center of the West * Weisbrod Aircraft Museum.

Explore Surrounding Area: Pike's Peak * Airforce Academy * Royal Gorge Bridge & Railroad * Garden of the Gods * Seven Falls * Manitou Cliff Dwellings * Bishop's Castle*.

To register for this fun-filled rally, go to <u>www.discoveryowners.com</u>. Scroll down to:

Register now! <u>2019 National Rally Online Registration Form.</u> Click on and fill in the information. Press the "Submit" button at the end and write a check for the total amount payable to DOAI. Mail the check to: Susan Sullivan, 2238 Emerald Circle, Morro Bay, CA, 93442.

If you would like a registration form to fill out instead, email Linda Johnson at billandlindaj@aol.com and she will email one to you. Any questions, contact Linda Johnson, registrar, at billandlindaj@aol.com or 562-743-3939. 562-743-3939.