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DOAI NATIONAL RALLY AT KENNEWICK, WA MAKES LOCAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

The September 24 issue of the Tri-City Herald newspaper ("The Voice of Mid-Columbia") headlines read "Motorhome rally at Benton County Fairgrounds" and "Mid-Columbia embraces Discovery". The newspaper article lead statement was "They come. They spend. They leave". It went further to introduce the idea of the Benton County Fairgrounds hosting its first RV rally and the efforts that they undertook to prepare for the number of motor homes expected to attend. Well, the Fairgrounds, the local businesses and the local people did the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. (DOAI) and our 132 rigs and members very proud in their first endeavor of this type. Northwest Region Vice President **Arnie Thompson** and his wife **Betty** along with the co-rally master **Jerry Woods** (President of the Northwest Adventurers chapter) and his wife **Fran** plus all the too-many to name volunteers put together a superb rally that had great food, great entertainment, great seminars, great tours, great vendors, great Fleetwood service, and, most of all great fun. The photo above gives just one example of the DOAI family partaking in one of the superbly prepared meals served during the rally. To be quite honest, if you partook in all that was planned, you were on the go full time during the planned rally period. Even with one, so-called free day, you had very little spare time, because many tours and events were going on during the "free day". If you went there to get some rest in between meals, the only way you got some rest was not to attend the planned events and seminars, etc. Many were heard saying that this was the best national rally yet. Well, not to belabor that point, but future national rally masters have got to go some to outdo this one. We even had a couple DOAI folks (**Don Fuller** and **Pete Pizzano**) on local television as a result of an NBC television news crew coming to the fairgrounds to cover the event. We had several first time rally attendees state that they were overwhelmed and pleased at how well they had been treated by our members and the super amount of great information they had gained.

*IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER....***SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY SHINDIG of 2004
LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK at SEFFNER, FLORIDA
JANUARY 30, 31, FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3**

The strawberry plants have been planted. The strawberries are going to be plump and juicy enough for us to enjoy in strawberry shortcakes, shakes and sundaes. Like special holidays, we look forward to these dessert treats. Shirley Temple sang a song "It's a sweet trip to a candy shop". Well, those who attend the Florida rally will have free time to take a sweet trip to the Plant City strawberry festival to enjoy luscious mouthfuls of delicious strawberry shortcakes and shakes. A Campbell soup advertisement said it first- "Hummum good, hummum good".

The Florida Rolling Gators are working hard to make this year's rally even better than last year's rally. Chapter members enthusiastically volunteered to assure a sensational rally. Chapter President **Gene Patterson**, his wife **Lois** and I (Pete Pizzano) are very pleased at the Chapter progress.

The entrance and parking of coaches for the rally is the responsibility of Lazydays Rally Park. To alleviate any confusion, we ask that you send by US mail, call by phone or by E-mail directly to Lazydays early so that registration and site assignments are complete prior to your arrival. A limited number of sites is set aside for us, so register early with Lazydays. For members who choose to us U.S. mail, the bottom half of the registration form is to be mailed directly to Lazydays with the appropriate amount of money in the form of a check or money order. The top part of the registration form is to be mailed to **Edna Pendergrass**. **Edna** is a very efficient, experienced person who is qualified to answer any registration questions.

Bill Ryan, the vender coordinator, has added several new venders. Daily he informs us of venders who wish to attend and set up displays. He tells that some venders are unique and one would not expect to see them at a rally. **Bill** told the chapter at the last campout he has venders who sell and venders who repair.

Lazydays will have hundreds of motor homes, travel trailers and 5th wheels open for inspection. One can get ideas on how to upgrade one's present coach. Of course there will be RV's there to purchase. Do not lose sight of the fact your friend owns a Discovery. Last year, DOAI members purchased four new Discoveries during our rally.

Plans are in the process for a welcome reception, two full sit-down dinners, ice cream socials, flea market, seminars and Broadway level entertainment. The birdcage hot tub and swimming pool will be open. Thirty (30) amp service, water and sewage hookups are available at all hard top, individually lighted, quiet sites. The TV reception is excellent. Radio, TV and the morning newspaper will keep you informed of local, state and national affairs.

If you arrive at the rally with a dirty coach, don't fret. There is a local coach washing company on-site and the price is reasonable.

In the reception building, there are TV rooms, internet stations and a comfortable lounge. Barey and Jim are still available to give seminars and on-the-road lessons on how to safely drive or learn to drive a Discovery.

