



## The campaigning is over!

(What campaigning? Nobody ran a campaign!)

## The political rhetoric is finished!

(What political rhetoric? Nobody gave speeches!)

## THE CANDIDATES ARE READY TO SERVE!

(I knew we'd get it right ... eventually.)

As happens biennially, this is the **DOAI Election Issue**. This is your opportunity to vote for the good people who will lead our organization for the next two years. The voting “how it works” article is on **page 3**; the candidate bios begin on **page 4**; and the ballot with instructions is on **page 13** (it’s also online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) – follow the instructions on the homepage).

However you vote, whether by paper or by Internet, **please vote**. Your vote not only elects the individuals; it sends a message of thanks to them for their willingness to serve. Voting deadline is **November 15, 2013**.

### 2014 Southeast Region Rally – Camp Discovery – Coming Soon

Mark your calendars – **January 26-30, 2014** – then fill out the registration form and send it in. It’s going to be another super week of learning all about your D, enjoying fellowship with other D owners, basking in the warm Florida sun, and eating those delicious strawberries. Get the lowdown on **pages 7** (don’t miss the important tech announcement) **and 22**. The registration form is on **page 23** and online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com).



### 2014 National Rally Dates and Location Decided

Another “mark your calendars,” this time for the 2014 national rally, scheduled to take place in Gillette, Wyoming, **August 26-30, 2014**. Full details and a registration form will be in the January 2014 newsletter, and will be online around **January 1, 2014**. As they used to say in bygone radio days, “Stay tuned.” In the meantime, see **Bob Williams’** announcement on **page 8**.

### DOAI Chapter Presidents, Please Note

In accordance with DOAI bylaws, we request you submit your chapter rosters to the club’s Membership Director **Portia Williams** no later than **January 15, 2014**. Her email address is shown in the sidebar on **page 2**. ❖

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John Baker

## President's report

After a scorching summer, the cooler autumn weather is really a welcome relief! Fall is actually our favorite travel season – fewer crowds, nice weather, and beautiful scenery all across the USA. This fall trip leads us to beautiful Urbanna, Va., for the 2013 national rally. We will spend a week with a couple hundred of our DOAI friends; it's gonna be fun! **John Ricciardi** and the southeast folks have been working for months to guarantee that.

### Elections are upon us!

This issue will introduce the slate of officers identified by the nominating committee under **Marshall Godwin's** leadership – the candidates who have volunteered to serve DOAI for two years, and they will do it well. Many of them are experienced board members and will build upon that experience. Even in cases where only one name is presented, I urge you to show your support by casting a ballot. These folks are volunteering their time, effort, and energies to help DOAI continue to serve your needs. Thank them with your vote.

### Volunteerism

Our organization thrives on volunteerism. In past issues, I have often spoken of this. I cannot thank our volunteer leaders enough for their service. Now is the time for **YOU** to consider stepping up to become one of our next leaders. These folks are going to serve for two years, then it will be someone else's turn; you need to be that someone!

I have recently issued calls for two volunteer needs; neither of them has been filled, so you can start now! If you are a lawyer and will advise us when needed, please contact me as soon as practical. Our merchandise directors, **Dick and Pat Tracy**, need to move on to another area, so we really need to replace them ASAP; you don't need to be an attorney to fill this need! Call me. ❖



## Caring for our DOAI family

We have sent sympathy cards and get-well wishes to the following members. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers:

**Carl and Teri Dykman.** Carl suffered a stroke in February, and took an overdose of insulin in July.

**Pat Cutler**, whose husband, **Marvin**, died in July 2012 after a long battle with lung cancer.

**Elizabeth and Bob Deal.** Elizabeth's mother died in mid-July.

**Bev and Laurence Kaiser.** Laurence was hospitalized in June, and is recovering at home.

Please email **Nina Soltwedel** (doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com) when a club member is ill or hospitalized, or a death has occurred in a member's family. Thank you! ❖



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**Find your membership renewal date at**

www.discoveryowners.com/login.asp

## It's election time!

Following these instructions are bios and photos of the candidates running for office. On **pages 13-14** you will find the mail-in paper ballot.

We encourage you, however, to vote electronically. All that is required is that you have a valid email address on file in the DOAI member database. We will be using a free Internet voting service provided by [www.ballotbin.com](http://www.ballotbin.com).

### If you vote via Internet

Internet voting is quick and easy. When the Internet voting opens at **12:01 ET October 1, 2013**, you will receive an email from [ballotbin.com](http://ballotbin.com) (if you don't find it in your inbox, check your junk folder). This email will contain a link that will take you to the DOAI ballot. Make your selections and cast your vote.

You can only click the link **once** since each member coach is only allowed one vote (same as the paper ballot). Procedures are in place to prevent voting both via the Internet and with a paper ballot. If someone submits both a paper ballot and Internet ballot, the Internet ballot will be counted and the paper ballot will be discarded.

The Internet voting list will show email addresses that have voted (but not how each voted), and each email address will show the membership number tied to that address. This list will be transmitted to the chairman of the nominating committee, **Marshall Godwin**, when the Internet voting closes at **11:59 p.m. ET November 15, 2013**, accompanied by a list of total votes per candidate.

### If you vote via paper ballot

If you choose to cast a paper ballot, you may send in your ballot at any time (you don't have to wait until October 1). The paper ballots must be received by Marshall **no later than November 15**. The counting of paper ballots will begin on November 16.

The paper ballots **must** have your membership number **and** two-letter region designation on the upper left-hand corner of the mailing label portion of the ballot (if you neglect to put that information on the label, your ballot will not be counted and will be discarded). Before the paper ballot is opened for counting, a DOAI member (who will not be a counter) will check the membership number against the Internet voting list to make sure that member has not voted via the Internet. Then the membership number will be checked against the DOAI member database to make sure the voter is a dues-current member.

A sample of the Internet ballot. Your [ballotbin.com](http://ballotbin.com) ballot will include only the region vice president candidate(s) for your region.

Once the legitimacy of the ballot is confirmed, the membership number is physically removed from the front of the ballot (the two-letter region designation is left on the label so the counters can make sure the vote for region vice president is for the correct region), and the ballot is given to the two people who will be counting the paper ballots.

### Bottom line

The counters of the paper ballots will not know who voted for which candidate, but they will be assured that only one vote per member coach is counted. This method, while a bit complicated, ensures your vote is private.

### Will you attend the 2013 national rally?

If you plan to attend, you'll be able to cast your paper ballot at the rally! There will be an official voting box, along with a supply of paper ballots.

As **John Baker** notes in his article on **page 2**, even though there is only one position with more than one nominee, please show your support by casting a ballot. It helps you tell these volunteers that you appreciate the time they spend making our club the best RV club in the country! ❖

## What's your region?

If you aren't sure what region is associated with your membership, you can find this information on **page 10**. Each region vice president is listed. Following his or her name is the two-letter designation of the region, as well as a list of each state and province (if applicable) within that region. ❖

## Nominees for the 2014-2015 DOAI board of directors

Marshall Godwin and his nominating team have contacted many DOAI members over the past few months. Getting two people to run for each position proved to be impossible (with one exception). The team is pleased to introduce the following candidates for your consideration, candidates who have stepped forward to help lead DOAI over the next two years. We thank them for their willingness to serve.



### President

#### John Baker

An active DOAI member since 1999, John has previously served as executive vice president and currently serves as president. He organized and served as rally master for the 2011 national rally in Shawnee. During his time on the board of directors, John has analyzed numerous significant issues and led the board of directors to consensus in solving them.

He is a frequent contributor to the DOAI egroup, offering his life experiences from operating his Discovery for 14 years.

John was active professionally in the fields of accounting and finance, retiring in 2001 as associate director for Southwestern Bell Telephone (now AT&T). In retirement, he has served several leadership roles in his church and participated in a number of civic endeavors. As a volunteer, he conducts tours of the local historic cemetery for groups of school children. He says this is really fun; the kids don't realize they are getting a great Texas history lesson! He serves as vice president of the Fort Bend (Texas) Museum docents and as coordinator for his neighborhood watch.

