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From the President



Dick Tracy

I hope you already have your plans made and gotten your registration in to attend our 2022 DOAI National Rally at The Complex in Gillette, Wyoming September 5th thru 11th. Gillette is a fabulous location in an awesome area of our country. **PLEASE**, if you have not already done so, make your reservations now. The deadline for registration is August 5th, however please register as soon as possible. Registration must be completed on line through [DOAI Web Site www.DiscoveryOwners.Com](http://www.DiscoveryOwners.Com). To locate the registration form, scroll down on the main page to the 2022 DOAI National Rally-Wyoming Stampede and click on the blue **“Click Here link”** at the end of that information. That will open the page with the rally and cost information and instructions. At the bottom of that page is a blank space for you to enter your email, then click on the **“Next”** block and you will be taken to the first of a series of places to enter your registration information. Complete the form and submit it. Payment for the appropriate amount is to be mailed to the Registrar Linda Culbertson by August 1st.

Our host chapter, the Northwest Adventurers have been working hard to make sure that all attendees at the National Rally will enjoy a great rally with lots of activities for everyone! It will be a fun time for everyone!

Our newest chapter, the Four Corners Discovery Owners, has been formally established and approved by your Board of Directors and is scheduling their rallies. I am excited to see the chapter off to a great start with more coaches as founding members than any other chapter I can remember.

As I write this, May 31, here in Pennsylvania, we are having a heat wave with temperatures going into the low 90s for several days. Ugh! Summer is upon us with high heat and it is still May! Since this is to be published around July 1st, I hope this finds you and your “D” somewhere cool and out enjoying some travel in the USA or Canada despite the exorbitant fuel prices! I certainly never thought I would see diesel at \$6 to \$7 a gallon!!!

I wish you safe travels this summer and I hope to see you at the National rally in Gillette!

Dick Tracy

Dick Tracy
President

Discovery Owners Association International

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Note that the [“Calendar of Events”](#) has been updated to reflect the new location of the 2023 DOAI National Rally.



Fred Jecks

National Rally Master

The Northwest Adventurers and the newly formed Four Corners Chapters will be the hosts for the 2022 DOAI National Rally. The Wyoming Stampede will run from September 5-10, 2022, at the Gillette CAM-PLEX, 1635 Reata Dr., Gillette, WY 82718. This recently renovated and updated venue is a true gem of the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains. Registration is conducted entirely online, and the link is on the [DOAI](#) website. There are two tours available during the rally. They include the Bison Ranch Tour and the Eagle Butte Coal Mine Tour.

The Blue Ridge Chapter began preparations to host the 2023 Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) at Lazydays January 30–February 5, 2023. Registration will be online through the [DOAI](#) Website and should be available soon.

The previously released dates and place for our 2023 National Rally fell through. It was to be held at Normandy Farms Campground in Foxborough, MA, September 25-October 1, 2023. This is no longer the case as the campground would not provide us the use of their lodge for the weekend.

After many hours of searching for an affordable place in the NE Region for our 2023 National Rally, I've finally located a site at the [Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, OH](#), and it will be September 18-24, 2023. Greenville, OH, is about an hour from Decatur, IN, and about an hour from Dayton, OH. This is just a notification for planning and there will be more details on this rally as the time draws closer. Safe travels everyone. Fred



Book Club



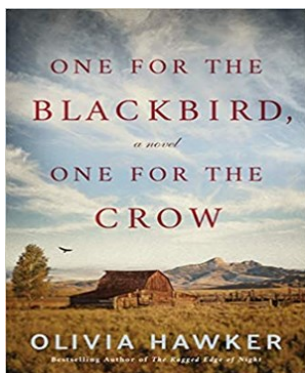
Jeanne Stewart

Attention: Readers

For the rally in Gillette, Wyoming, I have chosen the book – *One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow* by Olivia Hawker. I have not read it yet, but it sounds appropriate for the area of our rally. I hope to see many of our readers at the Wyoming Rally.....

Bring a list of books you have enjoyed, always looking for the next great read.

Stay safe, happy traveling.



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Linda Griffith

(Photo not available
for Le Brightman)

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please “Welcome” our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our “D’s” and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year free membership for every three members referred. Print out the DOAI Membership Application and carry a few in your coach for referrals. Ask them to list you on their application so we know who to give the credit to. This list is covering new members February through April 2022 .



