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Come One – Come All to the 2007 DOAI National Rally Discoverys in the Desert



This is the last call for registrations for a super national rally being held in El Mirage, Arizona in November. See important information on pages 21-23. See you there!

Southeast Region 2008 Rally Set! Winter Carnivale

Don't miss the fun! The Southeast Region rally for 2008 will be held at Lazydays RV Park, Seffner, Florida (Tampa area) beginning January 24, 2008, and continuing for five fun-filled days and nights. Sites are limited to 150, so get registered soon (see page 20).



Included are breakfasts, lunches, catered dinners, entertainment, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, seminars, vendors, and so much more. Have fun while you learn, and still have time for

visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Sites are full hook-ups with cable TV and a newspaper each morning. This event will immediately precede the FMCA rally in Brooksville, 1 Florida. If you plan to come to Florida for the winter, register early and don't miss out.

It's Election Time!

It's time to elect leadership people for the 2008-2009 term. Find résumés of the candidates beginning on page 11, and find the ballot and full instructions on page 13. Your vote counts!



Apologies to Everyone

This issue is late getting to you, but the editor had emergency abdominal surgery (peritonitis) on August 24. She's recovering, but is moving a bit more slowly for a while.

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Chapter Rallies Photo Album



Midwest Discoverers had a ball in Sauder Village



Blue Ridge Discoverys hosts with Shipp's RV manager and Camping World manager



Louisiana Mudbugs gathered in North Toledo Bend State Park in early August

President's Message by Phil Yovino

Hello, Discovery Owners!
 My term as President will end on December 31, 2007. I have had the honor of being your president for four years ... years filled with many great moments. The Discovery Owners Association is, without any doubt, the best RV club out there.

Many other clubs wish they had our structure. They rave about our newsletter, *Discovery Express*, that Nina Soltwedel develops every quarter – so full of informative and interesting articles for all members. They also rave about our super Web site. Webmaster Bob Cook keeps us up to date on so many important issues to consider, including the “Hints and Tips,” and “Modifications.” Our eGroup members are helping other members every day. We have a top notch board of directors that lead us to being so successful in all our ventures. The directors of the Discovery clothing line, Betty and Mas Konatsu, our assistant webmaster, Toni Calzone, and our membership director, Portia Williams – all these good people work hard for DOAI and the DOAI members. And each of you 1,400 members makes this all possible!

It sounds like I'm blowing my own horn and I probably am. Folks, we have a great RV club many other brands would love to be part of. We're *Discovery only* and proud of it.

My four years as president have been a wonderful addition to Dot's and my lives ... the friendships we have made along the way, and the places this club has taken us will always be with us. Thanks for all the support you gave me along the way.

Dot and I wish all our Discovery friends safe travels with good health. ❖



President Phil

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More Chapter Rally Photos



Here are a few more photos from the Blue Ridge Discoverys rally. Those folks had a good time!



Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2007 by Micky Racer

Please contact me at mimra@aol.com if you have questions about this report. ❖



Treasurer Micky

Bank Accounts

Checking	\$45,876
Money Market	2,340
1-Year CD	10,218
2-Year CD	10,223
3-Year CD	<u>10,228</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$78,885</u>

Liabilities

DOAI Rally Account	<u>\$25,181</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$25,181</u>

Net Assets **\$66,277**

Asset Accounts

Inventory (DOAI Clothing)	\$ 2,133
Membership Revolving Fund	550
MotoSat DataStorm System	4,995
Rally Advance	3,000
Zoll Defibrillator	<u>1,895</u>
Total Asset Accounts	<u>\$12,573</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$91,458</u>



Welcome, New Members



We welcome our newest members. Be sure to extend the hand of welcome when you meet them...perhaps at the upcoming national rally!



- Ed/Donna Allen,
Roanoke TX
- Nealie/Kevin Anderson,
Jacksonville FL
- Charlie/Diane Balcom,
Stafford NY
- Brad/Belinda Barksdale,
Cedar Bluff AL
- Mario/Sharon Battocletti,
Cleveland TN
- Willard/Barbara Beard,
Greenwell Springs LA

- Walter/Janice Gehrlein, San Antonio TX
- Richard/Judy Goudey, Port Orange FL
- James/Barbara Hanna, Union MS
- Ron/Gerri Hanson, Huntington Beach CA
- Sam Hatcher, Dallas TX
- William/Johnnie Heck, Waverly GA
- Lee/Brandy Henderson, Southside AL
- Jim/Reba Hunt, Henderson TN
- Daryl/Nancy Johnson, Fair Grove MO
- Chappell/Mary Jordan, Nacogdoches TX
- Gary/Edie Leifer, Queen Creek AZ
- Scott/Tracey Lubben, Bonsall CA
- Bob/Becky Manges, Mansfield OH
- Alfonzo/Rebecca Manley, Goldsboro NC
- Ken/Nikie Martin, Lawrenceburg TN
- John/Adrienne McCarter, Bay Village OH
- Lenny/Lori McGill, Surrey BC
- Michael/Rachel McLeod, Leesburg FL
- Dennis/Sandra Melucci, Largo FL
- Jack/Gail Merchant, Fox Lake IL
- Glen/Sara Moran, Zwolle LA
- John/Debby Norman, King City CA
- James/Sandra Oliver, Thornhill ON
- Darrell/Kay Pennisson, Lake Charles LA
- Stephen/Kris Perrin, West Chester OH
- Paul/Kelly Polis, Orange CA

- Carl Porter/Judy Music, Lomita CA
- Todd/Elizabeth Ramsey, Forest VA
- Tim Renner, Lehigh Acres FL
- Frank/Rosie Ruth, Chattanooga TN
- Donald/Helen Seiser, Forked River NJ
- Zell/Cindy Setzer, Salisbury NC
- Michael/Pamela Shobe,
Buffalo Springs Lake TX
- Jeffrey Slayton, Palm Harbor FL
- Al/Bette Smith, College Station TX
- Michael Spencer, Cocoa FL
- Harry/Loretta Spencer, Ozark MO
- Russell/Rebecca Stephens, Decator TX
- John/Barbara Storrar, Mahopac NY
- Diane Symms/Bob LaRock, Mukilteo WA
- Lynn/DiAnn Tackett, Buchanan TN
- Leonard Tajer, White Lake MI
- Judy Tanner/Nita Pickens, Conroe TX
- Frank/Chrissy Tortorigi,
Hampton Cove AL
- Glenn/Marilyn Turner, Newport Beach CA
- Chris/Carolyn Wagner, Marengo OH
- Cara Wheeler, Columbus OH
- Peyton/Elaine Yon, Crawfordville FL

- Howard/Lorraine Becker, Arnold MO
- Buddy/Mary Burton, Sawtee CA
- Joseph/June Carnesecca, Campbell CA
- Tom/Deby Cochran, Chapel Hill NC
- Clarence/Joyce Connor, Artesia NM
- Dave/Jackie Cooley, Brandon FL
- William/Dianne Cross, Madison OH
- Terry/Marilyn Damron, Tucson AZ
- Theodore/Kathleen Dann, Hannibal NY
- Larry/Barbara Demaline, Leesburg FL
- Sonny/Jackie Edger, Fort Lauderdale FL
- Bruce/Margaret Ellen, Augusta GA
- Ronald/Nan Endsley, Bakersfield CA
- William/Janet Forbes, Salem SC
- Howard/Carol Fredrick, St Petersburg FL



National Rally Master's Report

Time is Getting Short by Jay Keneson

Don't forget to register for your 2007 national rally, *Discoverys in the Desert*, in November. Our plans are to arrive on November 2, to assist the sponsoring chapter and the region vice president with the last minute preparations and planning. It looks like they have a great time planned for all of us.