John and Felesa have been married 47 years; they have one child and five grandchildren.

John is running for re-election. ❖

### Executive Vice President

#### John Curtis



A native of Fort Worth, Tex., John served in the U.S. Navy for six years. He created a sales and service company for heavy equipment, and operated it for 35 years.

During that time, John actively served his community, and as a 25-year Lion's Club member, he has served in many positions, including president. John also served four years as a member of the Garden Ridge city council.

John started the first Gold Wing motorcycle club in San Antonio, incorporating fun and charitable activities such as delivering toys at Christmas for the Elf Louise Program. Both John and his wife, Judy, are involved in a local church.

John and Judy are members of the Texas Discovery Road Runners. John served as trail boss for a few years.

Besides RVing, John enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycling and reading, especially a good mystery. Recently, he discovered golf.

John is running for re-election. ❖



### Vice President for Development - Candidate #1

#### MaryAnn Crowell

MaryAnn and her husband, Don, are members of the Texas Discovery Roadrunners, where she has served as vice president for many years and currently serves as newsletter editor. When home, MaryAnn is active in the church choir, altar society, VFW Auxiliary, and provides kitchen help at the Westphalia Senior Citizen center.

Since joining DOAI in 1999, MaryAnn has served as membership director (2001-2004), and is completing four years as national secretary, having been elected in 2009 and again in 2011. She was in charge of finding and working with various vendors at the last two national rallies, and has developed a list of vendors for use at future rallies.

MaryAnn recently accepted the job as DOAI historian, the first to fill that position. She is just beginning to compile some of the great history of this club. During her years as a Discovery owner, she has become familiar with many of the current officers of Fleetwood and Freightliner. ❖



### Vice President for Development - Candidate #2

#### John Ricciardi

John and Alice are originally from New Jersey, where John was a police officer. He retired after 26 years of service and the couple traveled around the country.

They began camping in a pop-up trailer and progressed to a travel trailer and then a fifth wheel. Their 2003 Discovery is their second motor home.

John and Alice have attended every national rally since the 2004 in Sedalia, Mo., and have attended as many of the southeast region rallies as possible.

John served four years as southeast region vice president, as well as president of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter. ❖

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## Nominees, continued

### Secretary



#### Freddie Perry

Freddie and her husband, Del, have been DOAI members for six years. Freddie currently serves as secretary of the Northwest Adventurers chapter. Freddie worked for the Dept. of Defense at China Lake, Calif., for most of her career and served as an administrator where she oversaw budget, personnel, and facilities for the Engineering Sciences Division.

After she and Del retired, they moved to Sparks, Nev. Married for 47 years, Freddie and Del share a love of travel. Avid RVers for many years, they bought their first motor home (a Discovery, of course) in 2007 and promptly joined DOAI. They have been members of the Northwest Adventurers chapter for several years and attend chapter rallies in Quartzsite, Ariz., every winter. They have attended almost all of the national rallies since joining and have thoroughly enjoyed making friends with other DOAIers along the way. ❖

### Treasurer



#### Dick Tracy

I have been a DOAI member since 2007 and have served as merchandise director since the 2008 national rally in Indiana.

I am a retired Navy officer, having been a captain in the Supply Corps, which is the business and logistical area of the Navy. I served 11 years' active duty and 19 years in the Naval Reserve.

I am also retired from an electric utility holding company, General Public Utilities, which has since been bought out First Energy. At the time of my retirement in 2000 from GPU, I was audit manager in the internal auditing function for the holding company and its three electric utility subsidiaries. I am also retired from the County of Berks in Reading, Pa., where I was the deputy controller for internal auditing (2000 to mid-2005).

I have a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in business from Pepperdine University.

As treasurer for DOAI, I would serve willingly to ensure the safety and soundness of the finances of the club and work with the other officers and the membership to try to ensure the continued success and growth of DOAI. I would give up duties as merchandise director to avoid any possible conflict of interest and would work with my successor to ensure a smooth transition so that the membership will be afforded a sufficient selection of quality merchandise. ❖

### Vice Treasurer



#### Larry Weinberg

I am a native of Connecticut, but Mary Anne and I have called Virginia home for the last 34 years. I served in the Air Force for 20 years as a navigator/bombardier before retiring in 1983. I continued working for the Air Force as a civil servant for an additional 14 years as a budget analyst working on foreign military sales programs. I attended the University of New Hampshire and graduated from Christopher Newport University in Virginia with a bachelor's degree in management information science.

Mary Anne and I have been members of DOAI and the Mason-Dixon Discoverys since buying our Discovery in 2001. We have attended numerous regional, national, and chapter rallies. We enjoy meeting with fellow Discovery owners at the rallies and other places throughout the U. S. and Canada. In addition to RVing, I enjoy golfing and I volunteer as a member of the covenants committee for our homeowners association. ❖

### National Rally Master



#### Joe Stewart

Joe is a native of Missouri, but calls Texas home. Joe served in the Air Force and had a long career with the National Weather Service. He is a Vietnam vet. He and Justine have been married 19 years.

The Stewarts are members of the Discovery Texans and Texas Discovery Road Runners. They have enjoyed their relationship with the members they've met. Joe has served the Discovery Texans chapter as wagon master. He has served two terms as south central region vice president, and is completing his first two-year term as national rally master.

Joe says, "We have chapters in Texas and Louisiana; I would like to see chapters in Arkansas and Oklahoma, as well as other chapters in west Texas and in the Panhandle." ❖

### North Central Region Vice President



#### Bev Kaiser

Bev and her husband, Laurence, have owned three Discoverys, and she was appointed the region's vice president when the elected person resigned in 2012.

Bev is a retired elementary school teacher, having taught 37 years. She remains actively involved in community affairs: she's been president of their condo association for about ten years; she has served as secretary, president, and handicapper for

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## Nominees, continued

several golf leagues over the past 25 years, and she is currently serving as a director on the senior bowling council of Michigan.

She and Laurence have two children, and delight in their four grandchildren. ❖



### Northeast Region Vice President

#### Jack Romeyk

Jack is a lifelong resident of Islip, Long Island, N.Y. His three sons, their wives and four grandchildren also live there.

Jack worked for Fire Island Ferries for 48 years, ferrying people from the mainland to Fire Island, beginning as a deckhand and working his way up to manager and captain.

Jack enjoys the friends he has made and he buys Discoverys because of the people in the DOAI club.

Jack has been a member of DOAI and the Nor-Easters chapter since 2001. He is also a founding member of the Midwest Discoverers chapter, and has served two years as vice president. He has attended all national rallies but one since 2002.

Jack is running for re-election. ❖



### Northwest Region Vice President

#### Bob Soltwedel

Bob just completed four years as vice president for development. Prior to that, he served four years as northwest region vice president, a position in which he is willing to serve again.

Bob and his wife, Nina, were born and raised in Wisconsin and live in Boulder, Colo. Married in 1957, they have two children and one grandchild. They have been RVing since 1998 when they purchased their first Discovery, and they joined DOAI in 1999.

Bob served in the Navy for four years. His civilian professional life saw him involved in electronics research and development, quality control and CE Mark testing, and manufacturing engineering. He retired in 2002.

Bob and Nina are members of D'Zonas and Northwest Adventurers chapters. They were charter/founding members of the former Discovery Pioneers chapter, and Bob served seven years as chapter treasurer. He also co-chaired the vendor committee for the 2001 and 2012 national rallies, and was the rally master for the 2009 national rally. ❖



### South Central Region Vice President

#### Jay Keneson

Jay retired in 1993 from the Army with over 30 years of active service. He and his wife, Lorrie, are members of the Texas Discovery

Road Runners chapter.

Jay served his chapter as rally master and president. He has served DOAI as national rally master. Jay also served as rally master for the DOAI 2006 national rally.

Jay is running for re-election as vice president of the south central region. ❖



### Southeast Region Vice President

#### Bob Deal

Elizabeth and I began our camping experience in a tent shortly after we were married 45 years ago. We moved up to a pop-up, travel trailer and then hit the big time. In

November 2004 we bought our Discovery. We joined DOAI shortly afterward.