Ladies, you can put away the pots and pans for a few days. Lazydays will feed us breakfast and lunch. DOAI and Lazydays will feed you two evenings and a visit to the strawberry festival will fill in those free evenings.

So, come on down and enjoy life underneath the swaying Florida palm trees. Join us at our **SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY SHINDIG of 2004.** By **Pete Pizzano**, Vice President Southeast Region

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I write this message Carol and I have just left Kennewick, Washington following the completion of another fantastic DOAI rally. As I predicted, those who weren't able to attend, missed an outstanding rally. Co-rally masters **Arnie Thompson** and **Jerry Woods** are to be applauded for the superior job they did in organizing the rally. Also the members of the North Westerners and the Discovery Pioneers chapters are to be commended for the outstanding jobs they all did.

The seminars and vendor displays at the rally were exceptional. It seems that no matter how many rallies I attend, I always learn new things about how to service, maintain, and make alterations to the "D." The ingenuity of other owners in making changes to enhance the livability of their coaches is amazing. At the Washington rally I learned of several service items that I can do to improve the longevity of the "D", and acquired at least five ideas for changes to the coach that would improve the livability for Carol's and my lifestyles. Now, do I have the talent and energy to make the changes?

It is always somewhat distressing when departing a rally and you have to say goodbye to friends. The only consolation is that hopefully you will meet again down the road or at the next rally. This time for Carol and I, it helps that we are on our way toward Santa Fe, New Mexico to meet other members of our Association and caravan to the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. Ray Easter is serving as wagon master for this group and has put the "Fiesta" package together. We are looking forward to another great time with other Discovery owners.

Start making plans now for the upcoming year's DOAI rallies: National, Regional and local chapter. Watch the DOAI Newsletters and check

the website for dates. All the chapters welcome other DOAI members at their rallies, so if you are going to be in an area where a chapter is holding a rally don't be shy in signing up and attending.

Sadly, **Don Fuller** has announced that this will be his last issue as editor of our Newsletter. **Don** has done a first-rate job as editor and his efforts will be missed. Thanks so much Don for all the work that you have done. The silver lining to the cloud is that **Nina Soltwedel** has agreed to serve as **Don's** replacement. **Nina** has considerable experience in editing newsletters and magazines and will be a very capable editor. The Newsletter is our Associations best forum for communicating with the membership and we are fortunate to have someone with Nina's ability and enthusiasm willing to serve as editor.

Be sure to vote and return the enclosed ballot. The Nomination Committee, chaired by **Lois Patterson**, has done a good job in getting a slate of exceptional candidates. Please show your support for the DOAI and vote.

Bob Baugh, President

PLEASE SEND US YOUR BALLOT

FROM YOUR VP's

From Pete Pizzano- VP Southeast Region

In August, the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators held its fourth campout of the year. Fourteen coaches traveled from Florida and various parts of the country to Boone, North Carolina. The theme of the campout should have been "Raindrops keep

falling on my head". We had rain showers, thunder showers and deluge. But the spirit of the group was not impeded. We had an absolutely great time visiting scenic views of Grandfather Mountain, Blue Ridge mountain parkway and the famous overlook of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Boone is high in the mountains of North Carolina. The city was named after the great adventurer Daniel Boone. It is the home of Appalachian State University, boasting an enrollment of 30,000 students.

The conversation at the breakfast and dinner tables was in two parts. The women talked about crafts, shopping malls and Wal-Mart. The men talked about RV maintenance, routes and road experiences.

When Chapter President **Gene Patterson** opened the chapter meeting for general discussion, the members contributed ideas on just how to make the Lazyday February regional rally the best. We amazed ourselves at the many different ideas and suggestions. Areas of responsibility were assigned to volunteers, craft projects were agreed upon and vendors were selected.

Chapter growth was discussed. **Lois Patterson** and **Georgia Shane** explained the procedure used to attract new members. A first time member of the Rolling Gators said if more chapter members know how much fun chapter campouts were, they would become more involved. She had attended many rallies but not one could compete with the camaraderie of the Discovery Club. Her comment was "See you in February at Lazydays".

Y'all come now- Ya hear!!!!

From Neil Elkins- VP North Central Region

Well, all of us who were able to get to the National Rally in Kennewick last month had a truly great time. **Arnie Thompson**, NW region VP, and **Jerry Woods**, president of the Northwest Adventurers, and his Chapter members managed to put on a very memorable rally. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to meet more of the North Central Region members who were there.