On August 12, Lorrie and I headed out to Indiana to attend a rally at the site that we are planning on using next year. This will give us a chance to check out the site, facilities, and the general area in getting started on our 2008 tenth anniversary rally, *Back Home Again in Indiana*, where it all began. We will be working closely with Dick Snyder, the region vice president, and his sponsoring chapters, in organizing what we anticipate will be a very special national rally.

Now on future planning, I hope to work with the region vice presidents in attempting to establish future national rally sites. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of early site selection and organizational planning. It would help if the advanced selection was arranged five or six years out, in order for members to start planning attendance and allow our major sponsors, seminar presenters, vendors, and other participants to plan and commit sooner.



Rally Master Jay

Again, don't forget these are your rallies, so give us some ideas where you would like to see them held.

I hope to see all of you in Phoenix in November, as well as future rallies or somewhere along the road! ❖

Region Reports

Northwest Region by Bob Soltwedel

In the Summer 2007 *Discovery Express* I asked for member input on where to hold the 2009 national rally in the Northwest region. As I have had no responses, I wonder what the membership would think of holding it in Pueblo again? Please contact me by e-mail so I can pass on some help to the national rally master in making a site location choice ASAP.



Vice President Bob

In the more than 18 months that I have been the Northwest region vice president, I have had no requests from our members for help in solving service problems with their Ds. Does this mean you are getting your problems resolved at the dealership, or does it mean you are not aware of this avenue of support when your problem is not resolved to your satisfaction? Remember, I am here to help when the service program fails. See *Discovery Express*, Spring 2005, page 10.

Is anyone interested in starting up a new chapter in the Oregon, Idaho, or Montana area? National seeds a new chapter with \$500 and I am here to help in any way I can. Let me hear from you! ❖

him in our upcoming election.

We have decided not to sell our motor home in the hopes that we will be able to pick up where we left off sometime in the future. ❖

Southeast Region #2 by Frank Cason

As Dick wrote above, he has resigned as Southeast region vice president due to health issues. He told me it took weeks for him to make his decision because of his love for the DOAI. Once his decision was made, he called and asked if I would accept the nomination to run for Southeast region vice president in the upcoming election. After several days' consideration, I agreed to accept the nomination.



New Vice President Frank

But Dick wasn't through; he then nominated me to the board to fill the remainder of his term. The board acted on his nomination. So with that, I became the new Southeast region vice president.

We will miss Dick and his keen leadership for the region; he leaves a big pair of shoes to fill. I will strive to fill those shoes, while continuing to have a great time in this fantastic organization of Discovery owners. Dick, you will not be forgotten. Get well soon.

For those in the Southeast region who are going to the national rally, I would like to meet you. When you see me, please come over and introduce yourself. Safe travels. ❖

Southeast Region #1 by Dick Smith

This will be my last message as Southeast vice president. Due to declining health, I have resigned my position. I will always treasure my time as your vice president, and I really appreciate your help and support and the help and support of all the board members during my term.



Former Vice President Dick

When leaving, I nominated Frank Cason, president of the Blue Ridge Discoverys, to succeed me. The board appointed him, and I know he will do a great job as your vice president. Frank has displayed a level of leadership and enthusiasm rarely seen today. He shares my belief that the future of our DOAI lies in healthy and active chapters, and also my enthusiasm that the DOAI is and must remain the **Discovery Owners Association, Inc.** I solicit your support for

Southwest Region by Jim Casey

Well, here we are heading into the close of summer, and I hope that all of our great members have had an enjoyable summer, your travels have been fun, and that new friendships have been made along the trail of Discovery during your travels, rallies and outings.



Vice President Jim

Our Southwest region is healthy and stable with new members joining with us over the past few months.



Region Reports, continued

Our Arizona Discovery Owners chapter has all things in place for a great national rally in November. There are many Arizona members who have and are continuing to contribute a great deal of time and effort to insure a very enjoyable and fun rally for all. We are looking forward to the rally and hope to see you there.

Our California Goodtimers chapter continues to grow and stabilize with a good group of dedicated and fun members who are working to insure that likewise, the Goodtimers will live up to their belief in fun and fellowship for all.

I continue to work with some of the Nevada DOAI members to establish a chapter in that state. This has proven to be a slow but positive process. I should have more good news to report on this in the near future. ❖

Chapter Reports

Arizona Discovery Owners by Wanda May

The Arizona Discovery Owners request your presence at the 2007 DOAI national rally to be held in El Mirage, Arizona, just west of Phoenix.



President Russ

Spaces, all with full hook ups, have been reserved for you at the Pueblo El Mirage RV and Golf Resort. Thrilling activities, seminars, and entertainment each night make this the ultimate for a DOAI rally in the Valley of the Sun.

Come early – Monday, November 5 – and enjoy the Heard Museum, and tour the Cardinals’ Stadium. On Tuesday, November 6, visit Tent City, and participate in the golf tournament. On Wednesday, November 7, there will be a progressive lunch compliments of the RV resort.

Be entertained with the sounds of Hawaii’s Steel Drums, a Johnny Cash impersonator, the Sun City Pom Poms, and you can dance to the sounds of the big bands. All of our evening meals will be catered by Chef Jeff.



Discovery in the Desert

All of the seminars, craft classes, meals, entertainment and most vendors will be held indoors.

Ladies, you don’t want to miss the Red Hat Luncheon; it promises to be an exciting event.

We look forward having you join us! Just complete the registration form (see page 22) and return it to the address at the bottom, so we can plan appropriately.

Did you know Arizona is known as the four “Cs” State? Citrus, Copper, Cotton, and Climate! ❖

Blue Ridge Discoverys by Frank Cason

The Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter is well on its way to being a top-notch DOAI chapter. The chapter has grown from the original number of 29 Discoverys to 47 Discoverys. We conducted our first solo rally in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the second week of August. Our hosts, Walt and Jan Hare, Jim and Frances Sullivan, Bill and Anne Humphrey, and Fred and Sharon Barnabei, went above and beyond to make it special. To get re-acquainted with chapter members, we had a social hour of drinks, cheese, and crackers on arrival day, which led



President Frank

to a hamburger/hot dog BBQ. The hosts had planned two continental breakfasts, a great restaurant meal, and a potluck supper. At the potluck, door prizes were provided to each member. Thanks to Frances for this not small undertaking. We began the rally with 14 members and three guest coaches; we ended with 16 members and one guest coach!



Jan Hare made these funky, fun aprons for the gal hosts.

A special thanks goes out to Randy Shipp and his staff at Shipp’s RV for setting up an open house for the chapter and providing the outstanding BBQ, plus all the trimmings.

Randy, your great southern hospitality put the icing on the cake!

Our rally master, Ron Murphy, is working with hosts who have volunteered to have rallies in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Dillard, Georgia; and Charleston, South Carolina for 2008. Hosts were also identified and set up for two rallies in 2009. We are trying to get a two-year schedule of rallies in the works, so our members will find it easier to set the time aside to participate. All in all, I could not have asked for a better rally and I’m sure those who attended will agree. Thanks to all. ❖

California Goodtimers by Jim Casey

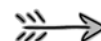
It has been a relaxing and enjoyable summer for our California Goodtimers, with many traveling, visiting friends and relatives, some moving, and others continuing to handle their work related duties.



President Jim

Our chapter has grown by a couple new members since our summer report, and we are continuing with our organization of the chapter for growth, stability and continuity. We now have 35 members.

There were no scheduled Goodtimers rallies over the summer, so we are looking forward to our next rally at Casa de Fruita outside of Hollister, California, October 4-7. With the local Renaissance Faire being held that same weekend at the Casa de Fruita entertainment grounds, this should prove to be a very enjoyable and fun rally for all.



