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20 Years Have Come And Gone Now It's On To 21. We Are Almost Legal!

We had a great rally in Goshen! So many of us there, 97 coaches to be exact, but we had room for many more. We had so many surprises, including a surprise guest and a surprise presenter. Oodles of great technical information was shared at the seminars along with fun presentations and gatherings regarding Amish life and life in an RV. My low-carb diet went out the bus window on the "Down the Road Tour" and we were all hopping to the tunes of Happy Days! The days were full and artfully managed by our fantastic National Rally Master, MaryAnn Crowell, along with our host chapters, Midwest Discoverers and Ozark Discovery. While you might hear more in this newsletter, the 20th Annual National Homecoming Rally will be featured in full in the January 2019 issue. Just wait till you see the center fold. Oh! Wait, we are electronic – well there will be plenty of pictures.

Oh! Did I mention wonderful music and entertainment? I can't wait to hear BAT perform again! And that brings us to the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, FL at Lazy Days, aka Camp Discovery, January 27 through February 2, 2019. If you missed out on the National Rally, get down to Seffner to experience all that is great about DOAI; friendship, expert technical instruction, good Florida winter weather, and of course, great food and entertainment. Rumor has it that BAT might be back, or maybe that was Elvis. In any case, don't forget the deadline to mail the registration form is Jan 10, 2019. Registrations forms are available here:

<https://www.discoveryowners.com/2019SERALLY.pdf>

Last but not least, this issue of the newsletter will serve as notice on a couple of Bylaw changes that are to be voted on at the next General membership meeting to be held at the SE Region Rally in Seffner. Please take a close look at those articles. As the days get colder, be safe as you seek warmer shores. ❖

Quarterly Question Contest

Congratulations go out to Teri Dykman, whose name was drawn from the Contest Hat. She submitted the correct answer: **Pepper!** Not a surprising answer, actually. Who, among us, does not use pepper occasionally?

October's Question: What is the world's biggest island?
Borneo Greenland Madagascar Sumatra



The instructions are on page 20 and the deadline for your answer is 11:59pm, November 15, 2018. Email your response to nina.soltwedel@gmail.com. Good luck!
By Nina Soltwedel. ❖

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Ron Wacker

President's report

I hope you had a great summer filled with fantastic travels. The weather has been interesting this year and I hope it didn't hinder anyone's plans. Like I mentioned in the last newsletter, do you have a weather radio or some type of weather notification app on your phone? This is important for your safety.

The National rally in Goshen was one of the best National rallies Donna and I have ever attended. There were 97 coaches in attendance. DOAI celebrated our 20th year anniversary which made this rally very special. I had the honor to present certificates of appreciation to 3 great people, Bob Cook, Gary Osburn and Marshall Godwin. These 3 people have given so much of themselves and their time which has been very, very beneficial to DOAI. Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to 4 of our charter members.

The food, entertainment, seminars and vendors were all great. Everyone had a fun filled and educational time. Donna and I went on several tours and ate at many restaurants. I will tell you the Amish really know how to cook! The tours were really good too. We enjoyed everything.

While we are on major rallies, the Southeast Region rally is coming up starting Sunday January 27, 2019 leaving Saturday February 2, 2019. The Florida Discovery Sunshiners are working hard preparing for the rally. The theme is "Discover the Florida Crackers". Who are the Florida Crackers and how did they get that name? Come to the rally and find out. They will have Camp Discovery once again, where you can learn more than you can ever imagine about your Discovery.

Do you have one of our custom DOAI license plates on your Discovery? They are a good conversation piece when in a campground or just traveling.



Nina Soltwedel

Member Care report

Please continue to let me know of those who need cards of caring and sympathy. This past quarter's members who have been in our thoughts and prayers include:

...Maurice Fairweather, who had his knees replaced in May (and was walking quite well at the 2018 national rally)

...Felesa Baker, who continues to deal with serious back pain (and keep her hubby John in your prayers, too, as Felesa's major caregiver)

...Jim Devine, who continues under treatment for cancer. We all rejoiced to see Jim in September at the welcome gathering at the national rally.

...Denise Donohue, who had an emergency visit to the hospital in August, and is recuperating well

...Judy Jo Bruton, whose 99-year-old dad went Home in August

...Greg Chaffee, whose father went Home in July

...Phil Yovino is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. He visits M. D. Anderson every two weeks and reports he's feeling better and his appetite has improved. Please keep him in your prayers.

...Lynn Weatherford has been ill all summer. Pray for the doctors to discover the cause, and for her recovery.

You can send an email to me at nina.soltwedel@gmail.com. ❖

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www.discoveryowners.com/login.asp



John Baker

Past President's report

Due to health problems Felesa and I missed seeing old friends and making new ones at Goshen. It seems that health issues arise more in our lives these days...what is it going to be like when we get "old"? Had I been at the National rally, I would have been talking up YOUR need to consider serving as an officer for DOAI. The only qualifications are that you must be (1) a member of DOAI and (2) breathing.

Only a year from now we will be holding our biennial election for officers to serve 2019 and 2020. While some officers are able to serve another term, some are not; however, all offices are open for candidates. Specific duties are spelled out in our bylaws at:

<https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIBylaws.pdf>

The six regional vice presidents must reside in their region; all other positions are open to all DOAI members. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact me at bakerjohn@swbell.net or via phone at 281.814.0004.

Wishing everyone safe travels. ❖



Marshall Godwin

Executive Vice President's report

First, I want to thank all those who planned, organized and conducted the recently completed National Rally in Goshen, IN. We had a great time. Thank you!

I coordinated two meetings at the rally. The Region VPs meet to propose Bylaw changes increasing their role to assist members and chapters in their respective regions. The idea to expand the Region VP role came about during a board of directors meeting at the 2018 SE Region Rally. VPs from four of the six regions were present. The other two Region VPs exchanged recommendations via email.

The proposed changes were approved by the board and will be voted on at the General Membership meeting at the 2019 SE Region Rally.

I also chaired the Chapter Presidents meeting. We had a great turn-out with 9 of 11 chapter presidents in attendance. It was a good opportunity for chapter presidents to hear how others deal with common problems and to understand what has worked for others. We had a thorough discussion of options to accommodate chapter members who purchase an RV other than Discovery, and at the same time comply with DOAI Bylaws and standing rules. We discussed the proposed expanded Region VP role. I want to encourage chapter presidents to reach out to their Region VPs and other chapter presidents for ideas and help when needed.

I assisted John Ricciardi, the current VP for Development, to draft proposed Bylaw changes to better define that position's role. This proposed Bylaw change is on page 10 of this issue.

I want to thank all the board members for respectfully and diligently addressing DOAI's business.

It was a busy, productive and fun National Rally. ❖

20th Year Anniversary Rally Pics!



4-H Fairgrounds



Great entertainment every night - tapping to the polka tunes of the Jim Busta Band



MaryAnn Crowell

National Rally Master's report

OH, what a rally we had for our 20th year celebration. We had 97 Discoverys holding 201 members and guests. A first for me, two of the youngest members at a rally were Anabeth and Logan Lawrence. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for bringing them. Also, in the group were 88 first timers at a national rally and six charter members. Jim Devine, our Founder, was able to attend on Monday night.

Judging by the number of packages that the bus unloaded, the Down the Road Tour was a huge success. I know that the golfers also had a good time at the Black Squirrel Golf Course on Wednesday. I hope everyone had a chance to see some of the Goshen area and, of course, spend a little money.

Jeanne Stewart did a great job with the ladies' gathering and getting the first ever book club started. It was so popular that the book club will also be an event at the SE region rally.

Way to go, Jeanne!

Al Welch – what a great job on parking, getting everyone in and set in the correct sites. I know you were not alone in this, but someone had to get the regions and chapters together.

Thanks to Al and the Whole Parking Crew!

And while Al was parking, wife Cindy was busy setting up the 50/50 ticket sales and the food bank drive. This year's charity was the Salvation Army.

- o The total weight on all the food and personal items donated was 774 pounds.
- o 50/50 ticket sales, plus some personal donations, garnered \$1,715.50.
- o Judy Jo and the lady quilters were busy selling tickets for the beautiful quilt. All of their efforts gave the Salvation Army another \$1,556.00 in sales. I know that Joan Fairweather, the happy winner, never let go of it, once it was in her hands.

Great job on all efforts that raised a total of \$3,271.50 for the Salvation Army. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets and donated items. I know that the Salvation Army was very impressed and much appreciated our gifts to them.

Congratulations on a job well done!

On another note, we were able to donate some of our left-over food to “The Window”. This is a local organization in downtown Goshen. They are a soup kitchen, food pantry, clothes closet, Meals on Wheels and so much more for the homeless and needy in the Goshen area. Glad we could help in a small way.