This will be my last column as VP of the North Central Region since Marlene and I are moving to Utah next month. I regret that I have not been able to get more accomplished during my two year term. **Dick Snyder** of Indiana has been nominated for the Regional VP for the election to be held in December and I know that he will be an excellent VP. Please provide him as much support as you can.

The 2004 National Rally will be held in Sedalia, Missouri, in October 2004. **Jim Devine**, DOAI National Rally Master, has volunteered to be the Rally Master for this National Rally and I'm sure that **Dick** will provide a lot of help and support. I know that both **Jim** and **Dick** will appreciate your volunteering to help with all of the arrangements and activities that are required for a successful rally; please help them as much as you can.

From Arnie Thompson- VP Northwest Region

Betty and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Jerry Woods and the North Westerners chapter, the Discovery Pioneers chapter, the Discovery Texans chapter, the Texas Disco Road Runners chapter, Jackie and Leo Everitt and all of the numerous volunteers that helped make the Kennewick National Rally a super success. We congratulate you all for a job well done!

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No requests for the sale of items were received for this issue.

Editor's Note- Thanks very much to all those who provided articles for this issue and all the other issues over the last four years. It has been my honor to be your editor. I'm sure you will give your new editor, Nina Soltwedel, the same support you afforded me.**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!**

Don't forget, you are all reporters and will be derelict in your duties if you don't get that article in before the deadline for the next newsletter. We can take your information handwritten, as long as it is readable, typed, by snail mail, by e-mail or disk (Microsoft Word), or by FAX. The general deadlines for articles are the last week of the

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THE SUNSHINE CORNER

This section of the newsletter is to note requests by members to mention those of us, our friends or loved ones that feel that our good thoughts or prayers might bring some comfort. Any requests brought to our attention will be placed in the next issue of Discovery Express. **This issue's requests for Sunshine are:**

Mac MacIlvaine is still recovering well from a hip replacement. The latest word is that Mac is doing AOK.

Our website master, **Bob Cook** has suffered another Vitreous collapse and is having serious eye problems and is having problems reading or seeing.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOOD TIMERS

The Good Timers will join **Don & Karen Fuller** as guests of the Lancaster Elks Lodge #1365 in Lancaster, CA for a fall, fun-filled rally November 13-16. We will enjoy the famous Elks fish fry on Thursday night and continue the party through Friday and Saturday for a super "Good Timers" high desert good time together. Contact Don

Fuller at 877-246-4516 (toll free) for how to attend.

For membership in the California Good Timers, contact **Jackie Ouellette** at 30587 Calle Pina Colada, Temecula, CA 92591 or phone 909-699-2567.

FROM THE DISCOVERY PIONEERS

Wow! What a great Discovery Pioneers Rally we had in September. We only wish that *all* of our members had been able to enjoy our caravan to the DOAI National Rally in Kennewick and the *really great* time we had there. Technically, the caravan began in Paola, KS, although it was a one-coach caravan to Oakley, KS, where **Neil and Marlene Elkins** met **Jerry and Joyce Wiechman** on Sunday morning. From Oakley, the **Wiechmans** and the **Elkins'** managed to find their way through Colorado to Cheyenne where they met **Dean and Nancy Miller, Bob and Nina Soltwedel, Bob and Ann Hixson, and Ross and Alice Peery at Carl and Marge Ropp's** home. We never thought that six Discoverys could be squeezed into a single driveway...but **Marge and Carl** are experts at parking and got all of us (except **Ross and Alice** who decided to stay in their *own* driveway!) parked at the **Ropp RV Resort!** **Ross and Alice** joined us for a great pizza party and a full evening of fun which was a practice session for the camaraderie we would enjoy over the next 12 days.

Monday morning marked the beginning of our great adventure. On leaving **Carl and Marge's** driveway, we formed a caravan and left Cheyenne, meeting **Ross and Alice Peery** on our way out of town toward our final destination of Kennewick, WA. Much of first morning was devoted to getting used to following each other; in the beginning we looked less like a caravan and more like a giant Slinky! But as the miles passed under our wheels we learned how to keep up with the pack and learned the idiosyncrasies of the other drivers. (Of course, only the *other* drivers had those quirky little driving habits!) **Carl and Marge** were our leaders and they always found a place to park and rest, have lunch and refuel. In fact our first rest break was obviously pre-arranged by them since when we pulled off the

Interstate into the rest area, sure enough they had arranged for the first seven parking spaces to be open and waiting for us!