Chapter Reports, continued

And I should note that all DOAI members are welcome to join us. If any DOAI members should be passing through the area, please make plans to come over and join in our fun and fellowship. You can contact our wagon master, Hardin Hallum, or rally master Randy Burke, or me, Jim Casey (all contact information can be found at the California Goodtimers Web page of the DOAI Web site).

California Goodtimers members are looking forward to the big national rally in El Mirage, Arizona in November. There is a good number of our members who have indicated that they will be there, with some caravanning over together. We hope to see DOAI members from all over North America there at El Mirage. ❖

Discovery Pioneers by Roger Talich

Three of the four campouts scheduled for this summer have now been completed. We have visited a variety of locations; Roswell, New Mexico, Ouray, Colorado, and Cody, Wyoming. Cody is just outside of Yellowstone and provided an opportunity to visit that national park with all its wonders. (Our fourth took place in September in Fort Collins, too late for this newsletter.)



President Roger

All these rallies were enjoyable. In Roswell and Cody we had opportunities to visit two different and very interesting museums. The Roswell UFO museum, of course, is all about the so-called Roswell incident and flying saucers, while the Cody museum (Buffalo Bill Historical Center – actually five individual museums) covers Buffalo Bill’s life as well as other western memorabilia. Both are thought provoking and entertaining in their own way.

In the area around Ouray, Colorado, and in Yellowstone we were privileged to see some of the nation’s most spectacular scenery. While most people are aware of what Yellowstone has to offer, perhaps some will not know that Ouray is known as the *Switzerland of Colorado* and that it lives up to that reputation.

As always, the other activities among the group were fun and included the normal things that RVers do on campouts. Good food, a few drinks, a lot of interesting conversations, and a helping hand or good advice for anyone needing some minor work on their rig. ❖

Louisiana Mudbugs by Jan McIlvaine

The Louisiana Mudbugs have had two great rallies since the last newsletter and now that summer vacations and travels are over, we are looking forward to two more great ones coming up. Of course, one is the national rally in November.

The beginning of June we traveled to Canton, Texas, for the First Monday Trade Days. We had ten Ds, including two first-



President Anthony

time attendees. Most of the men had smoking wallets, sore backs, and bum knees from all the spending, carrying and walking. It was a great rally and all had a wonderful time and got their expected retail therapy fix (temporarily).

Early August found us at North Toledo Bend State Park. We had 12 coaches and welcomed Darrell and Kay Pennisson to our family. This was a laid-back weekend with fishing (they weren’t biting), eating in several local restaurants, deer watching, and, of course, our usual competitive games. Our master *male* chefs were hosting this rally, so breakfasts were the high-lighted meal: double-yolk brown yard eggs with all the trimmings. As our president Anthony said, “Twice the cholesterol and twice the flavor.” Our potlucks were special, too!

For information on our upcoming rallies (and we love visitors!), contact our rally master, Howard Campbell at 337.478.6247 or at how-cam@msn.com. ❖

Midwest Discoverers by Cindy Merkt

The Midwest Discoverers and the Heartland Discoverys had a joint rally in Archbold, Ohio at Sauder Village in June. We arrived on Monday and had a welcome party in the evening. We all got together at Rex and Peg Lavoie’s site (our hosts), and had wine and appetizers. Then we went on our own for dinner. Some of us



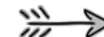
President John

found a great place that had a fried chicken buffet for only \$5.99 a person. We really like it when we can find deals like this. Not only was the price great but so was the food.

Tuesday we had the day to explore the area on our own and then met for a potluck dinner. Some of us decided to try to local cuisine and had a great big sundae from Homestead Ice Cream shop for lunch. It was delicious. Then we went to the local candy shop and bought chocolate for later. We really are watching what we eat, but it is just from hand to mouth that we watch. The weather was not very cooperative when it came to the potluck. We had to change the location to the shelter at the last minute due to rain. When we had finished eating, it quit raining – doesn’t that figure?

We all met in Bryan, Ohio at a great 1950s restaurant for lunch. After lunch, we had some time before we were to meet at the local candy maker for a tour. We checked out the courthouse, which is beautiful, and walked around the square. We purchased a birthday card for our fearless leader, John Wimer’s wife, Jane, who had a birthday, plus an anniversary card for them. We stopped at a thrift store and found some real bargains. We then continued on to the Spangler Candy factory. We had a tour on an old time trolley. The hair nets were really one of the highlights of the tour. Then we continued our tour of Bryan with a winery, which, of course, was the favorite part for some of us. The winery also offered us a tour of the place.

We all toured and visited Sauder Village on Thursday. There were some of us who didn’t realize we went back in time, right, John? They had all the old craftsmen there actually performing their crafts. For us youngsters it was really fascinating to see that you didn’t just go to Wal-Mart to



Chapter Reports, continued

purchase these items such as baskets, brooms, corn meal, etc. We then met at a restaurant in front of the campgrounds for dinner. They offered a great buffet with lots and lots of food and we received special desserts. The last campfire was full of laughter and fun.

If you didn't attend this rally, you missed a really great time. ❖

Texas Disco Road Runners by Jay Keneson

During June 10-15 our chapter met at the Bastrop, Texas River RV Park located on the banks of the Colorado river. As always we had an interesting and fun-filled time.

Bastrop, an old, historic city, is home to Lost Pines, a large pine forest located more than 100 miles from any other piney woods. It has a great state park, many museums, old historic homes, wonderful small restaurants, an authentic old fashion soda fountain, plus an inviting walking and antique shopping area.



President Garry

Most members also enjoyed a visit to a nearby antique automobile museum. Four breakfasts and dinners were prepared and served by our host team, Sandy and Tom Fields, and Lorrie and Jay Keneson. Our next rally in September will have been held by the time you receive this newsletter. ❖

Computer Corner

Protect Your Assets by Bob Cook, DOAI Webmaster

What would happen if you were robbed, or if your RV or house were destroyed by a disaster? Would you know where important information was if your spouse was incapacitated? This article will explore an easy way to use your PC to protect your assets.



We all have important documents and information that we need stored on a DVD in the event of a catastrophe. This includes things such as driver's license and vehicle information, credit card numbers and contact information, health insurance, car/RV/house insurance, investments, etc. I find it easy to consolidate most of this

information into one spreadsheet, and then also include scans of any paper information that I may need. More importantly, it makes things easier for my spouse if I am incapacitated.

You should also consider adding pictures and videos to the DVD so that you can document your possessions to your insurance company, if needed. The benefit of using video is that you can describe what you are viewing and include model and serial numbers. Be careful to include *everything*, as it is

very easy to forget some of your possessions (this is one reason that insurance companies often press for a quick settlement).



Webmaster Bob

Now that you have all of your information electronically on your computer, there are just a couple of additional steps to be done.

First, you will want to **encrypt** your sensitive data. **Do not** use XP or Vista's built-in encryption software to do this, because a special key – which remains on the computer – is needed to decrypt. Without this key, you can't get your information back! Instead, use one of the free encryption programs such as *TrueCrypt* or *Axcrypt*. Choose a password that you won't forget, but also one that is a combination of upper and lower case letters and numbers for best security.

Second, you need to store at least one copy at a geographically-separated location. It may do not do me any good to give a copy to my family member across town in the event of a hurricane. You may also want to keep a copy in a safe deposit box and also give a copy to your attorney and include the encryption password in your Will.

After you complete this task, you will can rest assured that you will be able to respond quickly with important information should the need arise. ❖

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these DOAI members and their families in your thoughts and prayers...