Were your tables clean? Did you like the table decorations? Did our servers give you enough food? These are not really questions, these were the jobs that the Midwest Discoverers and Ozark Discovery chapters did so well that I know some of you were not even aware of. They worked so hard to keep our dining/seminars room in order and clean for the next event.

Thank You, Chapters. Great Job, Well Done!

Some of our great Discovery Tech people spent more than a whole day, giving our members helpful hints, things to be aware of and what to look out for. All of this special knowledge they give out to our members, on request, daily. And I was honored to have a little bit of Camp Discovery in Goshen.

Thanks, Guys!

Just a special Thank You to Nina and my hubby, Don, for always being there and keeping me on track.

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National Rally Master's report, continued

On to 2019:

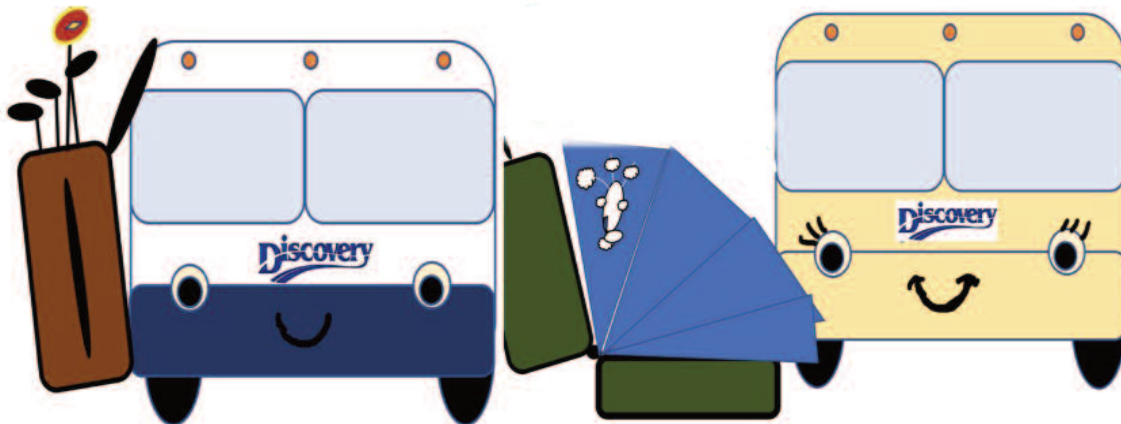
If you have not already done so, you need to get your registration for the SE Region Rally, aka Camp Discovery, in Seffner, FL. Camp Discovery is January 27 –February 1 (departing February 2). This is our Technical Rally, but, of course, it comes complete with great food and entertainment too. DOAI National President, Ron Wacker, is your Rally Master for this gathering and I know that the Florida Sunshiners chapter will do a great job.

Our 2019 National rally location has been changed to an area as yet to be decided. After careful evaluation and much research throughout the Southwest region, finding accommodation for all rally activities, number of coach spaces, costs and appropriate time frames left us with several unappealing/disappointing choices.

I'm working on the next location search. It will be somewhere in the central part of the USA. On a positive note, this will make it easier for the members from the far eastern and far western regions to come to a National Rally and get to enjoy all that happens at a National.

Southwestern Region Chapters, we still want and need your support even though this rally will no longer be directly in your region. We look forward to your participation in bringing Southwestern style and flavor in the planning of activities, meals, decoration and entertainment. Show us why you love it there.

Once the Board approves a site, I will send out a list of items that need to be done. Come and jump on board. This year's rally had the help of the Midwest Discoverers and the Ozarks Discovery; our Master of Ceremony Kerry from Alabama, Registrar Nina from Colorado and I'm from New York and Texas. All volunteers are Welcome – that's what makes this a Tremendous Club to belong to. ❖



We sure had fun at Goshen!
Happy 20th DOAI!

Sincere Thanks

To those of you who attended the national rally in Goshen, and who were so gracious toward me after my presentation on Friday evening (all those hugs were fabulous!), I extend a heartfelt thank you. I confess: when Bruce Plumb thought I should give that presentation, and MaryAnn Crowell supported him, I was a bit reluctant. I didn't know what the group would think about such a personal, albeit universal, story. That you all reacted in such a positive manner simply made my heart sing.

I also thank Bruce because, had he not gotten the idea, I never would have delved so deeply into my brother's life, his war experiences, Dad's reactions, the overall history of WWII, nor re-visited my past so deeply. Thus, I would have missed an important part of my life's remembrances. It was a five-month journey into the long ago, with remarkable revelations all along the way.

A coincidence was revealed after the presentation: a couple approached me, and he shared that his parents worked at Rock Island Arsenal during WWII. We speculated that perhaps my sister knew his folks. Just one more example of how we never know when those coincidences will occur, and how fulfilling it can be to experience them. Thank you again, DOAI members. YOU ARE THE BEST -Nina Soltwedel ❖



Jeanne Stewart

Ladies' Gathering at National Rally in Goshen

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the women who attended the recent Ladies' Tea at the Nat'l Rally. If I counted correctly, we had 58 women in attendance. Our guest speaker was Linda Miller. She spoke on Amish Dress, though we barraged her with questions about her culture, religion, family relationships, her hair, her travels, health care.... Did we miss anything? Just one, I think, as one of our Discovery members commented - "best blackberry pie, and home-made ice cream ever."

Linda was very impressed with our DOAI ladies and loved the level of participation. I think we needed more than the one hour allotted to us. Thank you for being a great audience.

And as Paul Harvey used to say - the rest of the story. It was my pleasure to pick Linda up at her home, along with her 2 helpers - Joann and Glenda, and Glenda's daughter Melissa. They usually use Uber for transportation to events further than 5 miles away, but I offered. Linda gave me a tour of her home. It is large with a beautiful kitchen and is equipped with a huge Keurig coffee maker, blender, and refrigerator, all run by solar power. An outbuilding contained an additional large kitchen with a huge stove, mixer, shelving, and a freezer. Next to this kitchen, connected by a large door, was her banquet room. It was all set up for two groups coming for soup, bread, dessert, coffee, and tea the next day. She not only made 9 pies the morning of our seminar, but the day before she had made 30 pints of blackberry jam.

After our seminar, I asked Linda if she would like to see the new Discovery motorhomes on display as well as my lived-in motorhome. She did, as did the girls. Melissa was so quiet and reserved when she shook my husband, Bob's, hand saying her name so quietly when he asked her what it was, that it was surprising how eagerly she sat right down on the bunk bed. Linda and the girls were impressed to see the inside - of the motorhomes and how we live on the road. Many of the men and some women in her district work on motorhomes, but they do not have the opportunity to see the finished product.

The Amish are never ones to take advantage, they wanted to pay for the transportation and for my treating them to McDonalds. But as payment, I thoroughly enjoyed the company and 2 pieces of pie and some of the raspberry tea. That worked for me! I learned a lot, and hope you too enjoyed the program. ❖

20th Year Anniversary Rally Pics!



Really Great Rally SWAG



Elkhart 4-H Fairgrounds was ready for us



Elaine Holley

Membership Coordinator's report

Please **“Welcome”** our new and reinstated members listed here. Please make them feel at home in DOAI, encourage them to get involved, and introduce them to our many chapters. It is still the best place to meet and make new friends. We continue to ask members to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, after three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership. Congratulations and a free year's membership goes out this quarter to: **Jim & Kathy Pinkerton** and **Leroy & Gwen Churchill**. We continue to ask members to refer new members to DOAI. ❖

Dominic Avila/Patricia Nelles, Lyons IL
 Eulas/Jean Beckner, Lee FL
 Daniel Bergold, Roswell GA
 Roger/Cindy Bouwkamp, Broken Arrow OK
 John/Vonnie Bozard, Cameron SC
 Carl/Sylvia Bradley, Humble TX
 Robert/Laor Brown, College Station TX
 Doug Cappel, West Des Moines IA
 Roger/Janice Christy, Victoria TX
 Marshall Coble/Amy Hutchinson, Cornelius NC
 Burton Cooper, Fremont MI
 Miguel Cortez, Granbury TX
 Maryann Dario/Harry McNair, Newark DE
 Walter/Judith Davis, Campbell River BC
 Joe Delafuente, Covina CA
 Terrance Demaso, Battle Creek MI
 Garry Dines, Saint Petersburg FL
 David/Melissa Dunn, Chesnee SC
 George/Diane Flanik, Lodi OH
 Tony/Kim Flitcroft, Elkhorn WI
 Jeannie/Larry Gentry, Kingston GA
 Rick/Carina Gomez, Jupiter FL
 Jaime Gonzalez, Houston TX
 Pedro Gonzalez, West Covina CA
 David/Karina Green, Bristow VA
 Glen/Nancie Greenwalt, Media PA
 Dennis/Debi Gruschow, Polk City FL
 John/Sandy Guthrie, Sunbury OH