Our first overnight was at Indian Camp RV Park in Buffalo, WY, where we were met at the entrance and immediately parked by the RV Park staff in prime campsites all in a row. We were treated like royalty from the time we arrived until the time we left. If you have occasion to spend the night in Buffalo, we highly recommend the Indian Camp RV Park for an overnight, or for a longer stay to enjoy the area. There is much to see and do there but unfortunately we could only stay the one night. We did enjoy a great group dinner at the restaurant across the street, especially the wrap-up ice cream dessert!

The next morning found us once again briefly imitating a giant Slinky as we again formed our caravan and continued across the great and beautiful lands called Wyoming and Montana. **Carl and Marge** again managed to find refueling and rest stops so that the rest of us could just 'follow the leader' and enjoy the trip and the panorama as it unfolded in front of us. If nothing else, this trip only reinforced our conviction that *America the Beautiful* is more than just a song title; it's a fact that we shall never forget!

Just to keep us on our toes, we were blessed with some exciting weather as we went through Butte, Montana; it began snowing to the point the bridges were sanded and patrolmen were present to make sure we slowed down on the icy bridges! But the bad weather didn't last long and failed to put a damper on our spirits or enthusiasm as we continued on to the Three Forks, Montana, KOA to spend the night. After a brief false start, again the campground hosts came through for us and got us all parked in a very nice setting so that we could enjoy the evening. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and most of us stayed inside to keep warm. Nevertheless, we were able to enjoy the evening and the restful overnight stay.

Except for the weather, Wednesday was a repeat of Tuesday. **Marge and Carl** again did a great job leading the caravan and the rest of us did a great job following. **Bob and Ann Hixson** continued to perform flawlessly as 'tail-gunner',

although the only rescue needed was to respond to a low-water alarm on **Bob and Ann's** coach. (Some of us are *still* convinced that the only alarm was **Bob's** own personal 'high water' alarm!) The scenery was again magnificent and even though there were many low-lying clouds we could tell that we were in beautiful country. We spent Wednesday night at the Blackwell Island RV Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Unfortunately our experience here did not equal the reception we enjoyed at our two earlier stops. But being together again for another night's camping further solidified our feelings of companionship and togetherness.

Thursday saw all of us except **Dean and Nancy** continue on to our final destination of the Benton County Fairgrounds at Kennewick, Washington. There we met the primary contingent of the Northwest Adventurers Chapter and began preparing to park the DOAI'ers who would be arriving for the National Rally. After an overnight visit with family in Spokane, **Dean and Nancy** joined us on Friday to help with our tasks and join in the fun.

Although we worked hard at the tasks we assumed and were assigned at the rally, we did not forget to have fun and enjoy the company of our fellow Pioneers. During the next few days we had opportunities to have community cookouts and entertainment provided by our own superstars: **Joyce** led us in music and song and **Nina** helped us have more fun than old folks like us should be allowed to have! Between the two of them we had a great good time and, by the way, we ate extremely well, too. Don't let anyone tell you that the Pioneer ladies (and men) don't know how to cook!

Over the next few days, **Carl** demonstrated why he was 'volunteered' for the job of 'parking chief' by taking charge and doing an outstanding job preparing for and parking the 130 or so coaches that arrived over the next few days in spite of challenges beyond his/our control. Later, our president, **Bob Hixson**, would show why he had been drafted to arrange the catering for the entire DOAI National Rally. Under his supervision, the caterers provided superb service and delicious food throughout the rally. Our hats are off to both

President Bob and **Rally Master Carl** for the outstanding service they provided for the Rally. They truly made the Discovery Pioneers proud!

The entertainment provided by the National Rally sponsors and co-hosts **Jerry Woods** and **Arnie Thompson**, ably assisted by our own **Leo and Jackie Everitt** by the way, was superb and well-suited to the audience. I can't imagine a better selection of entertainment and catering than that we enjoyed at Kennewick. Thanks to all of those in DOAI who contributed to an outstanding Rally! I hope that all of our Pioneer Chapter members will one day be able to attend a National Rally and have as great a time as we did at Kennewick. And if you ever get a chance to join in a caravan with your fellow chapter members, please do so. It will provide an unprecedented opportunity to get to know your fellow Discovery'ers much more than you would in any other situation and you will all be richer for the experience. The next opportunity for a caravan experience for the Discovery Pioneers looks to be in September 2004 as the Chapter is planning a rally in Branson, Missouri, sponsored/hosted by **Jerry and Joyce Wiechman** followed by a caravan to the DOAI National Rally 2004 at Sedalia, Missouri. If history is any teacher, look for a great and exciting time in Branson and Sedalia. We'll look for all of our Discovery Pioneers and DOAI friends there!