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Gary Klemmer

North Central Region Vice President

Well, the snow is finally gone here in Michigan, the leaves are filling the trees, my wife has planted her garden and I have cut my lawn 3 times since returning home from Florida. The Florida stay was really nice as we have found some great campgrounds over the last few years, made some lifelong friends at each of them and look forward to meeting up with them this coming winter but not until after we enjoy the summer weather here in Michigan! What better place to stay for the summer than the Great Lakes State?

Great things are happening in both the OZARK and Midwest DOIA chapters. Both chapters have just finished up their spring rally's. Midwest's rally was in Pennsylvania, while the Ozarks setup a rolling rally starting in Nashville and ending in Memphis. The Midwest group plans to have their fall rally in the Wisconsin Dells on the way back from the National rally in Gillette WY, while the OZARK folks are still putting the finishing touches on their fall rally (no doubt it will be a very enjoyable event!)

For the DOIA members who have not joined a local chapter, you don't know what you're missing. Each chapter has a number of rallies where good fellowship, great meals and adventure take place. The North-Central chapters are: the Ozarks (president Randy Conklen, Rmconklen@frontier.com which includes KS, AR, OK, and MO) and the Midwest (president Phil Skif, maxparadox@hotmail.com which includes MI, WI, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, IL, IN, ON, and MB Canda). For the 30+ DOIA members that are located in Michigan that do not belong to a chapter, reach out to Phil Skif to see what the Midwest group has to offer you.

You may not realize, but you can join as many chapters as you wish! Plus, if you hear about a chapter rally that is close to one of your travel spots, you would be more than welcome to sign up and attend that rally if space is available. Attending one of the chapter rally takes the burden off trying to find a campground that has openings since sites are set aside just for attendees. Also rally's have many area touring options and events.

With fuel prices jumping up as they are, many of us have signed up for the TSD fuel card where you can get some really good fuel discounts at many of the major truck stops. This company opened up their membership to RV owners and many of the DOIA membership have obtained this discount fuel card. If you haven't signed up yet, here is the web site that you get all the information <https://www.tsdlogistics.com/services/fuel-program/>

[If you haven't already signed up for the National Rally in Gillette, WY make sure you sign up so you don't miss this fun packed week with friends and new acquaintances. There are many places to visit that are within driving distance of the rally site.](#)

Gary

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 Application for DOAI Membership
 National Rally information and registration form
 Regional Rally information and registration form
 and so much more

Chapter Reports

NorthWest Adventurers



Greetings from the Northwest.

I hope this finds all of our members and their families well. I would like to share some information with our members in regards to our upcoming National Rally that the Northwest Chapter is hosting September 5th to the 11th, 2022. The Gillette, Wyoming, Cam-Plex is a beautiful facility, We chose Gillette for its beautiful location, and being the farthest eastern state of our region, to be more centered in the U.S. (it is 1,100 miles from several of our NW members).

Glenn Magnuson

We really hope to see as many of you there in September as possible, Any of you who have been to a national rally know this is a great place to reconnect with old friends, and make new friends as well. The online registration is open. While registration is open until 30 days prior (August 5th) please register as soon as you can.

The book club book has been chosen. "One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow" by Olivia Hawker. This can be found on Amazon for those interested.

The caterer that we have selected is unique in that she and her family own a small farm, raising her own vegetables and raising the beef that is used in her catering business. (They have their beef sent to Rapid City to be FDA inspected and approved.)

The quilt for the charity raffle is being made by volunteers. There will be two quilts. One will be a queen size, and the other is a lap quilt. The ladies who volunteered to make the quilt are working hard as always. We are also doing something different at this Rally. In addition to the quilt, anyone who does not quilt and would like to participate in making something, can Crochet, or knit a lap blanket, a table runner, pot holders or anything you can imagine. We will have a table with these hand made items, with a ticket container for each item, so members will be able to choose any one of these items, and/or the quilt to drop in their tickets. Everyone will have a better chance of winning a handmade treasure. There will be full details explained at the rally. We hope this will entice higher ticket sales for the charity. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Terri Magnuson at terbearncubs@msn.com Glenn



Blue Ridge Discoverys

President
Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge Membership is now at 60 Coaches. I would like to welcome to the club Charles and Jamie Eldridge from Arlington TN, and Ted and Fran Norin from Webster FL.

Our spring rally scheduled for the first week in May was canceled.