Corey Harris, Muskogee OK
 Ed Hidlebaugh/Sandy Roberts, Waller TX
 Chris/Stephne Hilgendorf, Chelsea MI
 Ted/Shannon Hintz Jr, Middle Haddam CT
 Robert/Jody Holland, Crestview FL
 Ohara Howard/Patricia Porter, Johns Island SC
 David/Linda Huey, Franklin IN
 James/Darcy Julian, Fairfield CA
 Michael/Brenda Keen, Hot Springs AR
 Gary/Suzette Kent, Greensburg PA
 Dan/Kathy Klempel, Lewiston ID
 John/Beth Kost, Schenectady NY
 Dan/Carlyne Krauter, New Haven IN
 JD Lanich, Hamilton OH
 Sanford/Susan Laufer, Lake Worth FL
 William/Linda Lemna, Punta Gorda FL
 Mark/Rae Lozier, Sunman IN
 Anthony Lytle, La Vernia TX
 Tony Mane, Plano TX
 Hugh Mason, Box Elder SD
 Stefani/Michael Maupin, Crandall TX
 Dave/Linda Mayfield, Oregon City OR
 Mike/Amy Maykuth, Coeur D'Alene ID
 Rob/Katy Maynard, Salem OR
 Jack/Shirley Moon, Meridian ID
 Merrick Mothershed, Westlake LA
 Debra/William Odenthal, Cranberry Twp PA
 Jake/Marion Patterson, Canon City CO

James Putnam, Horton MI
 Ryan/Victoria Reynolds, Yaphank NY
 Shon/Marcia Richardson, Wilson NC
 Tom/Rhonda Rose, Land O Lakes FL
 Silvio Santisi, Saint Petersburg FL
 Micah Savell, Merritt Island FL
 Judith/Elliot Schear, West Hills CA
 Gregg/Sally Schindel, Prescott AZ
 Donald/Geneda Schwanke, La Feria TX
 Jeff/Eunice Scott, Phoenix AZ
 Gerald Scriven, Sumter SC
 Dennis Sebastian, Spring TX
 Trey/Stephanie Simmons, Umland TX
 Roger Smith, Pawnee IL
 Randy/Nancy Stowers, Howell MI
 Rebecca Swan, Purvis MS
 Valerie/James Taylor, Johns Creek GA
 Dennis/Pamela Thompson, Marshall NC
 Michael/Karen Thompson, Ada MI
 John/Pamela Unger, Duncan Falls OH
 Ron/Randee West, Elk River MN
 Troy Wilson, Bloomington IN
 Robert Wittig, Sioux Falls SD
 Raymond/Terri Wood, Newberry MI
 Mark Woodcock, Titusville FL
 Dianne Worthington, Livingston TX
 Thomas/Janine Yurkin, Bluffton SC



Robert Orr

Website Committee report

At Long Last! For the last several years, I have been trying to find someone to take over the duties of Webmaster. No one lives forever, and bad things can happen very quickly. DOAI, like most volunteer organizations, has experienced great difficulty in filling positions and especially those positions that require some technical expertise.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Robert Orr. Robert answered my call for a Webmaster and I was really impressed with his enthusiasm and eagerness to serve our members. Robert is eager to jump in with both feet and has demonstrated the ability to do that. “Hands on” is the best way to learn.

I am not going anywhere and will be here to help Robert as there are many “little things” that can only be learned with experience. We are now a committee! Robert's email address is robertjorr@outlook.com. Please include Robert on any request you send to me regarding the DOAI website. Please welcome Robert and give him the full support that you have given me. *By Robert “Bob” Cook, Chairman, DOAI Website Committee* ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Secretary's report - Board Meeting Highlights

The DOAI Board of Directors, at its two meetings held during the 2018 national rally in Goshen, Indiana, discussed the following (as always, the full minutes are on the DOAI website at <https://www.discoveryowners.com/BOD.pdf>)

The first meeting was convened at 2pm, October 12, followed by the second on October 13 at the same time. Present were Ron Wacker, Marshall Godwin, John Ricciardi, Nina Soltwedel, Ricky Keen, MaryAnn Crowell, Bruce Plumb, Jeff Daly, Gary Osburn, Kerry Pinkerton, Elaine Holley, Jody Bruce, Kristy Green, Bob Cook. Absent were John Baker, Becky Hazen, Jim Sullivan. A quorum was declared present.

****Elections to be held in 2019:** Two calls for candidates will be in first two issues of Discovery Express in 2019; slate with candidate bios will be published in July issue; voting will open October 1 (with ballot being published in October issue); election will be electronic only.

****Website to be updated** so that anyone, especially new members, can click on his/her state and all applicable chapters will be highlighted. North Central Region Vice President Plumb is working on this and will report via an article in this newsletter. Webmaster Cook is creating a “clickable” map.

****Treasurer Keen continues to work on the application for group exemption.** Details of further action contained in formal complete minutes on the DOAI website. He presented the latest financial statement; advised annual audit in progress.

****2019 Southeast Region rally will be in Seffner January 27-February 2.**

****Executive Vice President Godwin clarified that it is fine that chapters may have members who are not Discovery owners.** They may attend chapter rallies, but those individuals cannot hold office in the chapter, nor may they attend official DOAI rallies.

****Two Bylaw changes have been presented;** they are printed in this issue and will be voted upon at the general meeting in Seffner in January.

****Editor Green announced effective immediately copy deadline will be the first of the month preceding month of publication.** She will also continue to update the Consolidated Rally Schedule on the DOAI website.

****Secretary Soltwedel will update Calendar of Important Dates and it will be published on the website and sent to all chapters.** Question of providing printed copies of newsletter to dealers; consensus is that every issue is online, and members are free to download and print a copy and give to whomever he/she chooses. This also applies to the DOAI membership recruitment brochure.

****National Rally Master Crowell presented three possible sites for 2019 national rally.** Unfortunately, all three were found to be inadequate or too pricey. She will investigate other sites, and report back. The idea of finding four to six centrally located U.S. sites to use in rotation was discussed, with each region taking turns to host.

****Clarification made that all material presented at technical seminars by DOAI people are in printed format.** There is an app for a smartphone that will provide close captioning for any talk.

****Membership Coordinator Holley announced Fleetwood no longer providing lists of new Discovery owners.** She explained the membership renewal process.

****Vice President for Development Ricciardi stressed the importance of working on a dealer-membership program.** Suggestions made for a list of what to do if satisfaction with dealer not happening. This is in process of being refined and will be formally reported later. His meeting with region vice presidents went well and all are encouraged by the new job descriptions. The proposed Bylaw change is printed in this issue.

****Merchandise Coordinator Bruce asked for branded clothing suggestions.** One suggested we offer shirts with pockets for men. All agreed her selection is excellent.

****Executive Vice President Godwin's meeting with chapter presidents went well.** A Washington resident desires to start a chapter in that state.

****Webmaster Cook explained the cost factors for the DOAI website and announced a volunteer to work with him: Robert Orr, who is extremely qualified and eager to help.** As a result, President Wacker formed a new committee – Website Committee – consisting of Bob Cook and Robert Orr.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Secretary's report - General Meeting Highlights

The general meeting was held September 15, at 2:10pm. As always, the full minutes are on the DOAI website at <http://www.discoveryowners.com/GM.pdf>

**President Wacker announced 2019 Southeast Region Rally registration forms are available now and online. He reported on Board decision re 2019 national rally and that other sites are being explored.

**Executive Vice President Godwin reported on the items that he discussed at the Board

**Vice President for Development Ricciardi stated he wants to develop better relationships with major manufacturers and will be working on this in the months to come.

**Treasurer Keen gave a verbal update to the annual statement and stated an audit of the books was in progress. The club is in excellent financial condition.

**North Central Region Vice President Plumb urged anyone with questions to contact their region vice president, who is ready to assist.

**Northeast Region Vice President Daly stated that anyone who would like to get involved in DOAI in some way or would like to start a new chapter in that region to please talk to him.

**South Central Region Vice President Osburn gave a "plug" for Camp Discovery, stating that it's worth going to Florida to attend.

**Webmaster Bob Cook acknowledged that he has run the DOAI website for 20 years and has had help from time to time from Al de Haas. After a call for help was put out on the eGroup, Robert Orr stepped up. Bob shared Robert Orr's qualifications, which are excellent. He also briefly explained some of the website issues, but they are relatively simple and will not cost a big amount.

**Southeast Region Vice President Pinkerton described his region's chapter range and solicited region members to join one of the chapters.

**Newsletter Editor Green stated she accepts everything, and photos are especially welcome. While she may not use everything offered, anyone is welcome to submit material for the newsletter. She prefers to get copy in Word or in plain text via email.