We have traveled mostly up and down the east coast, and some in the Midwest, but are looking forward to expanding our travels as time permits.

After a tour in the military, most of my work experience was in the paint and textile business. I retired at the end of 2001 after 26 years with F. Schumacher & Co., a textile firm based in N.Y.

I am presently serving as rally master for Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter. ❖



### Southwest Region Vice President

#### Mike Scott

Mike resides in Tucson, Ariz., with wife Judy. They have spent the first four years of their retirement playing golf, traveling the country, and enjoying their seven grandchildren. They have enjoyed camping

and RVing since the early '80s, but never so much as with their Discovery.

Mike spent six years in the Air Force after high school, and then the next thirty years in the defense industry as a software engineer and a senior engineering manager. Along the way, Mike graduated from California State University – Fullerton. Professionally, Mike served on a national software productivity consortium, and on an Arizona education committee focused on advancement in software engineering education.

Mike and Judy are charter/founding members of the D'Zonas chapter and Mike currently serves as president, and Judy is secretary/treasurer. They have grown the chapter from its initial five rigs up to thirteen in just a couple of years. The highlight for the chapter was co-hosting the 2012 DOAI national rally. ❖

Please go to the ballot on page 13  
and cast your vote!

## This could be called the southeast region page



SE region VP  
John Ricciardi

### Southeast region report

The southeast region has done a great job of preparing for our DOAI national rally at Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Va. The response has been great; I want to thank **every one** of the southeast region members for all their work. The national rally will be a success because of their diligence. The seminars are prepared and have been fine tuned. The entertainment will be great, the food delicious and the tours will be fun and informative.

While our region has been preparing for this big event, the chapters have still had time to have rallies. I really don't know if the southeast region members are workaholics or just party animals.

This will be my last report as the southeast region vice president, as my term is up at the end of this year. It was a pleasure serving. I thank all the members of the region for their help and the work they have done for me and DOAI over the past four years. Safe travels to all. ❖



John Curtis

### Executive vice president's report

We knew it would happen. The pleasant temperatures have given way to the scorching Texas heat. We couldn't help but remember the enjoyable weather we had last summer in New Hampshire. Not sure what happened to our vacation planning, but next year we are heading north!

For now, **Judy** and I are looking forward to the national rally at Bethpage Camp-Resort in Virginia. It will be a great time to visit and share stories. Hope the attendance is good. I have already signed up for the golf outing and was interested in the fishing, but they were scheduled on the same day. Darn!

I have been asked to be the rally master for the **2014 Camp Discovery** at Lazydays in Florida. Information and the registration form for the rally are provided in this issue of *Discovery Express* (pages 22 and 23). These items are also available online at the DOAI website. We hope that you plan to join us **January 26-30**. There are only 100 spaces reserved, so you may wish to apply at the first opportunity. For those who have already made a reservation at Lazydays, please remember to complete the lower half of the registration blank and mail it with your check to the rally registrar before the deadline of January 11, 2014.

Until next time, drive safely. I hope to see you down the road somewhere. ❖



## Fleetwood Rally Service team will be at Camp Discovery!

As mentioned on page 22, **Randy Hendricks** and the Fleetwood Rally Service team will be in attendance at the ADOAI southeast region rally at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla. This is a generous service Fleetwood provides for our organization, and we thank Fleetwood and **Randy**! If you need service, here's what you do:

1. Go to [www.fleetwoodrv.com/partsandservice/rallyServiceForm.asp](http://www.fleetwoodrv.com/partsandservice/rallyServiceForm.asp). It is online now.
2. Fill out the form and submit it online **if at all possible**. The service team handles hundreds of requests every week, and having the requests submitted electronically is the most efficient way for them to process the information.

### Other needed information

- ★ The **deadline** to submit your service request is **January 3, 2014**.
- ★ You may ask for no more than two service items. **Not included** are paint, tape or decals. Service requests must be for functional items only. NOTE: Service techs are not allowed to go on top of coaches.
- ★ If you do not have Internet capability, please call **Randy** at 260.728.5016 and leave a voicemail if he is out of the office. He will call you back and get your information. **Please do not call unless you absolutely have no other choice.** ❖

## 2014 national rally is on the schedule!



NW region VP  
Bob Williams

The northwest region, along with the Northwest Adventurers chapter, is hosting the 2014 DOAI national rally at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. The rally is scheduled to start on **Tuesday, August 26**, and depart on Sunday, August 31, which includes five nights of camping. Early arrivals may arrive on Sunday, August 24, or Monday, August 25. The option to stay after the rally is available for up to three days.

Gillette is located in the northeast corner of Wyoming, with easy access using I-80 or I-90. Travel distance to Gillette from selected cities are: St George, Utah - 800 miles; Reno, Nevada - 1100 miles; Dallas, Texas - 1200 miles; New York City - 1800 miles; and Orlando, Florida - 2100 miles. We hope the distance to Wyoming will be close enough that many DOAI members will be able to attend the rally.

The Cam-Plex is a great facility for our rally. They have an excellent campground (Reata RV Park) with full hookups and close to Energy Hall (our headquarters), which provides space for seminars, vendors, dinners, and entertainment.

Gillette, known as the “Energy Capital of the World,” is an interesting place to visit. At one time, a third of the nation’s coal was produced from the Powder River Valley outside Gillette. Tours of the coal mines are available for visitors.

To the east of Gillette you will find the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota. Many interesting places are there to visit, including Deadwood, S.D. (an 1874 gold rush camp that is now a tourist attraction with gambling), Sturgis, S.D. (location of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally), Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Custer State Park. These and many other places of interest may be explored before or after the rally.



To the west of Gillette you will find Yellowstone National Park, with the world’s largest collection of geysers. There is also a mountain wildland home to grizzly bears, wolves, and herds of bison and elk. Cody, Wyoming, is also west of Gillette with the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, which houses the most comprehensive assemblage of American firearms in the world. The Center also houses an impressive collection of Western art, including paintings by Remington, Catlin, Moran, Bierstadt, Russell, and others.

Make your plans to attend the DOAI national rally next year, **August 26 – August 30**. Look for the registration form (with more information) in the January 2014 edition of this newsletter, and online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) around January 1. ❖



## “What we have here is a failure to communicate.”

(from the film, ‘Cool Hand Luke’)



As travelers around this great country of ours (well, both great countries – U.S.A. and Canada), you may have encountered a time or two when communicating with family or friends is hampered. It could be that you are out of range of a cell phone tower, or you’re in a place that geographically prevents any signals in or out, or you forgot to charge your phone or iPad.

Generations ago, as pioneers began to traverse across the prairies in search of a better life, or gold, or whatever, they encountered native peoples who had their own unique ways of communicating. The most familiar was smoke signals (if one is to believe those old Hollywood westerns).

In that vein, **John Baker** found himself electronically isolated at a recent Ozarks Discovery chapter rally in Missouri. He wrote: “Most of us had to go to the ‘phone tree’ (a designated spot where a signal was pretty consistent, although still weak) to get a signal. I was the only one with both cell and Internet on my iPhone, served by AT&T. Other providers didn’t make the trip (this is not an AT&T ad).”

**John** took a photo of his electronic array and shares it with all of us. It illustrates how “connected” we think we have to be, even when in the D. We want no failures to communicate! ❖



## Rally opportunities

You are welcome (and encouraged) to attend any of these rallies! Contact chapter president (see **page 10**). See also the consolidated rally schedule at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com).

### October 2013 –

- 8-12 **National rally, Urbanna, Va.**
- 8-12 Northwest Adventurers, Urbanna, Va.
- 16-20 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Charleston, S.C.

### November 2013 –

- 13-16 Discovery Texans, Bandera, Tex.
- T/B/A Desert Rats and D’Zonas, location T/B/A

### December 2013 –

- 8-13 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Grapevine, Tex.

### January 2014 –

- 15-18 Discovery Texans, Corsicana, Tex.
- 26-30 **Southeast region rally, Seffner, Fla.**

### February 2014 –

- 21-23 D’Zonas, Safford, Ariz.