See the consolidated rally schedule for our planned events.

FROM THE TEXAS DISCO ROAD RUNNERS CHAPTER

Our Schulenburg rally in August proved to be great. We had 12 rigs with some visiting from the Discovery Texans. We were entertained by a local group with traditional dances, and had a guided tour of the beautiful Painted Churches. Of course we did our share of eating and enjoying our fellow "D" company.

Our next rally will be December 8th – 12th at the Alamo Fiesta RV Park in Borene/San Antonio, TX. Our agenda has not been finalized, but a tour

of the great Christmas lights and Holiday events in the area.

We have cancelled our April 2004 rally in Baffin Bay, due to getting ready for the Regional Rally on April 21 – 24th. But we are still looking to get together the 1st quarter of 2004, even for a mini rally somewhere.

Stay tuned to the Web site for more update today information.

Remember that one of our goals is "HAVE A GOOD TIME".

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FROM THE FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS

In August we met at the Grandfather Mountain Campground in Boone NC. What a great time! We checked in on Friday and the fun and relaxation began with a social in the pavilion at 4:30. Those attending were **David & Blanche Chestnut, Sam & Sandy Childs, Gene & Betty Cody, Joe & Judy Fournier** (new members), **Tony & Maureen Muscarella**, hosts **Gene & Lois Patterson**, **Pete & Alice Pizzano**, **Jeff & Carolyn Rogowsky**, **Bill & Marcy Ryan**, **Ron & Georgia Shane**, **Clarence & Patricia Shoup**, **Wilbur & Mary Stump**, **Ron & Sharron Zimmerman** and guests **John & Sharon Metcalf**.

Each day a continental breakfast was provided and we all pitched in for the social tidbits each evening. These times provide a great time for us to get to know each other.

On Saturday we had a pot luck dinner followed by a 50/50 drawing. **Pizzano's** won! Several of us played Mexican Trains after dinner.

Sunday evening the **Pattersons** served us a dinner of cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans and hamburgers with all the trimmings and banana cream pudding to top it all off. Lois made the whole dinner and Gene made the dessert and there was a lot of help with the cooking of the hamburgers.

We had a wonderful pot luck breakfast on Monday followed by our business meeting. On Tuesday, we all caravanned to the Daniel Boone Inn for a family style dinner. (Dutch treat).

There were a lot of things to do in the area....golfing, fishing, shopping, sightseeing on the Blue Ridge Parkway, visiting Grandfather Mountain, caverns, museums, Tweetsie Railroad, gem mining, etc.

Wilbur Stump went into the hospital with heart problems and a day later Mary went in with flu symptoms. We're happy to report that they both returned while we were still there and both were looking and feeling good.

We said all our goodbyes after breakfast on Friday and are looking forward to our rally in October.

2003-2004 RALLY SCHEDULE:

Oct. 31-Nov 3	Travelers Campground Alachua
Dec. 5-6	Sunburst Lake Placid
Jan 2-5, '04	Great Outdoors Titusville (Note: date change) Hosts: Sligers Phone: 321-757-0593 E-mail: rsliger@cfl.rr.com
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Aug. 6-13

Submitted by **Georgia Shane**, Secretary

FROM THE MID-SOUTH ROADRUNNERS

It has been a busy and exciting year for the members of the Mid-south Roadrunners. Beginning with the Tampa RV show in January, several members braved the cold weather to enjoy this fabulous rally. If you have never been to it you should plan to go in 2004. Following the Tampa rally of course is the quintessential rally of all rallies, the southeast region rally held at Lazydays RV center the first week of February. **Pete and Alice Pizzano** continue to outdo themselves and with the Florida Gators chapter hosting this year's rally, it was the best ever. Thanks to **Lois and Gene Patterson** and the entire team of Rolling Gators for a marvelous good time.

The Mid-south Roadrunners moved on to Jekyll Island, GA for a quaint and most enjoyable campout in May. **Diane and Greg Hammond** put together a terrific gathering. **Greg** treated us all with his now famous "low country boil" with some of the most delicious food you have ever tasted. The historical tours of Jekyll Island was most interesting and we look forward to a return trip to the island.

Our next event was the "Great North American RV Rally" in Louisville, KY in June. Once

everyone finally got onto the fair grounds and parked, it was a terrific rally. The Mid-south Roadrunners jumped in as ambassadors for Club Fleetwood and helped with the Fleetwood displays, test drives and dinners hosted by Club Fleetwood. Everything you can imagine was on display at this rally and the entertainment was the best with Lee Greenwood performing and our own adopted celebrities, **Kay and Ron Ravoli** who put on a fabulous program of songs and jokes.