**Membership Coordinator Holley stated DOAI membership numbers between 1,300 to 1,350 each month.

**Merchandise Coordinator Bruce noted sales were brisk, that a few shirts were left, and she has more grey cardigans.

**Judy Jo Bruton thanked the ladies who created this year's quilt and asked for volunteers for next year.

**President Wacker urged everyone to promote club membership to Discovery owners they may meet on their travels.

Secretary's report - Bylaw Changes

At the September 12-13, 2018, Board of Directors meeting in Goshen, Indiana, two Bylaw changes were proposed. These two changes will be presented to the general membership for its consideration and approval at the Southeast Region Rally in Seffner, Florida, this coming January. The affected sections follow, with the changed/added wording underlined.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. Specific Duties

2. There shall be a Region Vice President for each major geographical region of the contiguous United States and Canada. The region boundaries will be specified in a Standing Rule.

c. The Region Vice Presidents assist the President and perform other duties assigned by the President and Board of Directors. The Region Vice Presidents shall represent the best interests of the chapters and members of their respective areas.

d. In conjunction with the National Rally Master, plan and coordinate National and Region rallies held within the region.

e. Promote and encourage establishment of new chapters within the region.

f. Coordinate with Chapter Presidents to:

1. Ensure chapter concerns and interests are represented before the Board of

Directors.

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Secretary's report, continued

2. Assist to recruit and retain chapter members.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

C. Duties

7. Vice President for Development

The Vice President for Development is responsible to establish and maintain DOAI's professional relationships with primary manufacturers related to Discovery motor homes and Discovery dealers.

- a. Relationship with major manufacturers

1. Establish the primary contact with each major manufacturer to coordinate matters between the manufacturer and DOAI.

2. Establish procedures and processes, approved by the Board of Directors, to communicate and/or resolve motor home related issues between manufacturers and DOAI members that have not been satisfactorily resolved by the dealer and normal manufacturer customer relations processes.

3. Request manufacturers' support, financial or otherwise, for DOAI activities or events approved by the Board of Directors.

4. Assist the DOAI Membership Coordinator to obtain the list of new Discovery buyers in order to aid member recruitment.

- b. Relationship with Discovery dealers

1. Establish and maintain the list of Discovery dealers.

2. Communicate with dealers to encourage participation in the DOAI Membership Sponsor Program and provide annual certificate of appreciation.

3. Assist the DOAI Rally Master to gain dealer support for Major Rallies.

4. Encourage Discovery dealers to advertise in the Discovery Express newsletter and/or the DOAI website.

Secretary's report - Bylaw Change, No Vote Required

DOAI Bylaws, Article V - Officers, 1c states:

c. The President may create ad hoc committees, appoint its members, and shall inform the Board of Directors of each committee's membership and purpose. No Board approval is needed.

President Ron Wacker has directed me to inform you that, effective immediately, he has formed a new committee entitled Website Committee. This committee will be responsible for maintaining the DOAI website and keeping the Board of Directors informed of any important matters dealing with the website. He has appointed Bob Cook and Robert Orr to the committee. He has named Bob Cook as chairman. *By Nina Soltwedel ❖*

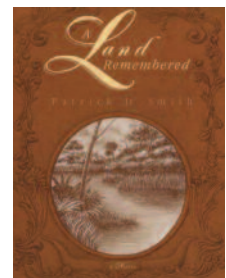


Jeanne Stewart

Book Club report

Our first ever DOAI book club get together went very well. We had 16 ladies in attendance. Although not all had read the book, a good discussion was enjoyed by all. I am hoping those who did not read the book, or had not finished it, will take the time to read it.

The book we discussed was *small great things* by Jodi Picoult. Jodi has written many controversial and insightful books. Her thorough research of the subject helps the reader see and better understand the big picture. In a discussion, held following the meeting, the ladies agreed that we would like to have another book club meeting at the Southeast Region rally in Seffner, FL. Our selection, suggested by Penny Smith of the Florida Sunshiners, is: *A Land Remembered* by Patrick A. Smith. It is a 3 generational novel of family members from Florida 'Cracker' to tycoon status. The theme for the rally has to do with 'Crackers' so you will be ahead of the game. Thank you again for your participation in a new event. ❖



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Region and Chapter reports



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys chapter

September was a very busy month for our Noreaster chapter, a real work-out for our Discovery. This was the first rally for our chapter since its rebirth. The rally, if I do say so myself, went very well. The rally members were Capt. Jack Romeyk, Midwestern Discoverers members, Les and Val Whipple, and my wife Jeanne and me. It was held in the Niagara Falls, NY area, and though we only had 5 members participating, there was no lack of laughter, good food, and activities. In four days, we visited the Falls at night and saw the changing color. We rode on the Maid of the Mist, where Capt. Jack got to meet the boat captain. We also visited the Cave of the Winds where you get up close and personal to the falls from below. And we took the trolley ride thru Ni-

agara Falls State Park and saw the Rainbow Falls, Goat Island, and a great view of the Horseshoe Falls. A visit was made to Ft. Niagara, which has housed native Americans, French, British, and American soldiers. Other trips included the Niagara Falls Aquarium, the Niagara Falls Power Authority and several dinners of local faire including Buffalo chicken wings and Beef on weck.

It was great to have our Midwest Discoverers members join us. Another plus for the DOAI organization - you can attend rallies all over the country. Just check them out on the Discovery website.

From Niagara Falls, we traveled in a caravan to the National 20th anniversary rally in Goshen, Indiana at the Elkhart 4-H fairgrounds. Capt. Jack arrived the next morning, as he is not an early riser. It was great to see so many Discoverys lined up two days before the rally even started. The next few days gave us the chance not only to learn new things at the various seminars, enjoy great entertainment and food, but time to visit with old friends and make new ones. We even added new members to our Noreaster chapter. We welcome Harold and Anne Stoddard from Maine and Herb and Linda Muller from Rhode Island. New members are our life blood and we're so glad to have them.

After staying a few extra days in Amish country and enjoying their hospitality, Jeanne and I are off to western North Carolina for a rally with our friends from the Midwest Discoverers. That should be a lot of fun in the mountains near Asheville.

Asheville will complete our Discovery travels for the time being. We will head for home to prepare for the next outing.

Safe travels everyone! ❖



L to R Captain Jack Romeyk, Les Whipple, Bob and Jeanne Stewart on the Maid of the Mist



L to R - Capt. Jack Romeyk, Val Whipple and Les Whipple, Jeanne and Bob Stewart



Captain Jack meets the Captain of the Maid of the Mist, Niagara Falls



Jeanne and Bob Stewart



Bob Stewart

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
John Hooper

Midwest Discoverers chapter

The Midwest Discoverers served as Joint Hosts with the Ozarks Chapter during the National Rally in Goshen celebrating the 20th Anniversary of DOAI. There were twenty Chapter members present at the Rally. We are especially thrilled with the five couples that joined our ranks and the new strengths they bring to the group. The Midwest Discoverers Chapter continues to grow with exciting and dedicated members, new and old.

At this writing, the Chapter's Fall Rally is about to begin in the Great Smokey Mountains of western North Carolina at a place called Lake Junaluska. There are 10 coaches registered with a total attendance of nineteen. The group will spend the week visiting places like the Biltmore Estate, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Wheels through Time Museum, and other interesting venues. The music of the mountains will be another focal point of activities including a street dance in downtown Waynesville. And of course, there is the jam session at the Elevated Distillery. And food, there are some great restaurants in the area. BBQ is a basic food group in the area and, if you are like me, you have to try them all. If you have never eaten fried green tomatoes, you must go to the Blue Rooster Café; makes my mouth water thinking about a fried green tomato sandwich and a glass of southern iced tea, not too sweet but just right.

Our Spring 2019 Rally will be June 16 – 21 on the shores of Lake Erie in Port Clinton, Ohio. The hosts are already busy planning to ensure the attendees have a great experience. Information about the Rally and the registration process can be found on the DOAI web site under the Midwest Chapter tab. Updated information will be posted as it is developed. Check back often. ❖



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon chapter

DOAI just completed a wonderful National Rally in Goshen, Indiana. The Mason-Dixon Chapter was well represented with a total of nine coaches. It was great to spend time with chapter members and participate in all the activities of a well planned and executed national rally.

We held an informal chapter meeting at Goshen. Discussions included the upcoming October 25-28 chapter rally at Americamps in Ashland, VA. We now have 15 members who have reserved sites for the rally. That is all the sites the campground set aside for our use. It is still possible to attend the rally if you call the campground soon at 804-798-5298. Let them know you are with the Mason-Dixon Discoverys.