### March 2014 –

- 26-29 Discovery Texans, Johnson City, Tex.

### April 2014 –

- 18-20 D’Zonas, Parker, Ariz.

### May 2014 –

- 21-24 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A

### August 2014 –

- 26-30 **National rally, Gillette, Wyo.**

### September 2014 –

- 26-28 D’Zonas, Fool Hollow Lake Rec Area, Ariz.

### October 2014 –

- T/B/A Desert Rats, location T/B/A

### November 2014 –

- 7-9 D’Zonas, Apache Junction, Ariz.
- 12-15 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A

### Looking down the road –

- 2015 DOAI national rally, North central region
- 2016 DOAI national rally, Northeast region



## Helpful contacts for Discovery owners

Allison Transmission, GM Corp. . . . .	800.252.5283	Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp . . . . .	800.385.4357
Atwood Mobile Products . . . . .	800.825.4328	Fuel: local U.S. gas prices . . . . .	<a href="http://www.gasbuddy.com">www.gasbuddy.com</a>
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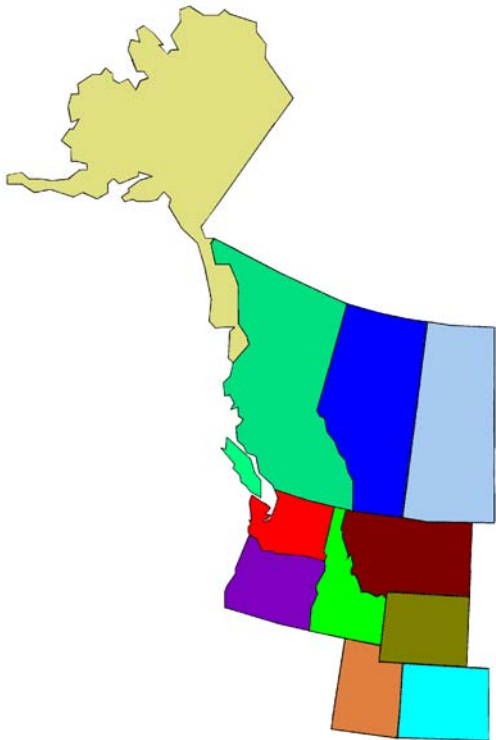
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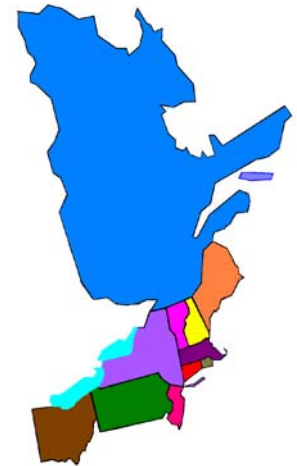
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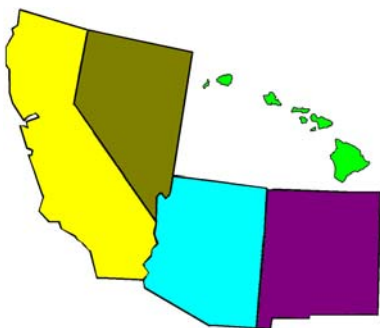
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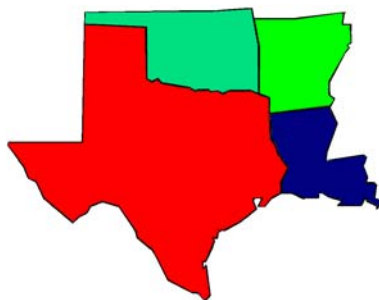
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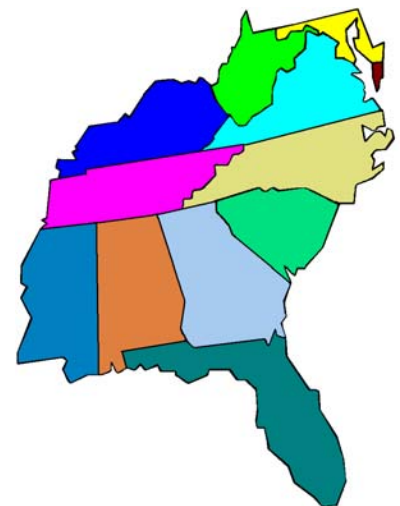
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## Chapter reports



Chapter prez  
Glenn Camp

### Blue Ridge Discoverys

Great things are happening in our group, one of those being we have added another new member since my last report – **Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg**. This makes seven new members this year, for a total membership of 60.

If you have not registered for the DOAI national rally at Urbanna, Va., you're going to miss a great time. Our chapter is responsible for the goody bags and they will be full of super goodies. I am looking forward to a good attendance from our chapter and also seeing so many other DOAI friends.

Immediately after the rally, we will begin a rolling rally to our next chapter rally at Charleston, S.C., October 16-20. We will stop in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. for two nights and visit **Hank and Eileen Haden** for an afternoon of fun and a cookout on Monday. Then it'll be on to Charleston for the rally. Come and join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. ❖



Chapter prez  
Claire Weber

### Discovery Texans

Our last rally before our summer break was May 15-18 at Triple T RV resort, Kerrville, Tex. We had thirteen coaches scheduled for this rally; however, two cancelled due to illness. Our rally hosts were **John and Felesa Baker** and **Pete and Martha Palasota**. Once again, they took really good care of us.

Many of us caravanned to the 11th Street Bar in Bandera where you bring and cook your own steak, chicken, etc., the way you like. They provide the grills, a plate of sides and live band on their huge courtyard. Some members even danced to the country and western band.

Most of us went to Camp Verde for an excellent lunch and followed up that afternoon with a visit at **Joyce Bednarczyk's** lovely home with **Leon and Elsie Sikes**. We miss them since they "retired" from RVing. Sat out on the covered patio and enjoyed everyone's company and the nice breeze. Many of us had dinner at Lafour's seafood restaurant in Kerrville ... very good.

Our hosts provided a breakfast of pancakes and sausage with orange juice and coffee. The next morning was egg in a bag with biscuits and gravy, salsa, jelly and butter, fruit, orange juice and coffee. We had one dinner of ham, baked beans, potato salad with green salad (which was wonderful) with tea, and the next night was pork loin roast with gravy, green beans, potato salad, sweet potato casserole, salad and dressings, strawberry

shortcake and tea.

During our rally some went shopping at Gibsons and the mall; we played a lot of Jokers and Marbles, beanbag toss baseball, and card bingo. We truly miss our members when they cannot make a rally. Even though **Joyce** could not be there with the rig, she was able to join us for some fellowship and games, and it was wonderful seeing **Lonnie and Nell Johnson**, and **Billy and Linda Pahl** again, too.

Since our May rally, we are pleased to welcome new members, **Barry and Lynn Chapman**, to our chapter. We hope to see them at the next rallies.

In October, many of us will attend the national rally in Urbanna, Va. The Discovery Texans are usually well represented. Then November 13-16 we will be at the Skyline Ranch RV Park, Bandera, Tex. Safe travels everyone. ❖

*Report submitted by Elaine Holley*



Chapter prez  
Mike Scott

### D'Zonas

Time has sure been flying by. Here it is, already October and the Arizona heat is finally giving us a break. The summer is a very slow time for the D'Zonas, with most of our members traveling north to get to cooler places.

Our September rally in Cottonwood, Ariz., will be reported on in the next newsletter. We are still working with the Desert Rats chapter, trying to firm up a joint rally in the November time frame, but this has not yet been settled.

The D'Zonas hope everyone has had a great and safe summer. ❖



Chapter prez  
Bev Kaiser

### Heartland Discoverys

We had a great time at the June rolling rally. We met at Heartland RV park in Hermosa, S.D., where we stayed for five nights. We gathered each morning for breakfast, hosted by **Jim and Pat Gravel**. Hats off to them! As we ate, we planned our daily activities. We visited Custer state park, Sturgis, Deadwood, and many surrounding areas. We saw beautiful scenery and a lot of wildlife. We had a chapter meeting on Sunday.