We do not have a fall rally planned, but hope to have a good Blue Ridge turnout in Gillette. There is a group of us traveling to Vegas after the national, turning at Vegas and traveling through the Southwest arriving in Florida at the end of October.

We are currently working on our 2023 Spring and Fall rallies. We hope plans to are finalized by early fall.

There are no other club activities to report. Please travel safe Jim



Midwest Discoverers

The Midwest Chapter will have emerged from our winter hibernation (or from our escape to the southern regions) for our first rally in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, area this May. It is a joint rally with the Noreaster Discoverys. We will enjoy tours of the Landis Valley Museum and the Wolf Sanctuary of PA, as well as an authentic Amish dinner in an Amish home.

Chapter Prez
Phil Skiff

Our fall rally is planned for the Wisconsin Dells area. It's a few days after the national rally in Wyoming as a convenient stop on the way home for Midwest folks. Those not going to Gillette will find the Dells a much shorter drive. Current dates are September 13-18. More details will be available soon.

The Midwest Discoverers chapter is open to all DOAI members who frequent this area. We have members from as far away as Florida and Canada. There's rally info and a membership application on the DOAI website on our chapter page. We're glad that the border openings will allow our Canadian members to participate in our events this year.

Looking forward to a great Discovery year! Phil



Noreaster Discoverys

Noreaster Discoverys Spring Update

Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

We just returned home from our local Memorial Day ceremonies and parade. While there, I got to thinking about all the veterans we have in the DOAI membership. Look around the next time you're at a rally and see just how many there are. As one myself, I'd just like to say thanks to those who served and the families who support them, and on this Memorial Day, remember those we have lost.



Last week we had our spring Noreaster – Midwest Discoverys rally in Lancaster County, Pa. This rally had special meaning as we share many members who belong to both chapters but say thank you to the Midwest Discoverers for inviting us their rally in Bedford, Pa. when the northeast was shut down during covid-19 outbreak. As most know, Lancaster County is Amish country. Our rally masters Pat and Russ Baldwin put on a great time for all, and we thank them for all their hard work. The atmosphere, the history, the people we met, and not to forget all that fantastic Amish cooking; sure made for a great rally. I encourage everyone to check out Lancaster County, Pa. You'll be glad you did.

Now that summer is quickly coming upon us we are planning our next spring rally and of course planning for helping to host the DOAI National Rally rally Greenville, Ohio in the fall of 2023. The Noreasters are a small chapter, and traveling to Ohio to host only adds to the difficulty of hosting. Thanks to Fred Jecks for finding a place for National. Lots to be done there. We hope to see you all in Gillette, Wyoming this fall at the National DOAI Rally. Hoping but not confident that fuel prices will come down between now and then. Have a great summer and safe travels. Bob

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Noreaster Discoverys Continued

Some photos from our Noreaster/Midwest Discoverys' Rally



Superb Host and Hostess – Russ & Pat Baldwin



The milestone birthday crew –
Gordon Newlin & Val Whipple



Head chef & bride – Fred & Peg Raphael



The crew – we had 11 coaches and 22 people, a few canceled, one due to a break-down, imagine that. However, we managed to have a great time

Discovery Texans



President
Linda Griffith

Discovery Texans held our May rally in Fredericksburg, Texas. We had 24 rigs present. Discovery Texans welcomed new members Phil and Debra Taylor and Dale and Winnie Johnson that joined us for their first rally as Discovery Texans.

On Wednesday afternoon, to kick off our rally, we had an outdoor supper of grilled burgers hosted by Randy and Cheryl Langley and Don and Linda Griffith. We enjoyed ice cream sandwiches afterward.

Our usual Technical Roundtable was hosted by Don Griffith on Thursday morning in the rally hall with pastries and coffee. The ladies had a luncheon at West End Pizza. It was very good and had outdoor seating to enjoy the beautiful spring weather. We had a Potluck Supper followed by the Newlywed Game hosted by Pam McKelvy. Winners were Gary and Andrea Bradley and Dave and Barbara Turkal.

On Friday, we held a Washer Tournament hosted by Randy and Cheryl Langley. Winners were Tony Mane and Rhoda Montgomery. They each received a trophy. Congratulations! On Friday night our hosts, Randy and Cheryl Langley and Jack and Pam McKelvy served us a delicious Spaghetti supper. After supper we held Bingo where everyone had a fun night.