Dennis Kiser and Donna Crinklaw, longtime residents of Williamsburg VA., will host the Spring 2019 rally in the Williamsburg area. They have great ideas for rally activities. The planed dates have participants arriving on Wednesday, May 15th and departing Sunday, May 19th. For a memorable experience, I highly recommend that you attend this rally in this interesting and historic location. Additional details will be available soon.

I encourage all those who can to attend the 2019 SE Region Rally. The registration form is on the DOAI website. This will be the 10th presentation of Camp Discovery along with all the trappings of a major DOAI rally. Even without a wonderful rally, it's good to be in the Tampa area in the middle of winter.

Please welcome our newest members, Jon and Christine Heenen from Statesville, NC. You can welcome them in person at the October chapter gathering. ❖



From front center going clockwise.....

*Glenda Angus
Kerry Pinkerton
Pat Tracy
John Ricciardi
Bill Johnson
Sonny Blackwell
Dennis Kiser
Donna Crinklaw
Becky Godwin
Larry Weinberg
Helen Blackwell
Marshall Godwin
Dick Tracy
Mary Anne Weinberg
Alice Ricciardi*

Region and chapter reports, continued



Southwest Region VP
Jim Sullivan

Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

We just completed Discovery California's Rolling Rally. We started in the California redwoods, continued through the Oregon Coast and ended in the coastal Oregon town of Astoria. Attendance for this rally was far larger than we anticipated when we started planning, almost 18 months ago. Altogether 14 Discoverys with 30 people joined together in the California Redwoods at the Ancient Redwoods RV Park located along the Avenue of the Giants. Our journey to the redwoods started in Gilroy, where we met up with the Petronzios. Then we joined up with the Rikelmans, Steins, and the Joneses at the Petaluma Elks. The rest of the group came together at Ancient Redwoods RV Park. Once there, everyone had an opportunity to explore the giant redwoods, Victorian village of Ferndale, Loleta Creamery, Eureka, and some of the group even traveled all the way to Shelter Cove. This area is so remote it is called the Lost Coast.

The "Goof Ball Award" was introduced to recognize the mishaps of our journey. John Lott was the first recipient of this coveted award. It seems John's grandson had been borrowing his jeep just before John left home. John was in a hurry to get on the road and assumed his teenage grandson had left the jeep with gas in the tank and water in the radiator. John drove out of the park, got a few miles in to this remote area, with no cell service, and ran out of gas. Luckily, he found someone with a couple of gallons of fuel to spare. Not long after, the jeep overheated in an even more remote place. Then, just as they got back on the road, the water pump went out. John had a rough day. He well deserved the "Goof Ball" which he can pass on to his grandson.

Our second stop was at Gold Beach where we stayed at the Honey Bear RV Park. The park hosted a great dinner. Some of our crew had a view of the beautiful coast while others were confined to the trees. The beach was full of moonstones. I made a lot of points when I found a moonstone shaped like a heart. The highlight of the stop was the 80-mile jet boat ride up the Rouge River to Agnes for a nice lunch and an opportunity to dry out.

Coos Bay was our third stop. The high point was the drive to Shore Acres State Park with its incredible gardens and views of the shoreline. Frank Petronzio was able to see some whales spouting from the lookout point. Almost everyone stopped in Bandon where a Cranberry Festival was taking place. Bandon has a creamery that makes award winning cheeses, but what impressed everyone most were the huge, \$2-dollar, ice cream cones full of delicious Umpqua ice cream.

Next stop was in Newport where we camped under the bridge in the marina. This is where we first encountered some famous "Oregon Sunshine". Some of us call it rain. Rain stayed with us off and on for the rest of the trip. We visited Cape Perpetua which is the highest point on the Oregon Coast. We drove up to the top where the rain came in sideways. You know the saying; "don't spit into the wind"? Well, I tried to, and it turned right around and sailed past my shoulder. Others who drove up later, were disappointed as the visibility was non-existent. Newport Bayfront has all of the tourist type shops and wonderful seafood restaurants. We found a fishing boat selling halibut, tuna, and salmon. Since I had lots of room in our freezer, we contributed to the local economy.

After leaving Newport, heading north, we stopped briefly at the Tillamook Creamery. This is a must stop for over one million visitors each year. Once again cheese samples and ice cream made everyone happy. Tillamook Creamery has just undergone a major retrofit making the facility much more visitor friendly. There was a great self-guided tour, a movie, and samples of yummy cheese.

When we arrived in Astoria, our group had many plans. One morning we had a group playing golf right out in front of us at the Lewis & Clark RV Park. A large cruise ship pulled into the port near the Astoria-Megler Bridge which we crossed to explore the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington. We finished up on Saturday evening with a delicious dinner at the Silver Salmon Grille. On Sunday morning the 14 Discoverys all went in different directions. Some were on their way to Yellowstone, others headed to visit relatives, and a large contingent headed to Coburg, Oregon, the home of REV/ Fleetwood west coast operation. Frank Petronzio set up a special discount with REV to service our Discoverys on the way home.

Our future rallies include:

October 24-28, 2018, FMA Rally in Yuma. Some of us will be attending, if you plan on going, let me know and I will try to arrange with Fortuna De Oro that we park together.

November 1-4, 2018, Indio, Indian Waters. Annual membership meeting, hosted by the Zantos.

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Region and chapter reports, continued

January 19-27, 2019, Quartzite dry camping during the RV & Sport show out on BLM

February 11-17, 2019, Puerto Peñasco / Rocky Point. Hosted by the D'Zonas and Larry Hawkins.

April 4-8, 2019, Pismo Beach Coast Village RV Resort hosted by the Steins.

We will be finalizing the balance of the 2019 Rally calendar by the annual membership meeting. ❖



Story time at Ancient Redwoods RV Park beginning of rolling rally



Anita & Bob Zantos, Fonda & Frank Petronzio, and Susan & Jim Sullivan along Avenue of the Giants



Getting ready to ride in a jet boat along the Rogue River. Boy did we get drenched!



Frank Petronzio giving Debby Lott recognition for receiving the "oops" goof ball award in Gold Beach. On the jet boat ride, Debby went through considerable trouble to stay dry. The pilot of the boat put a kibosh on her behavior by steering the boat under an overhead waterline that was spewing water. Needless to say, Debby (and those sitting next to her) needed a new dry towel!



In one of the many Brew pubs in Newport, Oregon, are Bill & Linda Johnson, Larry & Nikki Sharp, Anita & Bob Zantos, Cheryl & Paul Stein, Frank Petronzio, David & Joan McCoy, Galen & Michele George, and Felix Jones



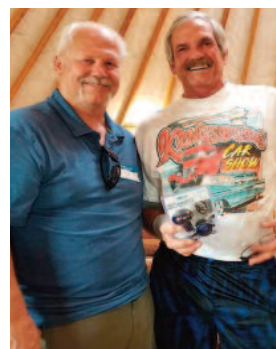
Paul Stein with a priceless comment, thanked us for a well done Rolling Rally. Last stop was Lewis & Clark RV Park near Astoria, Oregon



Ancient Redwood RV Park



Enjoying a meal at the Bear's Bar & Grill in Gold Beach, Oregon



Bob Zantos bought Bill a Brody knob to assist in driving his motor home after dislocating his shoulder!



Herb Rikelman holding up his winnings from a rambunctious game of LCR

Region and chapter reports, continued



VP, Blue Ridge
Discoverys
Tom Leydic

Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

The BRD chapter held officer elections during August. Jim Pinkerton was elected as President and Tim Ridgely as Rally Master. Laura Johnson and Rick Blaher volunteered to be Assistant Secretary and Membership Chairperson, respectively. All other positions were filled by their current holders.

As this was being written, we were between rallies. We just left the National DOAI rally in Goshen, Indiana where we celebrated the 20th anniversary of DOAI.

We started the trip to National with a total of 11 coaches meeting in Shipshewana, Indiana to learn, have a good time and, for a few, to purchase new RV furniture. The BRD assaulted Goshen in mass. We arrived three days early in a caravan led by our chief scout, Frank Cason. We were 21 coaches strong at the National.

We left Goshen on Sunday, September 16th, for a two-day caravan to Bowling Green, KY. There we are meeting up with other BRD members. 23 coaches are registered for the BRD Bowling Green Rally. Plans include a tour of the Corvette manufacturing plant, a distillery tour, the usual game of golf, and maybe a taste or two of some bourbon.

We would like to say welcome to some new BRD members; Bill and Debbie Schiber from Highland, IL, Greg and Mary Yapple from Blue Ridge, GA, Dennis and Kristy Green from Greenville, NC, and Tom and Laura Davis from Knoxville, TN.

Our Spring 2019 rally is planned for River Plantation RV Resort, Seiverville, TN and will be held April 28 through May 5, 2019. The purpose of the rally will be to gather information and develop plans for the 2020 National DOAI rally which BRD will be hosting from Sept 29 through October 4, 2020. Frank Cason is the coordinator for these rallies and Bob Angus is the Host.