On Tuesday morning, we caravanned as a group to the FMCA rally in Gillette, Wyo. We did many things as a group, including grilling out one evening and going to see Devil's Tower, which is the first national monument. A great time was had by all. ❖

*Report submitted by Debbie Schmidt*

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## Chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez  
Dick Tracy

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys

Our rally June 19-23 at River Bend campground in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., was a huge success with what we believe was a record number of 14 coaches and 30 people for a Mason-Dixon chapter rally! Everyone had a great time, thanks to our hosts, **John and Alice Ricciardi**, and the assistance from everyone in attendance.

The daily breakfasts were well attended and the night out at the Smith Family dinner theatre offered some excellent musical entertainment that we will long remember. The golf outing at the Gatlinburg country club presented more hills and opportunities than many of us had ever seen on a golf course. It was a real challenge!

We expect to have a great chapter showing at the DOAI national in Virginia this month. ❖



Chapter prez  
Jerald Call

### Midwest Discoverers

Hello from northeast Indiana! As I write this, we just had our spring rally in Marshall, Mich. **Donna and Virgil Diver** were the rally masters. This was the third time that they were rally masters for the Midwest D's. What a great job they did – how do we get people to do all this work for the rest of us? We had 13 coaches at

this rally, and we welcomed two new members: **Sharon Sanders**, and **Fred and Peggy Raphael**. We had a dinner/theater, car show and a craft show all on the RV campgrounds.

The fall rally was held in early September at Port Clinton, Ohio, with **Sharon and Jim Mills** as rally masters. These guys did an outstanding job and we had a great rally. We had a welcome party on Tuesday, and everyone had breakfast each day. **Jim and Sharon** did a great job on the pancake breakfast. We also had dinner at the Lighthouse Center, fishing on Lake Erie, visited Put-In Bay and much more. We will report on the election of officers in the next DOAI newsletter.

See you all at Camp Discovery next January! ❖



Chapter prez  
Bruce Plumb

### Ozarks Discovery

When we learned arithmetic, we did it by rote:  $2 + 2 = 4$ ;  $2 \times 4 = 8$ , etc. Our grandkids are learning by “new math” – sets are made up of subsets, etc. Recently, four couples (eight people), a subset of the set named Ozarks Discovery, gathered at Bucksaw campground. Bucksaw is a fine Corps of Engineers park located about an

hour north of Springfield, Mo.

We began with food (of course), feasting on all-you-can-eat boiled shrimp at the marina café. **David Tillery**

tried to convince us they were caught in Truman lake, on which the café floats. Although they were large and tasty, my lifetime of eating delicious Gulf of Mexico shrimp that had been swimming just hours earlier told me he was hedging the truth.

Friday and Saturday were spent antiquing, seeing the sights in the area, or relaxing and visiting around the campground. Wherever we were, we made sure to return in time for scrumptious evening meals.

On Friday, all joined in to eat Tex-Mex together. **Bruce and Nancy** supplied homemade tacos and enchiladas and everyone else added delicious sides.

Saturday, **David** provided crappie that he *did* catch in the waters of Truman lake, and others again added sides.

We ended Sunday morning with – guess what – more food! **Rita and Gary Denning** treated this “subset” with enough bacon and eggs to feed the entire “set” of Ozarks Discovery.

The photo shows off our new fancy clothing embroidered by **Altha Toomay**. She did a fantastic job and we appreciate her efforts. Although she was unable to attend, she went the extra mile and met me at an undisclosed location to deliver the goods. Thanks, **Altha!**

Next up: The Ozarks Discovery chapter will kick off the Christmas season shows in Branson at the beautiful Treasure Lake RV resort. **The chapter invites everyone to join us for this exciting rally!** Treasure Lake is a membership resort, but we have friends in high places that can get you in. Make plans to join us October 31 through November 3. Contact **Bruce Plumb** (bplumb@centurytel.net) or **Ricky Keen** (rkeen1230@gmail.com) to let them know you need reservations. ❖

*Report submitted by John Baker and Bruce Plumb*



Chapter prez  
Carol Sturm

### Texas Discovery Road Runners


The Texas Discovery Road Runners had no rallies over the summer months. By the time you read this, we will have completed a rally at K. E. Bushman's Camp RV park in Bullard, Tex., in September. This rally will provide a jumping-off point for the national rally.

The next rally will be a “Christmas on Wheels” rally at Grapevine, Tex., the second week in December. Join us and you will have fun, good food and many opportunities for Christmas shopping.

This is also election year for our chapter, with elections occurring at the December rally. All the offices will have to be filled.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the national in Virginia. ❖

# Voting instructions for 2013 elections

1. Cut out this entire page on the dashed line.
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3. **Vote ONLY for your region's candidate for region vice president.** If you vote for more than one region vice president, no region vice president vote will be counted for your ballot.
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## Learn to drive your Discovery

A cautionary tale for ladies as told by DOAI member Pat Cutler

I would give anything to be able to join everyone at the 2013 national rally in Virginia. However, my husband, **Marvin**, passed away in July 2012 from lung cancer, and I never learned to drive the D (big mistake). So, now, it sits in front of the house, and I wait for my daughter or son-in-law to take me on short jaunts. We've only been out once this year, and it does make me feel sad. I keep wishing I had had the courage to try it.

My daughter says the Discovery is great to drive, but she can't take time off from work to teach me, and I am afraid at my age (77) I'm a tad late to tackle it. **Marvin** always told me I should learn, but I never figured he'd go before me. Since I'm on oxygen, I always figured I'd be gone long before him. Just goes to show how lung cancer appears when you least expect it.



Please use these words for the ladies at the rally so they will give serious thought to learning to drive the D before it's too late (and you fellows can do the cooking!).

I just wish I could be at the rally in person to give the lecture of "**Get Off Your Duff and Show the Men You Can Drive the D Without the Slightest Problem.**" Maybe you need to have a Big D rally for lady drivers only ... that would be a hoot.

My thoughts and best wishes will be with all of you. I'll be thinking

about all the fun you are having. ❖

*Editor's Note:* I extend thanks to **Pat** for her willingness to have her email published, and I add to her urging: all co-pilots should learn how to drive the rigs. You never know when an emergency will **require** you to take over the pilot's position. Like the Boy Scouts, *be prepared.*





Bob Cook

## Webmaster's report

### VPN – Virtual Private Network

Most of us are concerned about our privacy and security. We may not be able to stop the NSA from reading our emails or tracking us on the Internet, but we certainly don't want snoopers or hackers spying on your web browsing, social networking, or anything else. But we potentially expose ourselves to this every time we use public WiFi.

Most of us rely on WiFi while we are traveling. We know that we can count on the local Starbucks for free WiFi. The problem is that the vast majority of public WiFi presents a very real security risk. After all, WiFi is just radio waves and anybody within range can freely intercept the WiFi signal. Virtually all of these hotspots are either open or don't use Enterprise-level security which makes you vulnerable to snoopers and hackers on several fronts. First, you may have not configured your WiFi connection properly and your computer is easily accessed by anyone else on the hotspot without your knowing. Or, someone else at the hotspot is using a few simple programs to swipe your login and password and other information. You may think that you are safe logging into a site because your browser displays a lock symbol and has HTTPS in the address bar. But, some sites have not implemented HTTPS encryption correctly, making your information vulnerable to anyone intercepting the WiFi signal. And you are still vulnerable to other attacks even when HTTPS is implemented correctly.

What should you do, never use WiFi? That's not a viable option for most of us. But, there is an easy way to use WiFi securely and safely – use a VPN. VPN is an abbreviation for **virtual private network**. A VPN creates a secure connection (usually called a tunnel) between your computer and a remote location that provides your connection to the Internet. This secure connection cannot be accessed by anyone else at the WiFi hotspot. This is why anyone using public WiFi really should be using a VPN.



Fortunately, using a VPN can be very easy and free. For most of us, the free edition of Hotspot Shield is all we need ([hotspotshield.com](http://hotspotshield.com)). There are many other VPN providers, both free and pay. Some provide additional services such as allowing you to select where your VPN hops on the Internet. Unless you are trying to access Internet content (such as streaming videos) that originate in another country and are blocked from viewing in the US (such as some BBC content), I strongly suggest that you use a VPN that keeps your Internet presence within the US. If you are trying to access your email or financial institution using a VPN that accesses the Internet in a foreign country, you likely will find out that you will be denied access. Also, if you go with a pay VPN service, make sure that they have a free trial period to make sure it works for you.