July found many of the Mid-south Roadrunners traveling to Buffalo, NY for the FMCA rally which proved to be another great rally. Tours of Niagra Falls, the wine country of upstate New York and the surrounding area was outstanding. Once again the Mid-south Roadrunners fulfilled our ambassadors role with Club Fleetwood and assisted with all the Club Fleetwood activities. The Freightliner Chassis Owners Club (FCOC) hosted a great party while at the rally and as always with **Ken and Dorothy Hawk** leading the charge, a great time was had by all.

Leaving Buffalo, we all headed to Varona, NY to attend the FCOC rally. What a great time we had with our fellow FCOC members. Great tech day, great tours including the Adirondack mountains and boat tour, great time at the casino and of course with all FCOC rallies, great parties. What a great group of people. If you aren't a member yet, you are missing out on great fun and great opportunities.

In early August several Mid-south Roadrunners joined the Florida Rolling Gators at Grandfather Mountain, NC for a week long campout. A great time was had by all especially the meal at Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC. Thanks to the Rolling Gators for the invitation to attend their campout.

The second weekend in September the Mid-south Roadrunners gathered at the Steele Creek RV resort near Morganton, NC for a weeklong campout that proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the year. We were able to participate in the Morganton "fall festival" of events and enjoyed the crafts, entertainment and food. We were treated to a great show by Lee Greenwood on opening night and another great show closing night by **Craig Cagle. Peggy and Rex Shuping**

hosted this campout with the help of **Ann and Dan Fletcher** and **Cecily and Paul Hart** and provided us with great meals and a riding tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock, Boone, Most General Store and Grandfather Mountain. We had several new members and guests attend this event and we welcomed them all.

We have 20 coaches departing the next couple of weeks caravanning to Santa Fe, NM to get prepared for the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM the first of October. We will stop on the way in Wichita Falls, TX to attend the Waltz Across Texas FMCA rally and then on to Santa Fe for four days of relaxation and a tour of the historical city of Santa Fe and surrounding area. We can't wait to get to some of those fabulous restaurants. On Oct 8th we depart Santa Fe for a short drive to the balloon ascension grounds in Albuquerque for four days of unbelievable sights not to mention the thrilling gondola ride up the Sandia Mountains. We depart the Balloon Fiesta on October 12th and plan to take in many interesting sites on the return trip home.

Our final campout of the year is schedule for November 12th – 19th at Stone Mountain Park north of Atlanta. Once again **Diane and Greg Hammond** are hosting this event and we hope to have another one of those fabulous low country boils. There is much to see in Stone Mountain and we invite any member of DOAI to come join us. Contact the **Hammonds** at 770-788-1645 for information and to sign up.

What a great year it has been for the Mid-south Roadrunners. Our chapter is now up to 72 members and still growing. 2004 promises to be another exciting year with many campouts being planned and several of our members making plans to go to Alaska. So, don't miss out on all of the fun, join now.

See what fun and social glee you are missing if you are not a member of one of our chapters. If you don't live near one, contact your Region Vice President for information on how easy it is to form a new chapter near you.

RADIATOR MAINTENANCE

By
Pete Pizzano

I have driven my motorhome 60,000 miles. During that time I have had to have my radiator pressure cleaned twice. The gunk that was washed out was unimaginable, but the technicians washed my radiator by the least effective method. Twice the technicians, from different service centers washed the radiator from the outside of the coach grill into the engine. The process should have been reversed.

A Cummins Diesel service manager gave me this advice that I would like to relay to you. A little preventative maintenance can save you the agony of seeing the "check engine" light flash on and the dollar repair bill also flash before your eyes.

I am a layman with a very limited knowledge of diesel maintenance experience, but I pass this information in hope to help others avoid the dreadful "check engine" light.

Climb into the engine compartment and spray the radiator from the engine side with a degreaser. Be generous. Seal the engine compartment. In my coach, I close the engine box and lower my bed over the box. Start the engine so that the degreaser will blow through the radiator(s) (including the charge engine cooler). After a short time, turn the engine off. Open the engine compartment and power-wash the radiator(s) from the engine room out. It may take more than one cleaning to be thorough.