Our General Membership meeting was held Saturday morning and followed by our group photo in front of the covered wagons. We had a day on our own to enjoy the area. There are many things to see and do in Fredericksburg, Texas. A lot of nice wineries are there, and the Wild Seed Farm is close by with acres of beautiful wild flowers including the state flower, Bluebonnets. For supper we enjoyed Brisket and Hot Links with all the fixing and Banana Pudding for dessert. After supper, we played Left, Right, Center. We divided into two groups of 24 at each long group of tables and the winners of all the money at each of the tables were Tony Mane and Al Welch! Our rallies are packed with lots of activities to keep us busy and having fun. Everyone had such a good time being together again.

Discovery Texans are looking forward to the next National Rally in Gillette, WY, in September. There will be a lot of Texans attending as always. Our next Discovery Texans rallies are:

- Nov.2-9,2022 Skyline Ranch RV Bandera, Texas
- Jan. 11-15, 2023 Rusk KOA Rusk, Texas
- Mar. 8-12, 2023 Knights of Columbus Hallettsville, Texas
- May 3-7, 2023 Buckhorn Lake Resort Kerrville, Texas
- Nov. 8-12, 2023 Whistle Stop RV Abilene, Texas

If you are a DOAI member and in the area, you are always welcome to join us at any of our rallies. Just contact our rally master, Mel Pless, to make sure we have a site available for you in the park. Registrations and rally fees may be completed online or by printing out the registration form and mailing it to our Treasurer, Becky Pless.



Left-Right-Center at the rally hall

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Discovery Texans Continued



Quilt for the National Rally



Discovery Texans work on quilt for National Rally



Discovery Texans group photo with covered wagons at Fredericksburg, TX

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Discovery Texans Continued



Dave & Barbara Turkal, winners of the Newlyweds Game



Gary & Andrea Bradley, winners of the Newlyweds Game



Tony, Mane & Al Welch, winners of Friday Bingo



Phil Taylor, Dave-Barbara Turkal, Gary Bradley at Friday Bingo



Van Edelmann

Four Corners Discovery Owners

Greetings Discovery Owners!

The Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter held its first meeting for members on March 30, 2022 in Gold Canyon, AZ. It was also held virtually using Skype for those who could not attend in person.

Shortly after the meeting, our Rally Master suggested holding a rally in the Durango, CO, area. So we'll be heading to Echo Basin Cabin & RV Resort in Mancos, CO, for our first gathering. Check in is on July 21, 2022 and checkout is July 24th. It will be a small rally, with 3 rigs attending at the moment. If you're interested in joining us, you will need to contact the resort at 970-533-7000 to determine site availability. In addition, please email me at vanelmann@icloud.com to let me know you will be joining us. Our next rally and meeting will most likely be held in January 2023 in AZ or NV.

The Four Corners Discovery Owners Chapter is currently the only one in the DOAI Southwest Region. If you live in one of the region's six states or anywhere for that matter, please consider joining us. To do this or for more chapter information, please contact me directly. Yours in RVing, Van

Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys

We recently completed a four night rally at Old Mill Stream Campground at Dutch Wonderland in Lancaster, PA. There were group outings to see the Sight and Sound Theater production of King David as well as a trip on the Strasburg Rail Road. We also visited several great Amish restaurants and had group meals at the campground. Nightly campfires closed out the daily activities. It was a fun time with everyone contributing to make it a very successful rally.

Toni Calzone organized a memorial for Louise Mauck. Marshall and Louise were long time chapter members who made a significant contribution to DOAI and the chapter.

At the chapter meeting, elections were held to set the chapter leadership for the next two years. We also made plans for the upcoming Fall and Spring rallies. Additional information is posted in the Mason-Dixon Chapter section of the DOAI website. Chapter members are able to obtain rally information using the BAND app.

2022 Calendar of



Important Dates

Newsletter deadlines include reports from all executive officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections (2022 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

JANUARY 2022

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2022 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent
- 31-Jan 6-Feb—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL
- TBD–BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2022 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

MARCH 2022

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

APRIL 2022

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2022

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2021 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2022

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2023 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2022 National Rally to Editor

JULY 2022

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2022

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2023 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2022 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

OCTOBER 2022

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

NOVEMBER 2022

DECEMBER 2022

- 1 – Rally Master of 2022 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2023 budget to Editor

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