If you have a cable or DSL Internet connection at home while you travel, and don't mind leaving your home computer on continuously while you are gone, you can set up a VPN to remotely access your computer at home. Normally, this is a complicated process. However, anyone can do this easily and quickly using the free TeamViewer software available at [www.teamviewer.com](http://www.teamviewer.com). Since the procedure sets up a VPN, you are safe while using a public WiFi hotspot. This software is free for unlimited personal use and requires no configuration of your network. Just follow the instructions and you are ready in minutes. Go to [teamviewer.com](http://teamviewer.com) and download the free TeamViewer software on each computer. Install TeamViewer first on your "travel" computer. Next, on your home computer, follow the instructions at [www.teamviewer.com/en/res/pdf/first-steps-unattended-access-en.pdf](http://www.teamviewer.com/en/res/pdf/first-steps-unattended-access-en.pdf). Now you have a free, safe and secure method to use public WiFi hotspots. Just make sure you choose a strong password. As an added benefit, you can have access to the files on your home computer.

Just to be clear: your private WiFi network at home – assuming it is properly secured with WPA2 and a strong password only YOU know – is safe. ❖



Dick Tracy

## Merchandise director's report

Your purchase of DOAI merchandise, offered at DOAI national and southeast region rallies, not only lets you show off your Discovery pride and shares your membership in DOAI, but any profits derived from the sale of the merchandise go to support the organization, as well as aiding the sponsoring chapter of the event. See you at the national rally! ❖



## Making new friends on the road

by Bruce and Nancy Plumb

For the past couple of years, every time we see a Discovery coach parked somewhere across America, we make an effort to see if they are members of DOAI.

On August 8, 2013, we were at Crater Lake, Ore., and noticed a 2002 D in the parking lot. We hung around until the family returned. Turned out they are already members – **Matt and Kim English** and children – a delightful family. **Nancy** and I made new friends, exchanged phone numbers, took a photo with them, and we both went on our way. Fun to connect with D owners whether or not they are members! ❖



## Chapters' photo album

A peek at some of the people who gathered for fellowship over the past few months



Photos from the Midwest Discoverers rally in Marshall, Michigan.  
Left: Donna and Virgil Diver, rally hosts. Right: One of the several carry-in dinners during the rally.



The Mason-Dixons gathered in Tennessee in June and here's the photo to prove it. That's a mighty fine chapter banner. The people are mighty fine, too!



The Ozarks Discovery chapter group photo (with their spiffy new shirts) from their Springfield rally. L to R: Nancy and Bruce Plumb, Beth and David Tillery, Rita and Gary Denning, Felesa and John Baker.

Don't see your chapter pictured here? Well, that's because you didn't send any photos in to the editor. Please submit your rally photos ... don't be shy ... it's fun to see what others have been doing! ❖



Bruce Plumb

## Another 'RV Hero' goes awry...

A DOAI eGroup confession and cautionary tale

I am sorry to have to tell this story but it must be told.

Recently, 'RV Hero' **Gordon Sims** stated, "Well, I could be wrong – just don't tell my wife, because she thinks I'm perfect." My co-pilot is beginning to wonder if I am perfect! Read on ...

We're down in Bay St. Louis (east of New Orleans) a few months ago, with our grandkids on a "2013 Grandkids See America" tour. Pull into Murphy to buy diesel for \$3.419. Put in gift card for 10¢ discount, start pumping **gasoline**. Yep, you read it right – had the unleaded nozzle in the tank and realized it exactly 21.4 gallons later (I have the receipt to prove it).

After a good verbal tongue lashing by me to me (wife was out running an errand to send aluminum compartment latches to a fellow D owner or she might have stopped me from pumping unleaded), a very helpful local decided to be a good neighbor and help me find someone to solve my problem. He stuck with me for 3+ hours. Figured I had 35 - 40 gallons of fuel already in the tank, had last filled in Memphis, Tenn. Now I have a mix of about 61 gallons of fuel and unleaded. If I could have found a 55-gallon drum, I would have purchased a transfer pump at Harbor Freight for \$120 and pumped it out myself. Ended up having it towed about a mile to a local shop who pumped out the approximately 61 gallons and dumped it in their waste oil tank.

Seven hours lost. Towing - \$250; pumping out tank - \$150; wasted unleaded - \$65.28 (photocopy of the receipt is permanently burned in my memory); quart of fuel conditioner - \$20; fuel already in tank that was thus contaminated - \$144. Total? A \$600+ **mistake**. Wife no longer thinks I am perfect.

By the way, after pumping the tank dry (I even tilted the D with the jacks so all the fuel ran to the corner where the suction hose was), I put in 90.67 gallons of **diesel** at \$3.419.

On the way home, about 900 miles later, the fuel filter plugged (I have the single, three-micron filter) and it took me 20 minutes to install a new one (I carry one with me) at a truck stop in Joplin, Mo. This filter had been on the D for 5,385 miles. Last time the filter started to clog was at 8,758 miles on our way to the national at Shawnee, Okla. I have started changing the filter every year when I change the oil, usually only have about 6,000 miles or less.

### Advice

**Pay attention to which color handle you grab or have the co-pilot monitor the refueling process!** ❖

*Editor's Note:* They say confession is good for the soul. I don't know how Bruce felt after 'fessin' up, but his posting resulted in many commiserating and cautionary comments. I thank him for his willingness to share. You can read the entire thread at [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/discoveryownersassociation/](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/discoveryownersassociation/)

## Chassis care for the road ahead

Staying current with your chassis' regular maintenance is an investment worth its weight in gold when you consider it can help you avoid the inconvenience of breakdowns and costly repairs, while at the same time keeping your Discovery operating at peak performance and maximum fuel efficiency. However, a diesel pusher chassis has many parts and systems, and sometimes important services get overlooked, such as:

- Air dryer service – every 2 years
- Power steering/fan drive – every 2 years
- Fan drive gear box (belt-driven) – every year
- Chassis lube – every 6 months
- Transmission service – every 3 years
- Oil and oil filter service – every year
- Fuel filter service – every year
- Belts – check every trip and replace every 3 years
- Engine air filter – every 2 years
- Rear axle fluid change – every year
- Steer and tag axle oil refresh – every year

*Note: These are general intervals. Please check your owner's*

*manual for the recommendations for your specific motor home.*

Staying on top of these and other services is essential to getting the most enjoyment from your Fleetwood motor home. Therefore, when it comes to choosing where to have your chassis maintenance performed, it's best to go to the same reputable service center each year. They're more likely to get to know you and your motor home and be more accountable for the work they perform if they know they'll be seeing you again.

Our team of expert RVIA-certified technicians and ASE-certified diesel chassis technicians at our Factory Service Center in Decatur, Ind., stand ready to help you keep your chassis running at peak performance. Call us to schedule an appointment at 800.322.8216. You can also schedule an appointment or request an estimate online. Regular maintenance goes a long way when it comes to caring for your motor home. ❖

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Before we begin the process of redesigning or updating our products, we collect feedback from owners like you, which helps guide our decisions and allows us to stay current with the latest design trends. Then our design team works for over a year, preparing the changes with close attention to every detail.

Our 2014 model line reflects some of the most substantial updates we've made in years. All-new exterior graphics and color choices as well as new wood cabinetry stains and finishes provide even more opportunities for owners to create a motor home that appeals to their unique tastes.

Eye-catching exterior and interior updates are evident in the 2014 Discovery, which features a new front cap with LED running lights at the roof for a sleek, brighter and more modern look. LED accent lights are also incorporated in the new over-

sized headlights that offer better visibility at night.

The sophisticated look of the 2014 Discovery extends to the rear cap with its chrome and metal finish accents, new large taillights and a high, center-mounted brake light for safety. In addition to appealing design elements, the 2014 Discovery offers an added level of convenience with a new generator slide-out design that offers better generator access.

