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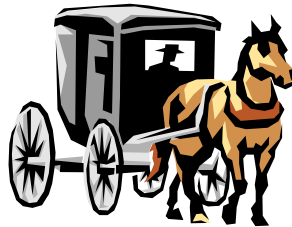
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*For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.* – Robert Louis Stevenson, 1886

*He that travels much, knows much.*  
– Thomas Fuller, M.D., 1732

*In traveling: a man must carry knowledge with him, if he would bring home knowledge.*  
– Samuel Johnson, 1778



## Dutch Treat Rally 2005 National Rally at the York EXPO Center, Fairgrounds York, Pennsylvania - August 9-13, 2005

### LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS!

MAIL REGISTRATION BY JULY 25 TO AVOID \$10 LATE FEE

#### HERE ARE MORE HIGHLIGHTS ...

★ **Rally-goers may arrive TWO DAYS EARLY, but no sooner. Other events are scheduled for the fairgrounds which allow us just those two early days.**



★ **Bring your CRAFTS, WHITE ELEPHANTS, AND BOOKS for our craft/white elephant sale and book exchange, scheduled for Friday, 10 a.m.-noon. Go home with new goodies and new reading material!**



★ **If you plan to tour HARLEY-DAVIDSON FACTORY, contact Tony Bohn right away for preliminary planning. His e-mail is [anton.bohn@usa.dupont.com](mailto:anton.bohn@usa.dupont.com)**

★ **A SPECIAL PLACE will be provided for the ladies to work on crafts, congregate to socialize, etc. This was a suggestion from Sedalia last year.**

★ **The PFALTZGRAFF FACTORY is for sale! Be sure to take the tour, and don't forget to visit the gift shop.**

★ **There are TONS MORE INFORMATION inside this issue ... read it all, then get your registration in the mail right away. The form is found on page 22. Let's rally together in York next month!**



**ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

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**Member addresses and telephone numbers** published in this newsletter are for members' personal use only.

**Toll-free numbers** for officers and chairmen are to be used **only** for DOAI business.

**Members** are encouraged to send in articles, tips, and even questions and/or comments.

**Material** for the newsletter may be sent via e-mail or U.S. Post Office. Photos are welcome, and if sent via e-mail should be in either .jpg or .bmp format. Photos sent by regular mail will be scanned and returned unharmed to contributors. **All submissions will be acknowledged.**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Phil Yovino

**T**ime is just flying by, and it's time to be thinking about the officers of our great club. This is an important time in our organization, as the decisions we make in this election will be in force for the next two years.

This year, in our Fall issue, we will include a brief biographical item of each nominee, along with his or her photo. We're in hopes that having the information and picture will encourage each of you to fill out the ballot form, and take an active part in your DOAI election.

The last election had just two officer positions with

more than one member running; it's no wonder we had such a low turnout. If you feel there are issues that need attention, now is the time to be counted. Nominate someone you feel will make a difference, or at least fill out the ballot and be counted. Bob Baugh, our past president, heads the nominating committee, and is ready to hear from you.

On another note, your board of directors has approved our first Discovery Owners Association brochure, and 20,000 have been printed. Three copies are included in this issue. Fold them into thirds, and have them handy to pass out to other Discovery motor home owners who are not DOAI members whom you may meet in your travels. Be sure to put your name in the registration form on the line, "Who recommended membership in DOAI to you?" We'll keep track of how many new members

each current member recruits during the year, and a suitable reward will be given to those who are successful. (More on this in the next issue of *Discovery EXPRESS*.)

We will have the brochures available at the national rally in York in August. We will also be shipping brochures to each chapter president, for distribution to chapter members. Fleetwood dealers will be provided with a supply, and Fleetwood has agreed to put a brochure in each owner's packet at the factory.

This is just one of many items the board had to consider and put a value on and vote upon. You could be a part of this board! At every national and region rally, the board reviews the operations of DOAI and suggests changes for the betterment of all members. I must say, the board members have been very active and did a super job for the members.