Rally applications for the Spring 2019 rally will be available soon. We hope that all old and new members join us in Seiverville. We wish all BRD and DOAI members and their families the best of health and safe travels. ❖



Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

Ozarks Discovery chapter

The Ozarks Discovery Chapter served as one of the hosts to the 2018 DOAI National Rally, held in Goshen, IN, September 10-16, 2018. We had a blast helping to prepare for the rally and then serving where we were needed during the rally. Our hats go off to MaryAnn Crowell, the National Rally Master. We had no idea of the amount of work that is required to organize and execute a really good rally. From all of the feedback that we heard, everyone had a great time.

We would like to welcome our newest members. We had one coach join our chapter just before the rally, Mike and Brenda Keen, and they came to the rally to learn and have fun. While at the rally, the Ozarks Discovery Chapter gained an additional six coaches. Again, welcome to Derek and Laura Bennett, Gregory and Carol Holbrook, Gary and Nancy Klemmer, Joe and Sandra Mire, Bill and Debbie Schiber and Phil and Ruth Skiff. As a chapter, we have gone from ten coaches in 2017 to twenty-nine coaches.

The Chapter is looking forward to our next rally in Springdale, AK. October 18 – 21, 2018. We are holding the rally during the weekend of the regional War Eagle Arts and Craft Fair. We have several other things planned during the rally, including a trip to the nationally acclaimed Crystal Bridges Art Museum. ❖



Chapter prez
Judy Jo Bruton

Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans members traveled in different directions this summer. Some to Virginia, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas Hill Country, Maine, Florida, Canada and Indiana and many other Places.

A number of us stayed around to do their part on the DOAI quilt. On page 25 is a picture of the quilt that many of you saw and tried to win at the National Rally. Many thanks to Mary Ann Weinburg, Joyce Tanner, Doris Smith, Nina Soltwedel, Martha Kuhn, Dennice Stokes, Hazel Allen, Marie Ricciardi, Claudia Booth, Kathaleen Ross, MaryAnn Cressler and Karen McCarten for a job well done. Thanks for giving your time and talent for this project. I can't forget my friend who quilted it, Patience Ford, because the proceeds go to a charity, The Salvation Army, she does the quilting for us at no charge.

There has been a change in our rally schedule for November 7-10. It will be at Oakdale Park, in Glen Rose, Texas. Please make this change on your calendar. Safe travels. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Musings while traveling in our Discovery

Because we spend our winters in Yuma, Arizona, our treks there from Boulder involve quite a bit of open country ... some of it mountainous with many trees (Colorado), other parts flat or gently undulating with sparse ground cover (New Mexico), and still other parts that are mainly desert with craggy mountains in the distance (Arizona). That last section, which is the journey from Tucson to Yuma via I-8, is accompanied for the most part by railroad tracks, saguaros, scrub, and little else. It is quite empty for long stretches, so the only way the monotony is broken is when passing the occasional railroad signal. Those signals are not for crossings, however; they are signals to tell oncoming trains if the track is clear ahead, or if there may be a section requiring slowing down, etc.

Bob drives our D, and I enjoy the scenery. On that Tucson-Yuma leg, however, I have found myself pondering those “silent sentinels” and I share the result of my musings with you. I hope you enjoy it.

The Silent Sentinels

In the vastness of the landscape’s might,
They faithfully stand erect, upright,
Waiting to work, to warn, advise.
Their lights proclaim, “Open your eyes!”

One on the left, one on the right,
Keeping watch both day and night.
They have no voice; they make no sound;
No movement made when tied to ground.

No horns to sound, no gates to lower.
The monster passes. Their work is o’er
‘Til, in the distance, another's in sight.
They patiently wait to speak with light.
-Nina Soltwedel, 2018 ❖



Bob Cook

The Power of.....

In case you missed hearing about it, one of our members was stranded along a busy US Highway in Indiana late at night. He sent an urgent message to the eGroup. With the help of several DOAI members, his problem was quickly diagnosed, and he was back on the road again. Later that week, another member couple locked themselves out of their D and all the windows were locked. Fortunately, they were with fellow D owners from the Blue Ridge DOAI chapter who came to their rescue. The process required drilling out the door lock. By a stroke of luck, one of the assisting members just happened to have a spare. Only a few days later while picking up parts at REV in Decatur, I couldn’t get back in my D. REV sent out a couple of people. They gained access through an open window. The entry door could be opened from the inside, but not from the outside. So, I purchased a new entry door lockset. When I arrived in Goshen for the National Rally, the Blue Ridge group was waiting for me and removed the old lockset and installed the new very quickly. BTW, it became obvious that I didn’t have a couple specialized tools needed to accomplish this on my own.

We, DOAI, have very special people with special knowledge, skills and abilities (and sometimes special tools) who are ready, willing and able to share, help, and teach, and by doing so, make a very real difference in our traveling experience with our D’s. The power of the eGroup, the power of Discovery Friends, the power of our Chapters, the power of our Membership,
.....the Power of DOAI. ❖





A Song for Jim

Presented to Jim Devine, our surprise guest at the 20th Annual National Homecoming Rally.

I composed this to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies song ... but the last line is to the last tune line of Davy Crockett!

Nina Soltwedel

Come and listen to my story 'bout a guy named Jim.
He met Dot and she done married him.
And then one day they were lookin' to retire,
And hittin' the road lit their travelin' fire.

Drivin', that is ... seein' the sights.

So a-shoppin' they did go, a-lookin' for a deal
To make their travels have a really super feel.
They found a rig that suited 'em to a T
And they both drove off in a brand new R and V.

Discovery, that is ... Fleetwood made

Well, first thing you know, they met some other folks,
And the very same rig was their chosen coach.
They chatted and laughed and they all had fun,
And ever'body said, "Our work has just begun."

RV club ... Discovery style

Well, it's been 20 years, and here we all are
Gatherin' in our D's from places near and far.
Seein' old friends and welcomin' the new
And we've even got Jim as a special treat for you!

Discovery! Discovery Owners...
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Editor's Note - Thank You

by Kristy Green

This newsletter is all about you, your chapters, your regions and your activities. If you have photographs of your latest rallies and chapter activities, please submit them to your chapter president or secretary for possible inclusion with their quarterly report in the newsletter. Also, if you have done something special featuring your D that you would like to share, please send your article to me along with pictures. Pictures should be high resolution, preferably jpeg, color and able to fit in an e-mail. Please identify people individually if the group is of 16 or fewer people. The next newsletter deadline for submissions is December 1, 2018. Questions or submissions can be sent to the editor at: doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com.

20th Year Anniversary Rally Pics!



A full house as BAT performed

Summary Of Links

Useful Links:

DOAI Website Home Page: www.discoveryowners.com

DOAI Chapter Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters.htm>

DOAI Rally Information Page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm>

DOAI Consolidated Rally Schedule: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/rallyschedule.pdf>

DOAI Calendar of Important Dates: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIImportantDates.pdf>

DOAI Express Newsletter sign in page: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/login1.asp?stat=2&attempted-Page=https://www.discoveryowners.com/news.asp>

DOAI Useful Links on website: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/links.htm>

Discovery Hints and Tips: www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp

President Ron's Favorite Place email: discovery@rvfunhome.com

Summary of Links found in this issue of Discovery Express:

General Meeting Minutes - for September 2018: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/GM.pdf>

Board Meeting Minutes - for September 2018: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/BOD.pdf>

DOAI Bylaws: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIBylaws.pdf>

2019 SE Region Rally form: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/2019SERALLY.pdf>

Quarterly Question Contest Rules

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

Contest Details

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



2. Entries are to be emailed to Nina Soltwedel (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com) and must contain:

- a. The member’s name and contact information
- b. The page number where the answer is found
- c. The complete sentence in which the answer is contained.

3. All DOAI members are eligible to participate. A member is a coach, thus one entry per coach per quarter. A member is limited to one win each calendar year.

5. The contest will open the first day of the month of that issue and close the fifteenth day of the succeeding month of that quarter. Entries may not be Greenland until the first day of a quarter (January, April, July, October), and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter (February, May, August, November). Responses received before the opening date will be disqualified.

6. The receipt of an entry will be acknowledged via email. One winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries.

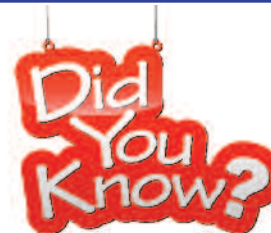
7. The succeeding issue will name the previous quarter's winner and announce the new question.