A new, lighted solid-surface entry stepwell, power stepwell cover and larger, easy-grab handle enhance ease and safety when entering the 2014 Discovery. Inside, the driver is surrounded by premium burlwood accents across the automotive wrap-around dash area. We used soft-touch automotive-grade materials to provide an unprecedented finish in this segment.

It's always gratifying to see advancements such as these culminate in a line of refreshed products, but it's even more exciting to bring these innovations and updates to you, our dedicated owners.

This is only a preview of what we have in store for our 2014 model line-up. Full product information on the 2014 models can be found at [fleetwoodrv.com/discovery](http://fleetwoodrv.com/discovery). ❖

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Robert Martin

## An expensive lesson

Shared by Robert via the DOAI eGroup

On a recent trip to the Canadian Maritime Provinces, my '07 D began running a little rough and losing power, especially on hills. On steep or long grades, my speed dropped to as low as 22 mph by the time I reached the top. I am not a mechanic and am clueless about engine problems. My solution to an engine problem is, "If it's broken, pay someone to fix it." I was thinking that the problem may have been with the turbo charger.

Another problem was that I was in northern Newfoundland, which is even more sparsely populated than the rest of the very sparsely populated province. I was nowhere near any diesel repair shop. I only knew that something wasn't right with the engine, but at least it was running and, I hoped, would continue to do so until I could reach a diesel repair shop. That was about 500 miles away in St. John's, Newfoundland, where I found a certified CAT shop, Toromont CAT Power Systems. (By the way, I highly recommend these folks if you are ever up that way and need help.)

As soon as I reached St. John's, I called them, described the problem, and asked when they might be able to take a look at it. Expecting them to tell me that it would be several days, I was shocked when the response was, "Bring it over now." Toromont was only about four miles from the RV park, so I was there within a few minutes. They immediately took me (and the coach, of course) to the back and a mechanic came out with his computer, plugged it into the engine's data connector, and spent about 30 minutes running diagnostics. He conferred with the shop foreman and they informed me that the problem was the #6 fuel injector. It needed replacing. They had them in stock and told me to bring it back at 8:00 the next morning and I should have it back by the end of the day. Where would I ever find such responsive service in the U.S.?

I was back the next morning and left the coach with them. Throughout the day, I received periodic phone updates from the service manager, keeping me informed as to the progress. They did replace the #6 fuel injector, but it failed when tested. They replaced it again. It failed again. To make a long story short, they had to replace all six injectors, the fuel transfer pump, high pressure oil pump, fuel pressure regulator, and various O-rings, etc. My D had about 48,000 miles on it at the time.

Based upon research I have done and conversations I have had, I am sure that Toromont replaced only that which needed replacement. My continuing to drive the D after realizing something was wrong probably increased the damage. The total bill was a little over \$10,000 (Canadian, which is almost the same in U.S. dollars). Each injector cost over \$700 and the HPOP was around \$1,500. The labor

was very expensive. There were two mechanics working on it all day (plus one hour of overtime).

Could I have had it done cheaper in the States? What does it matter? I wasn't in the States and couldn't drive it back to a CAT shop in the States without most likely destroying the engine. I was just so relieved to find about the only CAT shop in Newfoundland and for them to get the work done in one day so that my travel agenda never missed a beat. So, I'm not going to quibble over the cost.

As I mentioned, I have done some research and learned a few things that could possibly have saved me a lot of headaches in addition to the \$10,000 had I known it earlier. Therefore, I want to share this information with anyone interested. Perhaps it can save you a lot of headaches and money, too.

### What is the HEUI system?

HEUI (Hydraulically-actuated Electronic Unit Injection) is a fuel injection system co-developed by Cat and International (at that time, Navastar) and introduced in 1995.

### How does the HEUI system work?

The main components in the HEUI fuel system include the high-pressure oil pump (HPOP or HEUI pump), ECM, HEUI injectors, fuel pressure regulator, wiring harness, sensors, O-rings, and switches. CAT used the HEUI system in the 3126, C-7, and C-9 engines. It was also used in engines by other manufacturers; one of note was the Ford Duramax.

One of the differences between the HEUI system and other fuel systems is that the HEUI injectors are not actuated by a camshaft. Fuel systems using camshafts vary fuel injection pressures proportionally with engine speed. The HEUI system uses an ECM (Electronic Control Module) to control the fuel injectors and is independent of engine speed.

### What are the symptoms of HEUI failure?

1. Hard starting (especially with cold engine)
2. Excessive smoke
3. Rough running
4. Low power
5. Stalling
6. Misfire
7. Bucking/jerking

If you suspect possible HEUI failure, **STOP DRIVING IT!** Have a qualified mechanic check it out as soon as possible.

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## An expensive lesson, continued

### What are the causes of HEUI failure?

1. Extending oil change intervals (viscosity breaks down over time)
2. Contaminants in engine oil (particularly metal particles)
3. Contaminants in fuel
4. Low fuel pressure or fuel exhaustion

Contaminants in diesel fuel and engine oil are probably the main causes of HEUI injector failure. Contaminates move very fast in high-pressure systems and can cause damage, such as eroding or clogging orifices, that results in incorrect air/fuel mixtures introduced into the cylinders.

The closest tolerances in the engine are found in the fuel injectors. A particle five microns in diameter can damage fuel systems. A micron is one-millionth of a meter. To give you an idea of how small that is, an average human hair is 80 microns in diameter. Tolerances in CAT fuel injectors are 1/1,000th the diameter of a human hair.

If the HPOP begins to fail, it will probably send small metal particles to the injectors, where they will accumulate until the injector fails. As a result, when the HPOP fails, most mechanics will recommend that, in addition to the HPOP, all six of the injectors be replaced or they will, in all probability, begin failing one at a time, which will cost a lot more than if they are all replaced at the same time.

Another common cause of HEUI system failure is running out of fuel or low fuel pressure. Reduced fuel pressure will feed the injectors too much air. Running out of fuel can damage the injectors internally. CAT did add a Low Fuel pressure sensor, and made improvements on the return check valve, but these improvements do little good if you run out of fuel.

### How do I prevent HEUI failure?

Prevention of HEUI failure can never be guaranteed. However, there are some things that can be done to decrease the likelihood of a HEUI failure:

1. Change the fuel filters on time or earlier. Make sure you use CAT-approved filters for your model engine. Fuel filters typically clog up over an extended period of time due to normal amounts of contamination in the fuel. However, poor fuel quality, the presence of water in the fuel, or contamination entering through damaged fuel caps or vents can cause these filters to clog very quickly. Fuel starvation can be caused by clogged fuel filters, leaking fuel supply lines, or worn or malfunctioning fuel injection pumps.
2. Change the oil and oil filter on time or earlier.

Consider using a synthetic oil, but make sure whatever you use is CAT approved for your engine. I found a formula (Test step 10 in CAT's Actuation Pressure Test Procedures) to calculate the ideal oil change interval (this does **not** apply to the long-life synthetic oils). It recommends that the data required be collected from the "electronic service tool." However, if you know what your overall mpg is, you should be very close:

- a. Total distance in miles  $\div$  total fuel in gallons = overall mpg.
  - b. Overall mpg  $\times$  50  $\times$  oil pan capacity in quarts = recommended interval in miles.
  - c. For example: 7.0 mpg  $\times$  50  $\times$  19 qts = 6,650 miles. This is roughly twice as often as recommended by CAT, but is still a lot cheaper than a \$10,000 repair bill.
3. At the first hint of a HEUI problem, **STOP DRIVING IT!** Piston failure can follow closely if an injector is stuck open.

### Should I use a fuel additive to increase the lubricity of the Ultra-Low Sulfur fuel?

Except in special circumstances (not defined by CAT), CAT does not generally recommend the use of fuel additives. There are many additives available to increase fuel lubricity. However, not all of them perform well in all fuels or fuel systems. Some may form precipitates and form deposits in the injection system. If a diesel fuel "conditioner" is used to increase lubricity, there is only one that is tested and approved by Caterpillar for use in Caterpillar diesel engines. That is Cat Diesel Fuel Conditioner, part #256-4968. If a diesel fuel system "cleaner" is used, Cat Diesel Fuel System Cleaner, part #343-6210, is the only fuel system cleaner that is tested and approved by Caterpillar for use in Caterpillar diesel engines.