...**John and Alice Ricciardi and family**, whose grandson, **Joey Cialkowski** died in August. If you wish to send a card: Arlene, Frank & Michael Cialkowski, 29 Bisset Dr, West Milford NJ 07480.

...**Jimmy Rifenberg**, whose Discovery burned to the ground in July. The fire started in the refrigerator.

...**Harold Gordon**, whose wife **Patsy** died in July.

...**Tony Bohn**, who is recovering from multiple fractures of the pelvis after being thrown from a horse in July.

...**Patsy Forrest**, whose husband **Hart** died in February.

...**Nancy Neal**, whose husband **Bob** died in February.

...**Vie Putkovich**, whose husband **Charles** died in June.

...**Mas Konatsu, Dick Smith, Vie Brock, Janet Sexton, Dorothy Devine, Paul Lambert**, for improved health.

...**Nina Soltwedel**, who is recovering from emergency major surgery in late August. ❖

Rally Opportunities

The following listing of chapter rallies does not give the RV park, but does list the town. Please see the chapter presidents' listing on the next page, and call that individual for more information on any of that chapter's planned rallies. Jump in and meet new friends and see new places via the chapter lifestyle. Other Discovery owners are waiting to welcome you!
Chapters: Are your rallies listed? If not, please send information to the editor.

October 2007 –

- 4-7 California Goodtimers, Hollister CA
- 31-11/2 Discovery Texans, Kerrville TX

November 2007 –

- 1-4 Dixie Travelers, Biloxi MS
- 8-10 Florida Rolling Gators, North Fort Myers FL
- 6-10 National Rally, Discoverys in the Desert, Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage AZ**

December 2007 –

- 29-1/2 Florida Rolling Gators, Titusville FL

January 2008 –

- 3-6 California Goodtimers, Palm Springs CA
- 11-? Arizona Discovery Owners, Phoenix AZ
- 17-19 Discovery Texans, Montgomery TX
- 24-28 Southeast Region Rally, Seffner FL**

March 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- T/B/A Florida Rolling Gators, Merritt Island FL
- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Onalaska TX

April 2008 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Myrtle Beach SC
- 24-28 Arizona Discovery Owners, Williams AZ

May 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, Bakersfield CA
- 1-7 Florida Rolling Gators, Grassy Key FL
- 15-17 Discovery Texans, Riviera TX

June 2008 –

- 25-30 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Dillard GA

August 2008 –

- 20-26 Florida Rolling Gators, Boone NC
- 21-28 National Rally, Back Home Again in Indiana, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Richmond IN**

September 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Sulpher OK
- 25-29 Arizona Discovery Owners, San Diego CA

October 2008 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Charleston SC
- 31-11/3 Discovery Texans, Ingram TX

November 2008 –

- 7-10 Arizona Discovery Owners, Pahrump NV

June 2009 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Lewisburg WV

September 2009 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Morganton NC



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Nominees for 2008-2009 DOAI National Board

The nominating committee contacted many DOAI members over the past nine months, and while getting two people to run for each position was not possible, the committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for your consideration. These good people have stepped forward and said they would be honored to help lead DOAI over the next two years. The résumés below will introduce each candidate to you. Please read through them carefully before casting your vote.

A very important change for this year's election: Region vice presidents will be elected by their region members only. Please read and carefully follow the directions contained on the ballot (page 13), to ensure that *your* ballot will be counted.

PRESIDENT

Marshall Godwin

Marshall is currently serving as DOAI's vice president of development. He is a founding member and current secretary of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter. Marshall has functioned in various capacities as rally registrar, seminar coordinator, and master of ceremonies for major region and national rallies since 2005.

Marshall was born in Mobile, Alabama. He and his wife, Becky, reside in King George, Virginia.

Marshall joined the U. S. Navy after graduating from high school. After serving in a technical field for 13 years, he was accepted for a naval officer program. He received a degree in business management and was commissioned as an ensign. He retired as a lieutenant commander in 1993.

Marshall co-founded an information technology company that grew to over 500 employees. He served in positions of vice president, president, chief operating officer, and chairman of the board prior to retiring from business in May 2005.

As vice president of development, Marshall has worked to increase DOAI membership and corporate sponsorship. He has submitted a number of proposals to improve and more automate functions of the Web site. He was instrumental in the recent complete review and revision of the standing rules.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

John Baker

John retired from AT&T after managing various accounting and customer billing operations for 35 years. His last position was associate director of



finance operation, where he was responsible for developing and controlling the budgets for the national payment processing operations. In retirement, he serves several leadership roles in his church and participates in a number of civic endeavors. John is currently serving as president of the Discovery Texans chapter.

John and Felesa have been married 41 years. Their daughter and son-in-law live two doors away, and have blessed the Bakers with five grandchildren. Their current "whole family project" is caring for John's 86-year-old mother.

John writes: "When Felesa and I bought our D in 1999, our dealer recommended we join this group they called a national organization of Discovery owners. Knowing nothing about it, but always ready for new experiences, we signed on.

"The first long trip in our D was to attend the DOAI national rally in Virginia. We knew no one who would be there, nothing about the DOAI, and little about our rig except that we had to remember to put diesel in it instead of gas! Before we got settled at our campsite, Sandy Fields and Della Quinn had found us and invited us to join the Discovery Texans for dinner – what a great welcome from perfect strangers! This was just the beginning of a long list of friendships that we have since developed from the friendliest national organization with which we ever have been associated.

"That first national rally was a bellwether event for us. We started learning about the D from the experts who presented seminars and we began developing life-long relationships with any number of folks who were there. The learning and the developing of new friendships have continued right up until today!



"These kinds of experiences are extremely common among DOAI members. We need to continue our excellent history of welcoming newcomer Discovery owners and helping each other, be it in person, in our outstanding newsletter, or via our great Web site. I want to do whatever I can to help the organization in this regard.

"Education of our members is another of our extremely important functions. We must continue to develop and present seminars and website information that is both accurate and user-friendly.

"Lastly, our relationships with our manufacturers, vendors and suppliers are important. Over the years, we have developed strong, positive relationships with them and we must continue to do business with them in a forthright and positive manner."

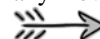
Dick Snyder

Dick Snyder was born on a farm near Seymour, Indiana on March 26, 1939. He and his wife, Brenda, still live in Seymour.

He is a retired lineman after 30 years with Cinergy PSI. After retirement, he purchased an earthmover and developed 29 lots on their little 14-acre farm.

The Snyders have a daughter, three grandchildren. Their son, David, died in 2006. Their number one pastime is traveling and RVing, but they also own a Cessna 172 airplane and always look forward to flying it to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the annual fly-in.

Dick and Brenda have a 1998 Discovery and have been members of DOAI since April 1999. Since joining the Discovery club, they have met a lot of people and have made many new friends.



Nominees, continued

Dick has served two terms as vice president of the North Central region of DOAI. In 2004, Dick was instrumental in helping to form the first North Central region chapter, Heartland Discoverys.

Dick writes: "My goal in the next two years will be to improve communications within DOAI between the board and members. I will work with fellow board members and support the president for the good of DOAI. I will be available to help all DOAI members with any problems they might encounter."

VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Phil Yovino

Phil Yovino is currently serving as president of DOAI. He has served for two terms. Phil has also served as national rally master (two years) and South Central region vice president (two years). He also served as president of the Discovery Texans chapter for two years.

Phil was approached by several members to assume the office of vice president of development. This position includes being in contact with Fleetwood and all the supporting companies, contacting suppliers for national and regional rallies for their support, and assisting members with repeated coach problems with direct contact with Fleetwood.