At the Freightliner Verona rally, I was given a slobber tube or blow-by tube. This tube placed on the engine breather port of your diesel engine permits the exhaust and oil droplets from the port to be discharged after the radiator(s). This is not a remedy for a clean radiator. It is an aid to help keep the radiator clean. You must still clean your radiator(s) periodically to avoid the all-feared "check engine" light syndrome.

Happy motoring!!!!

FLEETWOOD SERVICE TECHNICIANS AT KENNEWICK

If you were at the Kennewick National Rally, then you will agree that we were very fortunate to have superb service for our motorhome by the magnificent service crew provided by Fleetwood. Please take a moment to drop a friendly thank you note to the address below to make sure Fleetwood is aware that we appreciate their support and assistance at our national rallies.

Send thank you letters to:

XXXXXXX

Fleetwood Service and Training Center
2350 Fleetwood Drive
Riverside, CA 92509

If you remember the names of the persons you dealt with from the list below, please include their names in your letter to Fleetwood:

John Meyke
Gene Williams
Robbie Amsbry
Dana Benaware
Ray Velasques
Ron Vindiola
Genero Escobedo
Ruben Ramirez
Eddie Borquez
Lenard Mendoza

These gentlemen got paid to do their work for you, but they had to leave their families to come and work for us. They deserve our thanks and a healthy DOAI pat on the back for working so hard for us.

THANKS FLEETWOOD!!!



CONSOLIDATED RALLY SCHEDULE

October 2003-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Traveler Campground
- Dixie Travelers
Oct. 10-14 Bayshore Estates RV Park
- Nor'easters
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November 2003-

- Mid-south Roadrunners
Nov. 12-19 Stone Mountain Park ,GA
- California Good Timers
Nov. 13-16 Lancaster, CA
- Discovery Texans
Nov. 20-22 Seabreeze, Portland, TX

December 2003-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Dec. 5-8 Sunburst Lake Placid
- Texas Disco Roadrunners
Dec. 8-12 Alamo Fiesta RV Park TX.

January 2004-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Jan. 2-5 Great Outdoors Titusville
- Discovery Texans
Jan. 15-17 Havens Landing,
Montgomery, TX
- Southeast Regional Rally
Jan. 30-31&Feb 1-3 Lazydays

February 2004-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Jan. 30-Feb 3 Lazydays

March 2004-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Mar. 12-15 Tropical Palms Kissimmee
- Discovery Texans
Mar. 18-20 New Braunfels, TX

April 2004-

- South Central Regional Rally
Apr. 21-24 Havens Landing,
Montgomery County, TX
- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Apr. 30-May 7 Jolly Roger Grassy
Key

May 2004-

- Discovery Texans
May 20-22 Tres Rios, Glen Rose, TX
- Discovery Pioneers
May Albuquerque, NM

June 2004-

- Discovery Pioneers
Jun. 2004 Grand Junction, CO

July 2004-

- Discovery Pioneers
Jul. "Fantasy Island", Fort Collins,
CO

August 2004-

- Florida Discovery Rolling Gators
Aug. 6-13 Grandfather Mountain
Boone, NC

September 2004-

- Discovery Pioneers
Sep. Branson, MO followed by
caravan to Sedalia, MO

October 2004

- National DOAI Rally
Oct. 5-8 Sedalia, MO

FUTURE NATIONAL RALLY LOCATIONS

- 2004 North Central Region Sep. 5-8 Sedalia,
MO
- 2005 Northeast Region Aug 9-13 York, PN
- 2006 South Central Region
- 2007 Southwest Region
- 2008 Southeast Region
- 2009 Northwest Region

Editor's Note: If your chapter's rally schedule is not contained in the above schedule, it is because your editor did not receive your planned events. The normal newsletter schedule deadline is the last week of the calendar quarter. Get the info to us and we will include it. Thanks in advance!

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DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
SUNSHINE STRAWBERRY SHINDIG of 2004
LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK at SEFFNER, FLORIDA
JANUARY 30,31, FEBRUARY 1,2,3

ALL PAVED PLATFORMS and GRASSY SITES with CABLE, ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER HOOKUPS. SITES WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED SO TO PARK TOGETHER YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS TOGETHER

PLUS

VENDOR DISPLAYS & SEMINARS, NEW COACHES, GAMES, HOT TUB, TENNIS, SWIMMING, ENTERTAINMENT, BINGO, RING TOSS, BEAN BAG BASEBALL, MEXICAN TRAIN, CARD GAMES, COMPUTER HOOKUPS & COMPUTERS, ON THE ROAD DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS, CAMPERS WORLD, FLYING J, CRACKER BARREL, THEME PARKS AND HISTORICAL SITES NEAR BY, ALSO TWO DINNERS.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH COMPLIMENTS OF LAZYDAYS. (MONDAY Thru SATURDAY)

Feb 2nd WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR FUN DAY

Craft Classes will be scheduled on Feb.2nd along with a flea market.