Whether or not you use a fuel additive is your call. According to CAT, the blending of the fuels to ensure proper lubricity is the responsibility of the fuel supplier. This seems to imply that a fuel additive to increase lubricity may not be necessary if your fuel is from a responsible supplier.

Just remember to look after and maintain your oil and fuel systems properly in order to lessen the possibility of experiencing a HEUI system failure. ❖

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*Editor's Note:* I extend thanks to **Robert** for sharing his story. The responses from DOAI members to his post can be found on the DOAI eGroup website at [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/discoveryownersassociation/](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/discoveryownersassociation/)



## What is Camp Discovery?

First, a short history lesson. For about 10 years, the balmy winters in Florida called D owners to a rally that could be best described as “a lot like a national rally.” The chapters of the southeast region hosted at Lazydays in Seffner and a great time was had by all. About six years ago, **Marshall Godwin** envisioned a different sort of rally which would be extremely educational and specific to Discovery motor homes. Thus, Camp Discovery was born. And now, the fifth session of Camp Discovery is scheduled for **January 26-30, 2014 (depart January 31)**. Take this opportunity to see what it is all about. If you have been before, come again; there is always more to learn.

The Lazydays complex is not only a huge well-maintained campground – it also includes a large meeting facility for our use, a repair facility with over 200 bays, Camping World, Cracker Barrel, Pilot/Flying J, and one of the largest RV sales facilities in the U.S. The campground has 300 sites, all with full 50-amp hookup service and free Wi-Fi, and so much more. You can learn more about the campground and all it has to offer at [www.lazydaysrvccampground.com/infoTampa.aspx](http://www.lazydaysrvccampground.com/infoTampa.aspx).

This year, your DOAI board of directors is arranging for not only seminars, but also great food, dynamite entertainment, and lots of camaraderie. It will include three or four catered dinners, three nights of professional entertainment, and surprises along the way. Lazydays will provide breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday in the Lazydays Front Porch restaurant.

In addition to **Marshall**, who knows Discovery systems better than almost anyone else, other D owners will concentrate on specific systems that they know well. Specific programs are being developed, but a few that have been done in the past include 120-volt electrical (30 amp and 50 amp), 12-volt electrical, appliances, air conditioners,

and many others. Add to that the many one-hour seminars conducted by Lazydays’ professional staff and you will come away highly informed. A notebook containing handouts for all seminars not presented by Lazydays will be available for a small fee; this is an invaluable tool!

Start with an informative meeting with DOAI leadership and learn about our organization and Lazydays. Then go directly to the welcome party and meet old and new friends. Throughout the week, pick your seminars to attend, explore west central Florida, or play in our special golf tournament. Everyone **must** visit Parkesdale Farms at Plant City (about 10 miles east of Seffner) for yummy strawberry shortcake and all kinds of fresh fruits and veggies.

There will be “round tables” where any and all questions will be addressed. There will be a “round table” specifically for the ladies to have their questions addressed. Of course, **vendors** will be there.

We are currently working to have a representative from Fleetwood to listen to your concerns and suggestions. In addition, the Fleetwood service team will be with us for a few days. They perform on-site repairs at no cost and parts are deeply discounted. → See notice on page 3 ←

The Fleetwood Motorhome Association will be at Lazydays January 21-25 (depart January 26). You can see their information and register at [www.fleetwoodmotorhomeassoc.org/](http://www.fleetwoodmotorhomeassoc.org/). Many folks attend that organization’s rally and stay on the same spot for Camp Discovery.

Camp Discovery registration is on the next page and at [www.discoveryowners.com/2014seregion.pdf](http://www.discoveryowners.com/2014seregion.pdf). Complete the two-part registration, then send the top portion to Lazydays and the bottom part to the Camp Discovery registrar. In January, load up the rig and head to sunny (we hope) Florida. ❖

### Camp Discovery testimonials

**Ed Ripper:** I attended Camp Discovery three years ago, shortly after acquiring my Discovery. It, in my opinion, along with Camp Freightliner in Gaffney, S.C., should be required for anyone who is a newbie to Discovery ownership. You will thoroughly enjoy yourself as the seminars at Camp Discovery are priceless.

**Teri Dykman:** Having attended the last two Camp Discovery events at Lazydays, first as co-pilot and now as pilot, I found them to be very helpful. I keep both 3-ring notebooks handy, and they help me to keep on top of situations that develop. Camp Discovery is helpful through the seminars and through the give and take of experiences related by the attendees.

**Gary Ostrosser:** My wife and I attended the 2013 Camp Discovery in Seffner. We were first timers. We can’t say enough

good things about the rally. Most important for me was the invaluable information presented about all of the systems in our Discoverys. Well done by everyone involved!

**Marvin McIntosh:** I purchased a new 2011 Discovery 40X, and after reading all the manuals, climbing under, over and through the entire coach, I did not learn near as much about the coach as I did at the various seminars at the 2013 SE rally in Seffner. Very good instructors, lots of good feedback from other Discovery owners, and a chance to meet with other owners to discuss the good and bad issues related to being a Discovery owner. The main advantage to these sessions is that all the attendees are Discovery owners and the entire session deals with specific issues of your coach.





Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
2014 Southeast Region Rally
Camp Discovery

Lazydays RV Campground, Seffner, Florida (800.905.6627)
JANUARY 26-30; DEPART JANUARY 31

Complete both parts of this registration form.
Send Part 1 to Lazydays RV Campground and Part 2 to DOAI rally registrar

PART 1. CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND, OR CALL 800.905.6627

Discovery Owners Association Rally — January 26-30, 2014 (Depart January 31)

Pilot Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_
Co-Pilot Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_
Discovery Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Camping/Food/Entertainment Fee:
\$361.95 for coach with two people / \$301.94 for coach with one person ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of additional nights at \$48.39 per night ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests at \$60.01 per guest ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Total ..... MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND .. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your check to Lazydays RV Campground, 6210 County Road 579, Seffner FL 33584-3004.
Deadline to register with Lazydays RV Campground is December 26, 2013. Lazydays RV Campground
cancellation policy: Prior to 72 hours, no charge; 72 to 24 hours, one-day charge; less than 24 hours or no show, no
refund.

PART 2: CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO RALLY REGISTRAR

Pilot Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Name \_\_\_\_\_
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email/s \_\_\_\_\_
Street/City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

DOAI # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_
First major DOAI rally (other than chapter rally)? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Discovery Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_
Chapter Member Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Position \_\_\_\_\_
Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees:
\$11.50 per coach for two people / \$5.75 for one person ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$5.75 for each additional guest ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Guest Name/s and Address \_\_\_\_\_
\$17.00 for notebook with printed copy of all technical seminars ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$20.00 DOAI new member fee (if not already a DOAI member) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$45.00 Golf, Tuesday, Jan. 28 (golf cart and lunch incl.): \_\_\_\_\_ players x \$45.00 = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Provide golf handicap/s, if known \_\_\_\_\_
Total ..... MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DOAI ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and your check to Halley "Doc" Simpson, Rally Registrar, 8910 Cowsert Ln, San Antonio TX 78266.
Registration must be received by January 11, 2014. After that date, call Rally Master John Curtis (210.287.1496)



A few teasers for those of you who may not be familiar with Lazydays in Seffner. The rallypark is an excellent location for the regional rally, with many amenities. And don't miss the scrumptious strawberry shortcake at Parkesdale Farm Market in Plant City, just ten miles east of Seffner. Give your taste buds a real treat and pick up some fresh fruit and veggies at the same time.

## Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

**Discovery Owners Association, Inc.** is a premier non-profit organization intended 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 Director toll-free 888.594.6818

**Mail** the form below with your check payable to *Discovery Owners Association, Inc.* to: **Portia Williams, Membership Director, PO Box 95, St. George UT 84771-0095.** You may also join/renew online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://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