Last, but not least, send in your registration form and fee to Marian Giordano for this super event in York. Folks, this is going to be one great outing for all the family. Just think, it's in August and you can bring the kids. There is so much to see and do. Is there a better way of counting your \$\$ and getting the most for your buck? Let's all plan on being in York and renewing our Discovery friendships.

Safe travels to all, and I'll see you in York! ❖



**Potential Candidates,  
DOAI needs you! Consider  
running for office!**

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## DEADLINE FOR FALL ISSUE CHANGED

**B**ecause the Fall issue will contain the election ballot, we want to get it in your hands no later than October 10. That means the **deadline** for copy for the Fall issue has been changed this one time to **September 1, 2005**.

Please note on your calendars this important date. We don't want to miss including any information from any member, chapter, region, or officer.

If you have questions, please contact the editor, Nina Lee Soltwedel, at 888.786.2962, or [soltwedel45@hotmail.com](mailto:soltwedel45@hotmail.com). ❖

## LAST MINUTE RALLY INFORMATION

- ⇒ **Coach weighing** will be available at the rally!
- ⇒ **Freightliner** will sponsor the Wednesday evening dinner and horse race. Freightliner has also given DOAI financial support in the publication of DOAI's new brochure!
- ⇒ **Aon Recreation Insurance** will sponsor our ice cream social.
- ⇒ **Kingfisher Systems** will sponsor our Internet connection at the fairgrounds.
- ⇒ **Hook-up** will require a 50' electrical cord, and 50' sewer hose with a Y connector with a backflow prevention valve (these valves may be purchased at places like Lowe's).
- ⇒ **Ladies!** For the Red Hat Social, bring your teacup and \$1. For the Pennsylvania Dutch Derby at White Rose Downs, we encourage you to wear your "biggest and bestest" hats, just like women do at Churchill Downs in Louisville.
- ⇒ **A Style Show** will be presented by the Midwest Discoverers at the Card Bingo party.
- ⇒ **Alcohol:** The fairgrounds has a liquor license, so if DOAI were to supply alcohol, we would have to buy it through the fairgrounds and use their bartenders, and this would be pricey. **If you want cocktails or wine** before/with dinner, bring your own.
- ⇒ **Craft/White Elephant Sale:** If you plan to participate by selling, please contact John and Jean Zidek right away! They may be reached at 82 Easy St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-1329; telephone 609.861.1878; [jzidek@dandy.net](mailto:jzidek@dandy.net).
- ⇒ **55 Alive - Learn and Save:** Want a five percent discount on your RV insurance? If so, sign up now for the AARP-sponsored safe driving course. It takes about eight hours, includes a review of driving laws, how to drive defensively, what to do about aggressive drivers, and adjustments to your driving habits to account for changes in vision, hearing, and reflexes. The course is scheduled for **Thursday afternoon and Friday morning**, and costs **\$10 per person**. To receive the discount, each person on the policy must attend. To register, contact the seminar coordinator, Marshall Godwin, [godwin.marshall@kingfishersys.com](mailto:godwin.marshall@kingfishersys.com), or 540.379.6767. There is a limit on the minimum and maximum number of attendees, so register early.
- ⇒ **WiFi at Rally:** For all you wireless folks, WiFi will be at the York rally. A seminar on dealing with Internet connectivity from dial-up to satellite is scheduled. If you want help getting set up for wireless, bring your laptop to the seminar. The Internet Connectivity seminar will take place in late afternoon on arrival day. To connect to the WiFi network, you need **either** built-in WiFi capability, **or** a wireless network adapter compatible with at least the 802.11g standard.
- ⇒ **Dutch Country Golf Outing:** While attending the rally, come out and join fellow D owners for a round of golf at Briarwood Golf Club in York. Please register TODAY by contacting Alan Richie at 856.467.3421, or [alanandarlene1@comcast.net](mailto:alanandarlene1@comcast.net). The outing is scheduled for Thursday morning, August 11.
- ⇒ **Magnetic Bookmarks Craft Class:** You'll have an opportunity to create an assortment of magnetic bookmarks for your own use and as gifts. The supplies will cost **\$4 per person**, and there will be a wide assortment of fabric patterns available from which to choose. In the hour's time, you should be able to create six to 12 bookmarks. Please bring a pair of scissors, which will be used to trim fabric and heavy paper, a 12" ruler, and a pencil. All other supplies and equipment will be available at the workshop. Sign up and pay when you check in at the rally desk. Questions? Contact Nina Soltwedel, 888.786.2962, or [soltwedel45@hotmail.com](mailto:soltwedel45@hotmail.com).
- ⇒ **York Seminars:** In addition to getting together with friends and fellow D owners, seminars are an important part of our national rallies. The line-up for this year's rally is one of the best. Whether you are interested in technical information, safety, RV products, or crafts, we have something planned for you at the *Dutch Treat Rally*. The list includes:
 