Bring your white elephants, books for swapping and a cake sale.

BRING ARTS/CRAFTS FOR SHOWING AND SELLING

Cut on dotted line and save for your records. Return the completed form below with your check

SEND RALLY FEES TO REGISTRAR AND PARKING FEES TO LAZYDAYS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC. (DOAI)

RALLY FEES \$30.00 PER COACH (2 people)

\$20.00 PER SINGLE PERSON

\$20.00 PER GUEST

MAIL TO: EDNA PENDERGRASS, REGISTRAR

3261 MAPLE HAMMOCK DRIVE

SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34235

PH: 941-355-8720 E-MAIL: epender2@aol.com

No Refund after January 19,2004

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address:

Home _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

DOAI Member Number _____ MH year _____ Length _____

Handicap Parking? Yes ___ No ___ Is this your first DOAI rally? Yes ___ No ___

Guest Name(s) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CALL WITH CREDIT CARD # OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK

6120 COUNTY ROAD 579

JANUARY 30,31- FEBRUARY 1,2,3, 2004

SEFFNER, FLORIDA 33584-2968

PARKING SITE FEES FOR DOAI ___ \$104.76 EXTRA DAYS ___ \$30.23

PHONE # 1-800-905-6627

CALL OR MAIL TO LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Last Name _____ First Name _____ CoPilot _____

Address:

Home _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

Discovery Model _____ Length _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Number of Days _____

Check number _____ Bank _____ Charge _____

Card# _____ Visa/Mastercard _____ Expiration Date _____

CHECK IN at 1:00 PM- OUT at 11:00 AM

CANCEL RESERVATIONS 1 MONTH PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DAY TO AVOID 1 DAY CHARGE. LAZYDAYS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE EMERGENCY HARDSHIP, BREAKDOWNS or ILLNESS FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Welcome to an organization open to all owners of Discovery Motorhomes by Fleetwood, intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among members.

Dues are **\$20** for the first year, and **\$16** each year thereafter, due in the initial month joined.

Please, payable in US funds only!

Mail with checks, payable to: Discovery Owners Association, Inc., to MaryAnn Crowell, Membership Director, 207 County Road 3000, Lott, TX 76656. Questions-call 888-594-6818.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ CO-PILOT _____

Street _____ CITY _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Discovery : Year ____ Length _____ Slide? Yes ___ No ___ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Discovery VIN # _____ FIN# _____

Travel/Motorhome Memberships: _____

Hobbies/Interests*: _____

Areas of Expertise/Background*: _____

Positions in Discovery Owners Association, Inc. of possible interest to you* _____

Indicate willingness to participate as a volunteer if called upon*: Yes ____ No ____ Activities of

Particular Interest _____

What are you looking for from this organization? _____

Comments: _____

***Indicate which family member if appropriate**

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DOAI Official Ballot Return

From: _____

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Street Address

City, State, Zip

DOAI Mem. # & Region

TO:

**Lois Patterson, DOAI Nominating Committee Chairman
4314 NW 21st Street
Cape Coral, FL 33993**

National Officers Ballot
Vote for only ONE candidate for each position

Position	Candidate one	Candidate two or Write in		
President	Phil Yovino			
Executive VP	Tom Fields			
Secretary	Joyce Bednarczyk		Edna Pendergrass	
Treasurer	Mac McIlvaine			
VP of Development	Don Fuller			
National Rally Master	Pete Pizzano			

Regional Vice Presidents Officers Ballot
Vote for only ONE candidate for each region

Region	Candidate One	Candidate two or Write in		
SOUTHWEST	Ramie Lemmons			
SOUTHEAST	Jim Devine		Ray Easter	
NORTHWEST	Ken Swain		Jerry Woods	
NORTH CENTRAL	Dick Snyder			
SOUTH CENTRAL	Garry Shirey			
NORTHEAST	John Baker			

Fold here to inside, seal (do not staple), stamp on outside and mail as addressed.

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MARYANN CROWELL, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
207 Country Road 3000
Lott, TX 76656

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South Central Regional Rally, Apr 21-24 '04
Havens Landing, Montgomery County, TX
National Rally, Sedalia, MO Oct 5-8, '04