SECRETARY

Elsie Sikes

A farm girl from Waller, Texas, Elsie was one of 14 children. After graduating from Waller high school in 1952, Elsie attended TSCW and the University of Houston. She is married to Leon Sikes and has one son, one stepson, and one granddaughter.

Elsie and Leon owned and operated a dairy farm for seven years. Elsie spent 20 years in property management of multi-family housing and three years in real estate.

Their first RV trip was in a fifth wheel in 1995 on a trip to Alaska. They fell in love with the lifestyle and moved



up to a Discovery two years later. They have traveled to most of the states and are now on their second Discovery, a 1999.

The Sikeses spend most of their summers doing volunteer work, most recently at the C & O Canal National Historic Park in Maryland in 2006. Elsie's interests are genealogy, sewing, crafts, and learning new skills. The computer is her lifeline.

Elsie and Leon are charter members of DOAI and Discovery Texans chapter. Elsie served as secretary of Discovery Texans for over four years, and currently acts as reporter for the chapter. She was registrar for the 2006 national rally in San Antonio.

Elsie writes: "Being a longtime member of DOAI, it has been an amazing experience seeing the involvement of this group of like-minded people over the years. The camaraderie and helpfulness to each other is something that makes us a community and a family. Like any family, we have our ups and downs and arguments and come out stronger. I do not lightly take on this very important job, and probably will not do it to everyone's satisfaction. However, I do pledge that my efforts will be honest and a continuation of the service that other officers and board members have preformed."

TREASURER

Miriam (Micky) Racer

Micky was born in Indiana and educated there and in Louisiana, Texas, Arizona and Utah. Micky and her husband, Larry, have been full-time RVers for nine years...yes, they do not own a home. They travel the country doing volunteer work for private, state and county parks, Habitat for Humanity, Bureau of Land Management, and anything else that interests them. They own a 1999 Discovery and have been members of DOAI since 1999. Micky has served as interim treasurer of DOAI for the past 18 months.

During her working years, Micky was employed by school systems and private industry as teacher, accountant, purchasing agent, and librarian. In



addition, she had her own business for 18 years. She has been responsible for both the collections and payables for private business, supervised the same in state facilities, as well as providing financial statements and working in public accounting.

Micky and Larry, who is retired from the oil industry, have four children and three grandchildren.

NATIONAL RALLY MASTER

Jay Keneson

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Jay retired from the Army Nurse Corps after 36 years of service in the U. S. Air Force and the U. S. Army. Jay is a registered nurse with degrees in nursing and business administration. Jay and his wife, Lorrie, own a 2006 Discovery and are members of the Texas Disco Road Runners. He is currently serving his first two-year term as national rally master and helped to organize and facilitate the 2006 *Discover the Alamo* rally. Jay has been assisting in development of the 2007 *Discoverys in the Desert* rally, starting with a site visit and working with the group sponsoring the rally. He kept his promise to visit all proposed rally sites, in order to provide first-hand information to the board concerning each location. He and Lorrie, also a retired army nurse, continue to enjoy their RV travels and remain active in their chapter and its activities. Jay hopes to serve all of you for another two years.



NORTH CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Charles Richardson

Charlie has lived in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, for over 25 years. His city honored him while he was volunteering with Homeland Security when he and his son found a way to get a woman to her dialysis treatment during an ice storm. He was also volunteer of the year for his work with that agency. He was on the volunteer fire department for several years.



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Ballot Instructions for 2007 Election

1. Cut out this page on the dotted line.
2. **Vote for one person for each office.**
3. **Vote only for your region's candidate for region vice president.** If you vote for all region vice presidents, no vote will be counted for your region vice president.
4. Mark the boxes clearly.
5. If you vote for a write-in candidate, please **print** the name so there is no misunderstanding.
6. After voting, fold the ballot on the dotted lines, with mailing label (reverse of this page) on the outside.
7. Tape "envelope" securely closed on ends and flap edge.
8. **Important:** Place your membership number and two-letter region designation (see below) in noted area on upper left hand corner. Your membership number is shown on the mailing label of this newsletter. Your region is shown on page 10.
9. **Only** active, dues-paid-up members are eligible to vote. If your dues **are not current** on November 20, 2007, your vote **will not be counted.**
10. Affix first class postage (41¢) and mail.
11. Your ballot, when received, will be checked against the active membership number/region list (no names on list, just numbers and region designations). If the number is an active member, the number/region information will be **cut off** the ballot and kept by Nina Soltwedel, who will not know how you voted.
12. The **unopened** ballot will then be given to two other DOAI members (non-candidates) for counting. They will not know who cast the ballots to be counted.
13. **Ballots received without a membership number and/or region designation in upper left hand corner will not be counted.**

**Deadline to receive ballots is November 20, 2007. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.
Mail your ballot soon!**

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*Vote **only** for the candidate representing your region*

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Charles Richardson

Northeast Region (NE)

John Zidek

Northwest Region (NW)

Bob Soltwedel

South Central Region (SC)

Joe Stewart

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At age 20, Charlie opened a used car lot. He married Echo in 1976 and she has been his partner for over 30 years. The business expanded into financing, ranching, and storage. It is easy to understand that he has dealt with sensitive and complicated situations. He is listed in the Who's Who of Businessmen in Washington, D.C.

Charlie and Echo have two sons, a matched set of grandchildren (two boys and two girls), and a Boston terrier fittingly named Princess.

In 2003, the Richardsons purchased their first motor home, a Discovery. Shortly thereafter they attended the national rally at Sedalia. There Charlie was bitten by the DOAI friendship bug, and joined the newly-formed Heartland Discoverys. Since that time Charlie and Echo have missed just one national rally and no chapter rallies (the Richardsons had registered for San Antonio, but Charlie's sister had to have surgery).

Charlie writes: "I have been to many other rallies where I always find something unique and exciting. I am very proud of DOAI and am excited about its future. I feel it is vital to keep the cooperative spirit of the club the primary focus while building strength and numbers through unity of purpose.

"The 2008 national is scheduled to be held in the North Central region, and I am looking forward to an anniversary that will not be forgotten. My motto, found in the Heartland Quarterly I help publish – *miles behind us and smiles ahead of us* – is my way of looking at life."

NORTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT

John Zidek

John is currently serving his first two-year term as vice president of the Northeast region.



Like Jay Keneson, John was born and raised in San Antonio. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 and spent 20 years in military service. During his Navy career, John served on four guided missile destroyers and traveled around the world. He also attended numerous technical training

courses and served as a technical instructor at the Mare Island Naval Missile school in California. He was assigned as a maintenance rep in Charleston, South Carolina, and completed his 20 years there before transferring to the fleet reserve in 1979.

John joined RCA at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, in 1979. John advanced within the organization to ultimately manage several different training programs, including the Aegis Combat System installed in CG and DDG naval ships, with members based at four facilities in New Jersey and Virginia. His final assignment was managing the Air Force Satellite Control Network training in California and Colorado until October 2002.

John attended The Citadel, the College of Charleston, and Rutgers University. John and Jean have been married for more than 32 years; they have four children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

NORTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT

Bob Soltwedel

A Wisconsin native, Bob has lived in Colorado for more than 33 years. He is a retired electrical engineer, and served in the U.S. Navy for four years.



Before moving to Colorado, Bob worked at the University of Chicago, and designed the packaging for the Venus Pioneer Probe, which was a joint National Science Foundation project with Ball Aerospace.

He and his wife, Nina, have been married 50 years. They have two children and one grandchild.

Having bought their first Discovery in 1998, the couple joined DOAI in 1999. They now own their second D, a 2005 39L. As an active DOAI member, Bob has enjoyed being helped by and helping other Discovery owners, through chapter membership (Discovery Pioneers), attendance at national and regional rallies, and via one-on-one trouble-shooting sessions.