Fleetwood	Freightliner
Caterpillar	Cummins
Allison	Onan
Norcold	Weight & Tire Safety
55 Alive Safe Driving	Travel Safety
SkyMed	Photography
Crafts with Computers	Memory Book Craft
Magnetic Bookmarks	MW/Convection Cooking
Internet Connectivity	Computer Security
12-Volt System	Supplemental Braking
RV Tank Products	RV Sunscreens

## LOOKING TOWARD 2006 NATIONAL

by Garry Shirey

Plans are being finalized at this time to put on a grand rally for the 10th anniversary of the Discovery motor home. The rally will be at the Blazing Star RV Resort in San Antonio, Texas. San Antonio has lots to offer. There is (of course) the Alamo, plus the botanical gardens, the early missions, and Riverwalk.

I am conducting a small survey on just what the membership would like to have at this rally. Please consider the following and then e-mail your responses to me.

1. Which is more important – good food or pricey entertainment?
2. Since there will be a limit on the number of coaches (200), will you be attending?
3. Would you be willing to pay for a buffet breakfast each morning?
4. Would you prefer a t-shirt or pin (tie-tack type) to commemorate this rally?

This is **your** club, and what you put into it is what you get out of it. With that said, help me out and give me feedback. I also welcome suggestions and help of any kind! ❖

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

by Joyce Bednarczyk

The first board meeting was called to order by Phil Yovino, president, on January 27, 2005, at 3 p.m. In attendance: Phil Yovino, Don Fuller, Tom Fields, Mac McIlvaine, John Baker, Pete Pizzano, and Jim Devine.



Minutes from October 4, 2004 meeting read by F. E. Sawyer in absence of the secretary. Spelling corrections and treasurer's report clarification that \$65,000 means net worth, not money in the bank. Minutes approved as corrected.

1. **Election of Officers:** Discussion on how to handle the election, secrecy of ballots, presentation of candidates, and how to get the general membership involved. Imperative we get feedback from the membership and encourage people to take positions of office. It was suggested that a letter from the president, encouraging members to run for office, suggest candidates and vote would help. A form for election of officers by mail was submitted. No action taken. Questioned if a photo and résumé of each candidate should accompany each ballot. No action taken. Question if they vote without a return stamp included with ballot. No decision reached. What are length of terms for officers and how many terms can you serve? It was determined that the bylaws need to be studied by each board member so we can make informed decisions. A copy will be furnished to all board members who do not have one. Jim Devine and Mac McIlvaine will prepare form to hand out to the general membership, requesting their suggestions, at happy hour January 28.
2. **Color ads and commercial sponsors for the newsletter:** John Baker moved we start advertising in the next issue of *Discovery EXPRESS* with only three sponsors' four-color ads. Seconded by Mac McIlvaine and motion passed. If fourth sponsor could not be found, the club would make up the difference. The three sponsors we currently have are Freightliner, Caterpillar, and Dometic. John Baker will solicit sponsors for ads.

Phil Yovino reminded everyone to arrive at the welcome party, ready to hand out material to the general membership. Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried.

The second board meeting was called to order by Phil Yovino on January 29 at 3:30 p.m. In attendance: Jim Devine, Dick Snyder, Don Fuller, John Baker, Tom Fields, Phil Yovino, Pete Pizzano, and Mac McIlvaine. Also attending was Fleetwood representative George Weart, national owner relations manager.