8. The DOAI Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time.

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

Future National Rally Regions

2019	Southwest Region		
2020	Southeast Region		
2021	Northwest Region		
2022	North Central Region	2024	South Central Region
2023	Northeast Region	2025	Southwest Region



The Story of a Journey



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A brief look at the 20-year journey to DOAI's National Homecoming Rally
Twenty years ago, DOAI began its journey into the future,
passing many mile posts to arrive at our Homecoming Rally in Goshen this week.
The following is but a sampling of what happened at each mile post.

1997 – The Idea Is Born

March: Jim and Dorothy Devine purchased a 1997 Discovery; got the idea of creating a club after meeting other Discovery owners in their travels.

MILE 0 1998 – The Journey Begins . . .

April: Discovery Owners Association, Inc., incorporated on April 15 in New Mexico; Jim elected President; Dorothy elected Treasurer/Membership.

July: Jim and Dorothy met the Fleetwood Plant 44 manager at an FMCA rally – Fleetwood/DOAI connection forged. Mass mailing sent to all Discovery owners, funded by Fleetwood.

November: First DOAI rally, Perris, Calif.; 57 Discoverys present.

MILE 1 1999

January: First issue of Discovery Express published.
February: Second DOAI rally, Seffner, Fla.; 56 Discoverys present; DOAI membership was 324. Official Bylaws established; dues set at \$20 to join and \$16 to renew. On DOAI's behalf, Fleetwood purchased discoveryowners.com domain and began providing free hosting. Bob Cook appointed Webmaster.

September: Third DOAI rally, Richmond, Ind.; 191 Discoverys present.

MILE 2 2000

January: Yolanda DeSantis began first term as President. DOAI eGroup and Bulletin Board added to club website. DOAI rally, Newport Beach, Calif.; 75 Discoverys present. DOAI membership topped 1,400.

February: East Region DOAI rally, Seffner, Fla.; 170 Discoverys present.

September: DOAI National rally, Richmond, Ind.; 213 Discoverys present.

MILE 3 2001

January: West Region Rally, Emerald Desert, Calif.; 103 Discoverys present.

February: East Region Rally, Seffner, Fla. In ill health, Yolanda DeSantis resigned as President; Lois Patterson became President.

May: Southwest Region Rally, Pueblo, Colo., hosted by Discovery Pioneers; 148 Discoverys present. Six regions established: Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest, and Southwest.

MILE 4 2002

February: Bob Baugh began two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla.; 222 Discoverys present. Southwest Region Rally, Tucson, Ariz.; 118 Discoverys present.

May: DOAI National Rally, Rayne, La., hosted by Discovery Texans and Texas Discovery Road Runners chapters; 210 Discoverys present. Membership topped 1,450.

September: DOAI National Rally, Bowling Green, Ky., hosted by Mid-South Roadrunners; 198 Discoverys in attendance.

MILE 5 2003

February: Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla.

September: DOAI National Rally, Kennewick, Wash., hosted by the Northwest Adventurers.

MILE 6 2004

January: Phil Yovino began first two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla. Board instituted new dues structure, giving discount for three- and five-year renewals. Discovery Owners Advisory Group formed.

April: South Central Region Rally, Montgomery, Texas, hosted by Discovery Texans, Texas Discovery Road Runners, and Louisiana Mudbugs.

October: DOAI National Rally, Sedalia, Mo., hosted by DOAI national board; 190 Discoverys present.

MILE 7 2005

January: Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla.

August: DOAI National Rally, York, Pa. DOAI had members in all 50 states; "get three new members and earn a year's membership" campaign begun; membership brochure inaugurated; first member-created quilt raffled off for charity.

MILE 8 2006

January: Phil Yovino began second two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla., hosted by three region chapters; 150 Discoverys present.

October: DOAI National Rally, San Antonio, Texas, hosted by Discovery Texans, Texas Discovery Road Runners, and Louisiana Mudbugs; 149 Discoverys present.

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The Story of a Journey, continued

- MILE 9 2007**
February: Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Mason-Dixon Discoverys; 136 Discoverys present.
November: DOAI National Rally, El Mirage, Ariz., hosted by Arizona Discovery Owners.
- MILE 10 2008**
January: Marshall Godwin began first two-year term as President. DOAI flags inaugurated. Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Florida Rolling Gators. Ability to join/renew online began. All of DOAI saddened by the passing of Dorothy Devine.
September: DOAI's 10th Anniversary National Rally, Goshen, Ind., hosted by Heartland Discoverys. Silent auction raised more than \$4,400 for Dorothy Devine's wish – to benefit a service dog charity.
- MILE 11 2009**
January: DOAI reincorporated as a Virginia entity.
April: Southeast Region Rally, Sevierville, Tenn., hosted by Blue Ridge Discoverys.
September: DOAI National Rally, Pueblo, Colo., hosted by Discovery Pioneers and Northwest Adventurers; 97 Discoverys present.
- MILE 12 2010**
January: Marshall Godwin began second two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Mason-Dixon Discoverys; Camp Discovery inaugurated.
September: DOAI National Rally, Sevierville, Tenn., hosted by Blue Ridge Discoverys and Mason-Dixon Discoverys; 102 Discoverys present.
- MILE 13 2011**
January: Southeast Region Rally/Camp/Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Mason-Dixon Discoverys.
October: DOAI National Rally, Shawnee, Okla., hosted by South Central Region; 80 Discoverys present.
- MILE 14 2012**
January: John Baker began first two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Florida Discovery Sunshiners; 100 Discoverys present.
October: DOAI National Rally, Tucson, Ariz., hosted by Southwest Region; 61 Discoverys present.
- MILE 15 2013**
January: Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Florida Discovery Sunshiners.
October: DOAI National Rally, Urbanna, Va., hosted by Mason-Dixon Discoverys.
- MILE 16 2014**
January: John Baker began second two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by the DOAI national board; 97 Discoverys present.
August: DOAI National Rally, Gillette, Wyo., hosted by Northwest Adventurers; 60 Discoverys present.
- MILE 17 2015**
January: Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Florida Discovery Sunshiners.
September: DOAI National Rally, Amana, Iowa, hosted by DOAI national board; 70 Discoverys present.
- MILE 18 2016**
January: Ron Wacker began first two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Florida Discovery Sunshiners; 100 Discoverys present.
September: DOAI National Rally, Bath, N.Y., hosted by DOAI national board; 54 Discoverys present. Discovery Friends inaugurated.
- MILE 19 2017**
January: Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Blue Ridge Discoverys. Discovery Express goes all digital.
October: DOAI National Rally, Shawnee, Okla., hosted by South Central Region; 66 Discoverys present.
- MILE 20 2018 – We Made It to Twenty Years!**
January: Ron Wacker began second two-year term as President. Southeast Region Rally/Camp Discovery, Seffner, Fla., hosted by Mason-Dixon Discoverys.
September: DOAI 20th Anniversary National Homecoming Rally, Goshen, Ind.
- MILE 21 2019 – The Journey Continues . . .**
 What does the future hold? Stay aboard with DOAI; it's bound to be a great trip!

Discovery Express



Preceding gleaned from back issues of Discovery Express. Every issue of DOAI's newsletter is online at www.discoveryowners.com. Check them out for more information than what is presented here.

Best Hints and Tips

SOME OF OUR BEST – HINTS AND TIPS FROM PAST DOAI CO-PILOTS' ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Cooking Tips

* Not sure what type of bakeware to use when? If you are microwaving, use the same as you would in your home; if convectioning, use the same as you would in your home.

* Deviled eggs: Slice cooked eggs in half. Put egg yolks in a Ziploc bag. Seal, mash 'til they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it, mixing thoroughly. Cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg white halves. Just throw bag away when done – easy clean up.

* When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also consume less sugar and calories per serving.

* To warm biscuits, pancakes or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

* For crisp leftover pizza, place in nonstick or cast iron skillet; convection on medium-low until pizza is warm.

* For more even baking and browning in RV gas oven, place four 6" unglazed tiles in the bottom of the oven. A pizza stone also works to redistribute the heat.

* Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, spray cup with Pam **or** fill cup with oil or hot water. Dump out the oil/hot water (don't dry the cup) and proceed.

* Place plastic bowl covers with elastic over smoke alarm when using toaster for cooking. Just don't forget to remove afterward.

Getting Rid of Pests

* To get rid of pesky fruit flies and gnats, fill a small glass half-full with apple cider vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. Or, put a few slices of overripe banana in the bottom of the glass, cover with plastic wrap in which you've poked holes with a toothpick. What goes in can't get out.

* Placing a bay leaf or two in sugar, flour, rice, etc., will help prevent mealy bugs. To keep bay leaf from "flavoring" the flour, tape it to the inside of the container lid. Also place a few bay leaves on pantry shelves. **Note:** *Mealy bugs in flour can be prevented by freezing the unopened bag for about seven to ten days before using. Or, simply keep the flour in the freezer.*

* Tie a dryer sheet through a belt loop or put in your pocket when outdoors during mosquito season.