Bob is currently serving his second

term as treasurer of Discovery Pioneers. He served as co-vendor chairman for the 2001 national rally, worked on the parking crew for the 2003 national rally, and assisted the registrar (his wife, Nina) at the 2004 national rally.

Bob writes: "I believe strongly in the positive influence our organization has upon the RVing public. I will do whatever I can to further the aims and mission of DOAI."

SOUTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Stewart

Joe (also known as Bob to some of his old buddies from his Air Force days – Joseph Robert) was born and raised in Missouri. He is twice retired: first from the Air Force in 1976 after serving 26 years, and second from the National Weather Service after serving 20 years! Joe is 75 years old and is married to Justine.

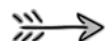


Joe and Justine went to high school together, but went their separate ways after Joe decided to make the Air Force his career. A mutual friend got them back together again in 1994 and they married later that year.

The Stewarts bought their first motor home in 1998 (a Bounder), then about 11 months later, thought a 1999 Discovery was a better choice. They were not wrong, as five years and 100,000 miles later they bought their second Discovery, a 2005 39L. The Stewarts have traveled quite a bit, and enjoy the lifestyle of RVing. They spent three summers working in the Oregon State parks system.

Joe was recruited by Jay Keneson to assist with the 2006 national rally in San Antonio. He was in charge of the golf tournament, lined up a sponsor and obtained the trophies for the winners. Joe has served his chapter (Discovery Texans) as wagon master for two non-consecutive terms.

Joe writes: "Justine and I will continue our policy of talking to every Discovery owner we meet in our travels, whether it's in an RV park, Wal-Mart,



Nominees, continued

rest area, or parked on the side of the road. We've had people join that we met in Mexico, at a Dairy Queen, and at an RV dealer, where we were both having routine maintenance performed.

"Our most recent contact was at our last chapter rally. We noticed a new Discovery near our rally point. I talked with the owner and his wife, gave them the brochure and a newsletter. The next morning before they left, she asked me if I could take their registrations and checks for both our chapter and DOAI. They are now new members.

"Region wise, I'm aware there areas where new chapters may be possible here in Texas. There are at least three possible locations. I also think chapters may be possible in Oklahoma and Arkansas. I will attempt to form chapters in these areas. Additionally, I will assist current chapters where and when needed."

SOUTHWEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT *Jim Casey*

Frank was a technician and manager on several metro rail projects. He relocated from Georgia to the northern Virginia area in 1985. He continued his work with CSC as an operations manager on many federal communications contracts. He retired from CSC in 2004 as a senior principle engineer for networks and relocated to Tennessee.

Frank and Isabel have been married for 43 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

SOUTHWEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT *Jim Casey*

Born in Hampton, Virginia, Jim graduated from high school in State College, Pennsylvania. Jim graduated from California State University in Long Beach with a degree in industrial engineering, and received his MBA from the University of Hawaii.



Jim served in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Walke (DD723) and swift boat duty in the Mekong Delta. He received three medals and two ribbons for combat service, with an honorable discharge. He married Marilyn in 1987. Between them they have six children and 15 grandchildren.

Employment has included positions in design engineering on the Saturn-Apollo and initial Space Shuttle programs, engineering of the initial Universal Product Code (UPC) product system development, director of quality assurance for Dole (Hawaiian Pineapple) Foods Company, vice president of operations for an entertainment and motion picture company in Hollywood/Burbank, California, founder/co-founder of three successful entrepreneurial companies, executive vice president and principle partner in a global nutraceuticals company, and owner and principle broker of Jim Casey Real Estate, Inc. until his recent retirement in 2005.

Over the years Jim has been involved with various civic and

community organizations such as Rotary, President's Roundtable of the Chamber of Commerce, The Children's Hospital Foundation, and the Elks.

Jim has been a virtual lifetime camper, having tent camped in childhood years with his parents, as well as the Boy Scouts of America. Progressing from a tent to a pop-up tent camper and then to a travel trailer. He purchased his first pop-up tent camper in 1968, then a travel trailer, and he purchased his first Class A motor home in 1986.

In 2004, Marilyn and Jim purchased their current Discovery and continue to enjoy the freedom, the fun, and the camaraderie of the RVing lifestyle. In early 2007 they went full time. They have toured 49 states (including Hawaii), and they are looking forward to visiting Alaska – the "Last Frontier" – in about two years.

Jim and Marilyn attended the 2005 national rally in York, Pennsylvania, and the 2006 national in San Antonio. They are looking forward to 2007 national in Phoenix this November.

Jim worked with the late Gerald Embry to re-activate the California Goodtimers chapter, which was a rousing success. Gerald was elected president of the "new" chapter, and Jim served as vice president and newsletter editor.

Upon the sudden death of Gerald, Jim was appointed interim vice president of the region.

Jim writes: "It is my dedicated goal to continue the successful growth and development of not only the California Goodtimers, but also that of the Southwest region chapters and for the good of the DOAI as a whole.

"I look forward to working as a team player with the governing board and officers of DOAI and to continue to work for the best interests of DOAI, our chapters, and thus its members. I will work by advocating and promoting member benefits, friendship, camaraderie, and for a financially sound and prospering organization." ❖

SOUTHWEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT *Frank Cason*

Frank is a founding member of the Blue Ridge Discoverys and currently serves as president. He and wife, Isabel, joined DOAI in July 2006.



Frank was born in Byron, Georgia, and Isabel was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. They currently live in Chuckey, Tennessee.

Frank joined the U.S. Army immediately out of high school. After attending several technical communications schools, he was assigned to such exotic places as Guatemala, Fort Bragg, Panama Canal Zone, Fort Huachuca, Alaska, and Fort Gordon, Georgia. Frank retired from the Army with 24 years of service in August 1984, at the rank of sergeant major.

Upon retiring from the Army, Frank landed a position with Computer Sciences Corporation in Atlanta. At CSC

Fleetwood Technical Information

Exterior Cleaning and Care by Neil Buschur, Fleetwood Owner Relations

Your Fleetwood coach was built for the great outdoors. However sun, rain, dirt, snow, ice, road grime, tree sap, and insect buildup can cause damage to the exterior. To reduce wear and tear, here are some tips on cleaning and care to help keep your coach beautiful.

Awnings: Wash awnings and slide-out covers with a soft brush and a mild car wash solution in warm water. Allow to fully dry before retracting to protect against mildew. Avoid any cleaner not recommended for vinyl or canvas.

Entry Step: The entry step should be cleaned of all mud, salt, and road grime. Moving parts should be lubed monthly with a moisture and heat resistant penetrating grease such as *KwikLube*. Remove any rust right away and then paint the area.

Exterior Stripes and Decals: The pressure-sensitive decals on your RV should be treated like any painted surface on your vehicle. Test all cleaning solutions on a small section before using. Avoid household detergents containing alkali or ammonia, solvents, bleach, or abrasive cleaners. If using a high-pressure hose, keep nozzle at least 1.5 feet from surface area to avoid loosening decals, sealants, and getting any electrical connections wet. Do not allow spilled gasoline, anti-freeze, hydraulic fluid, or windshield washer fluid to stand on the paint or decals; remove immediately by rinsing with water and using a soft cloth.

Exterior Walls: Wash your vehicle often, especially when exposed to salty, dusty, acidic, or alkaline environments. Use commercially available RV/car wash soaps specifically designed for washing RVs or cars. Do not use solvent-based solutions for washing large areas. Do not wash the vehicle using extremely hot water or when the surface is hot; minerals in water can be difficult to remove once dried on the surface of the RV. If RV is new, for the first 30 days wash RV with water rinse only, and for the first 60 days do not wax the vehicle; this can cause loss of gloss to the finish. After 60 days, use only waxes designed for new clear coat finishes, also ones that offer UV protection. We do not recommend the use of silicone based products on exterior finishes. Avoid pressure washers when paint is fresh. As with the stripes and decals, keep pressure washer at least 1.5 feet away from surface especially areas that have stone chips. Avoid machine-type automated washing systems; also do not wash with stiff bristled brushes. Avoid aluminum brightener products, harsh alkaline detergents, ammonia based cleaners, automatic dishwashing solutions, solvents, bleaches, abrasive cleaners, and strong chemicals. Ice and snow should be brushed, not scraped, off. Have any paint nicks or scratches repaired as soon as they occur to protect against corrosion.

Tuff-ply Roof: Periodic cleaning is the primary maintenance. Alpha Systems suggests using *Murphy Oil Soap* with a soft nylon brush or sponge. A thorough cleaning with this product should

remove most stains. Sweep or dust loose dirt off roof before starting. To avoid streaking, be sure to rinse the entire vehicle thoroughly to prevent any roof grime from sticking to the sides of the vehicle. Never use citrus-based cleaners, harsh abrasives, or any product containing petroleum distillates on the rubber roof. Avoid using *Armor All* or other oil or solvent based cleaners, as they will leave a slick surface and possibly damage the membrane. Seams around roof vents, racks, ladders, and other roof mounted accessories should be checked and resealed every three months for tears, cracks, oxidation and gaps in the sealants.

Rubber Roof: Periodic cleaning (three to four times per year) is the primary maintenance required. Alpha Systems suggests using a household cleaner such as *Top Job*, *Spic and Span*, or *Ajax*. Alpha has found that the granulated cleaners do a little better job. Alpha also recommends using a medium bristle scrub brush instead of a sponge because the E.P.D.M. rubber roofing material is not smooth like Fibreglass. The rubber membrane needs to be scrubbed almost like a white wall tire.

Remember to rinse the roof completely to remove any soap residue and also rinse the sidewalls completely to prevent streaking. Be sure to inspect and reseal all sealants every three months as well.

Underbelly: Buildup of mud, dirt, and road chemicals on the underbelly should be removed by regular high pressure washing of the undercarriage in a commercial truck wash. If one is not available in your area, use a high-pressure nozzle to clean the undercarriage. If rust is found, treat immediately. Chemicals such as acetone, brake cleaners, or grease cleaners can

soften rubber items and undercoating. These types of chemicals should not be used for cleaning the underbelly. After traveling in areas where road salts and chemicals have been used for snow and ice removal, it is vital that the undercarriage of your motor home be thoroughly cleansed of salt and chemical deposits.

Side Power Mirrors: Clean mirror housing as you would the rest of the RV. Use glass cleaner on the reflective surface. Any cleaner that dulls the outside of the mirror shell or is not recommended for mirrors should be avoided.

Wheel Cleaners/Tire Dressings: Spray-on wheel cleaners are available at most RV supply stores. Tire dressings are not recommended for RV tires. If you have aluminum wheels, you must use a metal polish specifically formulated for these materials or damage to the finish could occur. Do not use the same brush on the wheels as you do the sidewalls.

Removing Bugs, Tar, and Sap: Removing road tar, sap, and bugs requires the use of strong solvents and a lot of elbow grease. Generally speaking, the sooner you remove these, the easier it will be on both you and your RV. Use only products specifically designed for this purpose. Follow manufacturers' directions when using these products. ❖

The information contained in this article is to educate customers on what should be done to help keep up with the exterior care of your RV. Regular cleaning and prompt maintenance are the most effective steps you can take to protect your motor home and investment.

Items for Sale

This page is available to DOAI members, free of charge, on a space-available basis.

Because of space limitations, all sale and want ads are extremely brief.

Complete information, plus color photos where available, are included on the DOAI Web site

(www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.htm)

Discovery Motor Homes for Sale

1998 36R: Clean! 2004 Mazda pickup also available. **Nancy Neal;** 847.373.5143; *nm445@aol.com* **Both \$67,000; RV only \$50,000**

1999 37V: 44,000 miles. **Robert Santopadre;** 504.464.0594; 504.723.2113. **\$70,000 OBO**

2001.5 37U: 40,000 miles. 2006 Saturn Vue also available. **Marvin Anderson;** 715.635.9469; *carmar54028@yahoo.com* **\$87,000**

2002 37T: 26,000 miles. 2006 Chevrolet Colorado 4X4 also available. **Julia Embry;** 760.947.6950; *jmembry36@verizon.net* **Both \$130,000; RV only \$105,900 OBO**

2002 37U: 48,000 miles. **Michael Morocco;** 412.607.0809; 724.863.5044; *railingman@comcast.net* **\$97,000**

2002 38P: Low miles. **Raymond Martin;** 813.642.9248; *dwe1835@wmconnect.com* **\$96,500**

2004 39S: 38,000 miles. 2004 Nissan Xterra 4x4 also available. **Hank Greer;** 432.559.7436 (leave message); *greergetaway@hughes.net* **Both \$142,000; RV only \$128,000**

2006 39L: 4,000+ miles. **Donnie Herron;** 803.225.0264 **\$159,000**

Discovery-Related Items for Sale

SPLENDIDE 2000 WASHER/DRYER (WD802m), excellent condition. **\$500 plus shipping**

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Brad Finn, 315.703.9666; *brad13159@yahoo.com*

TRAVELSOFT (The Original Traveling Water Softener as seen at Camping World for \$279), nearly new. **\$150**

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DOG FENCE, 36-inches tall, fold flat for storing, has door opening in one panel. **\$30**

Gwen Greer; 432.559.7436 (leave message); *greergetaway@hughes.net*

ARMRESTS FOR FLEXSTEEL SEATS, UltraLeather, ostrich clay color, non-adjustable, like new. Can deliver to the 2007 national rally in Arizona to save shipping costs. **Jack Harootunian;** 417.881.7126; *jharootunian@sbcglobal.net* **\$25 plus shipping**

CUMMINS 5.9L ENGINE w/ALLISON 6-SPD TRANNY, from 1999 Discovery; excellent condition; engine with 98,000 miles; priced as a package; will separate if necessary. **Frank Caetano;** 559.237.0487; *caetano747@yahoo.com* **\$6,000**

HUB NUT WRENCH: **Donald Cullins,** 9025 Robinhood Cir., Westerville, OH 43082-9665; *scdc432@sbcglobal.net*. **\$14.95 each plus \$3 s/h**

Discovery-Related Items Wanted

ROADMASTER BASE PLATES for 1993-1999 Ford Ranger two-wheel-drive extended cab. **Gerald Donald;** 541.935.4917; *jvdmad@peoplepc.com*

SWIVEL/RECLINER, camel/beige leather for 1998 Discovery. Planning to attend Arizona rally. **Paul Goshay;** 661.589.7817; *w6we@bak.rr.com*

GAS RANGE WITH OVEN, 22 inches, for 2001.5 37U. I have the stovetop unit with walnut drawers to swap, or will buy range with oven. DC area. **Cilla Reesman;** 301.807.6375; *walesmaven@aol.com*

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Hints and Tips

- ☞ **Did you know** there is a toll-free number for “Information” that you can use instead of dialing 411? Cell phone carriers charge at least \$1 every time you dial 411 to get a phone number. Instead, dial 800.373.3411 and it won’t cost you anything to get the number you need. You might want to program this number into your cell phone right now!