* Bee/wasp spray can spray up to 20 feet. Keep one in the bedroom by the door for protection.

* Use a cherry cough drop to trap a mouse. To keep mice from entering coach, place small bags of Irish Spring soap, or moth balls, or large tea bag with mint around sewer, water, and electric compartment. Fresh Cab keeps mice out (sold online at Amazon).

Dryer sheets have also been helpful in warding off mice when stuffed in cracks and holes. **DO NOT USE DRYER SHEETS IN THE DRYER.**

* Dawn dishwashing liquid is good for getting rid of fleas, and also helps decrease skunk spray odor.

In the Shower

* Use only liquid soap in shower. It will not clog drain nor coat gray tank sensors.

* When you shower, make sure the shower latch is all the way back (not sticking out); if not, it could flip forward and lock. If you are alone, you could be in trouble. (Some showers have an inside mechanism that will allow you to unlock the door.)

* Use cheap shampoo on a sponge to clean the shower. Also try Joy dishwashing liquid. A squeegee or micro cloth works well to wipe down shower.

* To remove hard water stains from Fibreglass: Use white vinegar (not cider) in a spray bottle. Spray vinegar freely over the sink and tub and wait a few minutes. If stains are stubborn, spray more vinegar and wait a while longer. Wipe away with a clean cloth.

Cleaning Tips

* Use white vinegar to clean coffee maker. Fill reservoir to top with white vinegar and turn on. When brewing cycle is finished, dump carafe. Repeat procedure twice with plain water.

* Use only liquid products for dish washing. The products will not clog drains nor coat gray tank sensors.

* Use Mr. Clean Magic Eraser: it's good for getting rid of sticky residue from products like Velcro. Also recommended: Goof Off, PineSol and Simple Green.

* Wash Wax All Waterless Wash is great for cleaning all Corian items – table, counter tops, etc. – as well as RV exterior. See Corian maintenance tips at www2.dupont.com/Surfaces/enUS/products/corian/corian_care.html

* To minimize scratches on counter tops, use paste wax and buff.

* Clean spots by mixing equal portions liquid laundry detergent (without bleach) and ammonia in a spray bottle.

* Clean microwave with glass bowl of water with lemon slices and bring to a boil. Simple Green product also works well, as does white vinegar (not cider vinegar).

* When cleaning wood areas, be wary of products containing wax. Wax is super flammable. An excellent non-wax product that cleans wood, metal and glass surfaces is Pledge Multi-Surface.

* Spray curtains with OxiClean, then wash in Laundromat. **Check first** for stiffener or cardboard in top of curtain.

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Best Hints and Tips, continued

* To clean drains, especially the shower, purchase a Zip-It tool, available at Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc.

* Talcum powder absorbs grease.

* Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and when windows fog, rub with eraser. Micro towels also work very well.

* Window tracks collect dust. Use compressed air for cleaning them, as well as other tiny spaces.

* Got holding tank odor? One of these "recipes" may solve the problem:

✿ Pour 1 cup ammonia, 1 cup Pine Sol, 1 cup fabric softener, and ½ box baking soda (8 oz.) into a gallon jug. Fill with water and mix well. Use two cups for a 50-gallon holding tank.

✿ Equal amounts of Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda Detergent Booster and 20 Mule Team Borax. Mix together; use one cup for a 50-gallon holding tank. **Note:** *Do not use baking soda nor soda with detergent in it. Super washing soda is not recommended for use on no-wax floors and aluminum surfaces, as it may cause discoloration. Do not use on Fibreglass sinks, tubs, or tile. Do not use super washing soda for blocked drains. As with any other household cleaning product, the use of rubber gloves is highly recommended when using super washing soda.*

✿ Calgon bath beads, Pine Sol, and water combined helps decrease holding tank odors.

* Don't forget to clean behind the external dryer vent cover for additional lint, hair, etc., using a flex hose to get deep into the vent area (a Zip Tool also works well in this instance). Don't forget to use the vacuum hose to clean inside, behind the washer/dryer. NOTE: Turn on the dryer when cleaning the outside vents ... this will help propel extra dust, etc., outward.

* Get rid of refrigerator odors by placing several charcoal briquettes on the shelves. Also try fresh coffee grounds in a plastic cup. Also spray Windex on shelves and sides, leave for a few minutes, then wipe down. May need more than one "go". Also try baking soda and vanilla; leave for several days and then wipe down.

* Do not use vinegar to clean grout. Purchase a grout cleaning or staining product to bring back to original (or desired) color. Also, grout paint is available for use on tile floors.

Laundry

* Use a turkey baster to add liquid laundry detergent to detergent dispenser in the washer/dryer. Use a second baster to add liquid softener to dispenser.

* Mount a tension rod in the shower for drying laundry.

* Static cling can be prevented by clasping a safety pin in an inner seam before drying in washer/dryer. Dryer balls also work very well. **Note:** *Splendide washer/dryer manufacturer warns against using dryer sheets in their machines, as use of same could void*

the machine's warranty.

* Always use low-sudsing (HE) liquid laundry detergent in washer. It will not clog drains nor coat the sensors in the gray water tank.

* Use Shout Color Catchers in your laundry with new clothing. They will "catch" the dye from the new items and prevent the dye from spreading. Use Color Catcher in a bag with new clothing so that the Catcher does not get sucked into the washer drain.

Storage

* Prevent musty smell build-up: Spread a few dryer anti-static sheets around inside – in cupboards, under seats, in closet, etc., when you close up the RV for storage.

* Use baskets in cupboards over couch, under kitchen counter, etc. Take into the house, load, and carry to coach.

* Use small expandable curtain rods to hold back items in cupboards.

* If on a multi-season road trip, pack next season's clothing in vacuum clothing bags. When the next season arrives, pull out the packed/vacuum-sealed clothing for wearing, and pack away the other. This method makes it easy to bring along quite a bit of clothing without consuming a lot of extra space.

General Tips

* Use baby locks on cabinets and drawers to prevent them opening during travel (never know when that pothole will hit your tire!).

* Chopping sheets help prevent slide marks. Another solution: lay down packaging or mailing tape strips

* Put stick-on felt tips on sink covers so they won't scratch the counter. Loctite Fun-Tak Mounting Putty is a product that works well.

* Place a foam sheet under the microwave glass turntable to prevent it from sliding off during travel. Or, you could simply remove microwave turntable and store securely before heading down the road.

* To prevent dish rattles while driving, use non-skid squares between each item.

* To stick something down, use floral putty or industrial strength Velcro for hanging pictures on walls. Be extremely careful, however, in removing Velcro from the "wood" walls, as it could remove the "Con-Tact" wall covering.

* To help block out heat, use black-out material and hook to curtains or RV reflector screens. A curtain rod can be installed across the D right behind the front seats, and drapes can be hung. Pull these across when traveling to keep front warm (in winter) and cool (in hot weather). Drapes can be pushed aside when parked.

* Check for curtain replacements at Walt's RV in California. Can check availability via email (info@waltsrvsurplus.com), but cannot order online.

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Best Hints and Tips, continued

* Print a sheet of peel-and-stick address labels that include such information as name, address, phone numbers (home and cell), and include the make, model, year, and license numbers for motor home, toad, etc. Include membership numbers (DOAI, Good Sam, etc., and other discount memberships). Campground staffs appreciate the printed labels, rather than listening or trying to read handwriting. The labels also speed up the registration process.

* Make up a card (to be placed in your wallet behind your driver's license) with your emergency contact information, where you are staying, and other pertinent information. Example: *SIDE ONE - We have two cats inside the Discovery Model #, plate #, please care for cats until contact help arrives. SIDE TWO - Campground name, address and site number, city, state, phone #, dates of stay.*

* Be secure: when parked in a public place, close the blinds, retract steps when you leave the coach, and don't forget to lock the door.

* Remember – you can use your air horn to call for help.

* Need cord for a blind or two? First, check out the instructions at the DOAI website's Hints & Tips area, as well as tips at www.theblindguy.com. Then, instead of purchasing a "bolt" of new cord (more than you will actually need), go Walmart or Dollar General, etc., and purchase the longest blind they have and use the cord from it. Do not use fish line to re-string; it does not work and, in fact, tangles. Fleetwood also fixes blinds.

* A good tool for blind repair is a Loop Turner (a knitting tool).

DOAI Hints & Tips area contains lots of helpful information in addition to those printed here. Check it out at www.discoveryowners.com/hints.asp. Hints are arranged alphabetically.

20th Year Anniversary Rally Pics!



D's here, D's there, D's everywhere



The Raffle Quilt!



Goodies from the "Down the Road Tour" - So much for the diet, but oh so yummy!