- ☞ **Did you know** that Splendide recommends we *not* use dryer sheets in their units? There is a possibility that the sensors inside the unit can become coated, which reduces the machine’s efficiency. Janet Sexton recommends using the dryer balls (sold by Bed, Bath and Beyond). She says the ball fluffs the items in the drying stage, eliminating the need for dryer sheets.

- ☞ **Did you know** that you can earn a free year’s membership by getting three D owners to join DOAI? Contact your region vice president for extra DOAI brochures and copies of this newsletter. Help spread the word about our great model-specific organization!

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Welcome to an organization open to all owners of Discovery motor homes by Fleetwood RV. DOAI is an organization intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among members.

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Mail the form below with your check payable to *Discovery Owners Association, Inc.* to:

Portia Williams, Membership Director
P. O. Box 95
St. George, UT 84771-0095

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, ZIP+4 Code/Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

Discovery Year and Model _____ E-Mail Address _____

Is this your first RV? Yes _____ No _____ Are you a full-time or part-time RVer? _____

Who recommended DOAI membership to you? _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ representing (*check one*): One year Three years Five years



Southeast 2008 Region Rally *Winter Carnivale*

Lazydays RallyPark, Seffner, Florida
ARRIVE: Thursday, January 24* – **DEPART: Tuesday, January 29**
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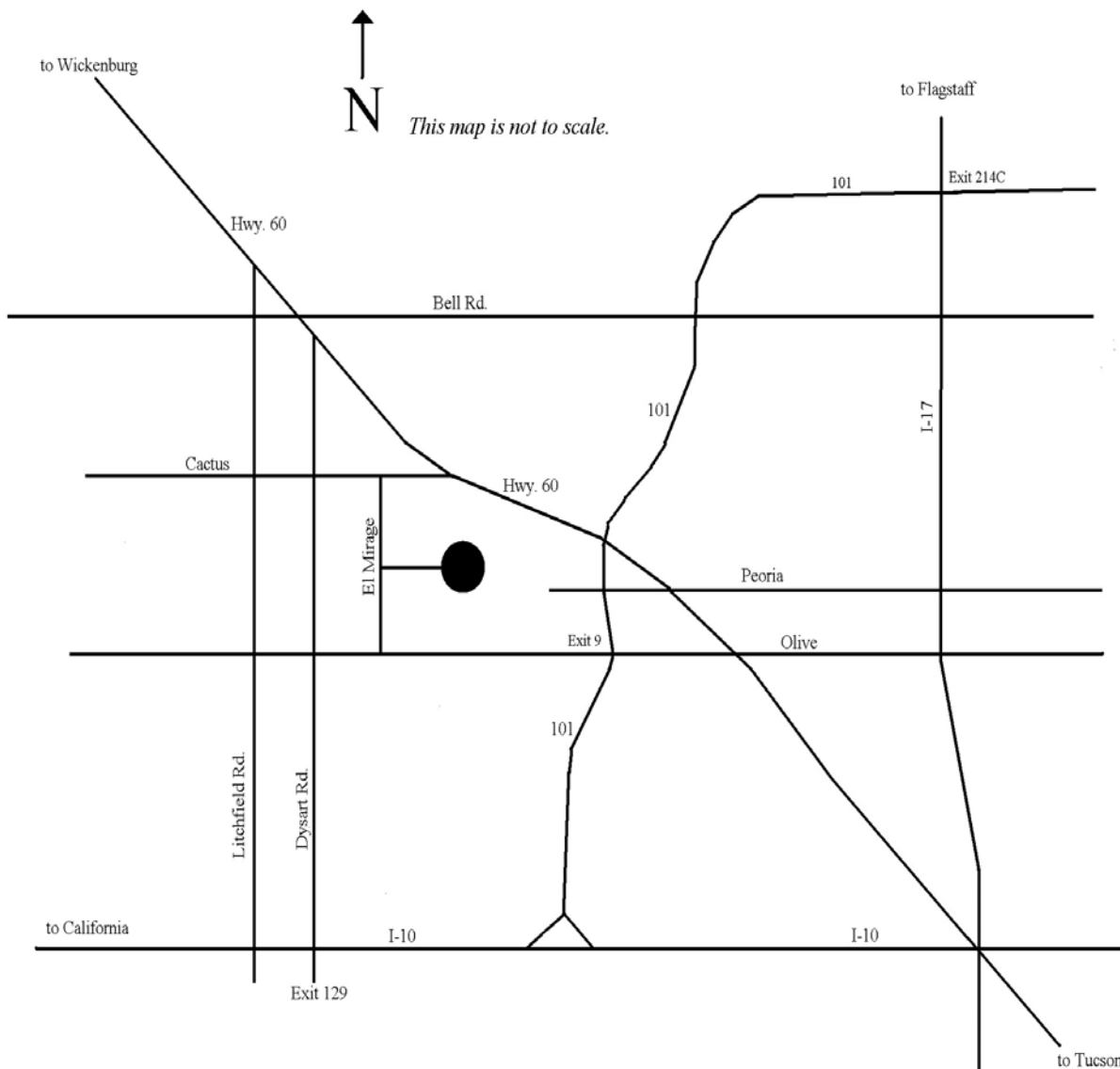
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 Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
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 City, State, Zip _____
 DOAI # _____ Discovery Year/Model _____ Length _____
 Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 Handicap Parking? Yes No Is this your first DOAI rally? Yes No
 Emergency Contact Name _____ Telephone _____
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 Address _____

Rally Fee (\$265.00 for 2 people) \$ _____
Additional Person (45.00) \$ _____

Make check payable to **Discovery Owners Association, Inc.** and mail to:
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Map to the 2007 National Rally



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From the southeast via Tucson: I-10 west, exit on Dysart Road (Exit 129), north to Olive Avenue, east to El Mirage, north and *

From the west via California: I-10 east, exit on Dysart Road (Exit 129), north to Olive Avenue, east to El Mirage, north and *

From the northwest via Wickenburg: Highway 60, exit on Dysart Road, south to Cactus Avenue, east to El Mirage, south and *

***Watch for the DISCOVERY banner, balloons, and arrow signs . . . they will direct you to our private entrance.**

Discoverys in the Desert

**PUEBLO EL MIRAGE RV & GOLF RESORT
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TOURS: NOVEMBER 5 AND 6; GOLF: NOVEMBER 5**



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Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
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 Served in the Military? Yes _____ Branch of Service _____
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 Need handicap parking? Yes _____ E-Mail _____
 DOAI # _____ DOAI Region Affiliation _____ First National Rally? _____
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 Guest(s) Name, City, State _____

Registration:

\$220.00 per coach with two adults (November 6-10) \$ _____
 \$180.00 per coach with one adult (November 6-10) \$ _____
 \$60.00 each additional person (November 6-10) x _____ persons = \$ _____

Early Arrival and Events:

Sun. Nov. 4 _____ Mon. Nov. 5 _____ x \$30.00/night = \$ _____
Tour 1: Mon. Nov 5 - Heard Museum (limit 50) \$20.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
Tour 2: Tues. Nov. 6 - Tent City/Stoudemires (limit 30) \$15.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
Golf: Mon. Nov 5 - \$50.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
 \$20 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) \$ _____
 → → **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSN., INC.** Check Enclosed \$ _____

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Geri Cozens, Registrar, PO Box 17402, Munds Park, AZ 86017-7402

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We'll be treated to four nights of entertainment, and complimentary progressive lunch.

The Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is waiting to welcome you to *Discoverys in the Desert* November 6-10, 2007, at Pueblo El Mirage RV & Golf Resort, El Mirage, Arizona.

Y'all come! Visit www.geocities.com/discoverysinthedesert for more information, or call 888.857.7048.



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