The meeting purpose was to form Discovery Owners Advisory Group. (*Note: A full report on this was included in the Spring 2005 issue of this newsletter, page 10. We will not reprint it here in interests of saving space. The rest of the minutes follow.*)

George Weart stressed importance of bond between DOAI and Fleetwood, and their need of owner feedback on product and service issues, and problems with dealers.

Discussion about dealer warranty work since closing of factory service facilities. There are 100 to 115 dealers who do 70 percent of all Fleetwood warranty work, and Fleetwood will re-evaluate all dealers to improve this service.

Discussion regarding Fleetwood philosophy changes toward quality and service causing some turmoil in the industry. Mr. Weart advised Fleetwood is making progress in the effort to develop dealers to a higher level of competence, experience, and service. If dealers are unable to help, then Fleetwood will bring in a factory representative to solve the problems.

Fleetwood will supply articles of interest to the DOAI quarterly newsletter, and will have someone participate in our chats, monitor traffic, and give unfiltered feedback. Send newsletter to George Weart at his home address.

Discussed the newsletter and requested Fleetwood help with expense of \$2,000 per year for four issues, including full color front and back.

Phil Yovino reiterated that the six regional vice presidents would be responsible for their region to make sure the information from members is forwarded to Don Fuller, who, in turn, will forward to Fleetwood. He emphasized the importance to pass on both good and bad information.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and passed. ❖

**Why belong to DOAI?** Three reasons: Making new friends. Enjoying travel to rallies and seeing different parts of the country. Comparing motor homes, solving problems, and seeing others' modifications. – Dick and Brenda Snyder

**SCHEDULE OF RALLIES**

**AUGUST 2005 –**

9-13 **National Rally, Dutch Treat Rally, York EXPO Center, Fairgrounds, York, PA**



18-21 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Grandfather Mountain RV Park, Boone, NC

**SEPTEMBER 2005 –**

2-4 Discovery Pioneers, Elk Meadows RV Park, Estes Park, CO

8-11 Mid-South Roadrunners and Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Old Morganton Festival Days, Morganton, NC

15-17 Discovery Texans, Lazy Longhorn, Victoria, TX

22-24 Louisiana Mudbugs, Lakeside RV Park, Livingston, LA

T/B/A Dixie Travelers, Hollywood Casino RV Park, Tunica, MS

**OCTOBER 2005 –**

5-10 Midwest Discoverers, 1,000 Island Campground, Clayton, NY

14-16 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Country Waye RV Park, Luray, VA

**NOVEMBER 2005 –**

4-6 Texas Disco Road Runners, Canton Trade Days, Staway RV Park, Murchison, TX

10-13 Arizona Discovery Owners, Tucson, AZ

11-13 Louisiana Mudbugs, North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA

17-19 Discovery Texans, I-35 RV Park, Elm Mott (Waco area), TX

T/B/A Mid-South Roadrunners, New Orleans, LA

**DECEMBER 2005 –**

1-4 Texas Disco Road Runners, Galveston, TX, park to be announced

**JANUARY 2006 –**

19-21 Discovery Texans, Red Oak Ranch, Hempstead, TX

26-31 Southeast Region Rally, *Tri-Chapter Friendship Festival*, Lazydays Rally Park, Seffner, FL

**MARCH 2006 –**

16-18 Discovery Texans, Tres Rios RV Park, Glen Rose, TX

**MAY 2006 –**

18-20 Discovery Texans, Shallow Creek RV Park, Gladewater, TX

**JUNE 2006 –**

5-9 Midwest Discoverers, Scenic Hills RV Park, Berlin, OH

**SEPTEMBER 2006 –**

12-18 Midwest Discoverers, Northern Michigan (Mackinaw and Sault Ste. Marie), parks T/B/A

21-23 Discovery Texans, Wilderness Lakes RV Park, Mathis, TX

**OCTOBER 2006 –**

8-14 **National Rally, Discover the Alamo, Blazing Star RV Resort, San Antonio, TX**



**NOVEMBER 2006 –**

16-18 Skyline Ranch, Bandera, TX

**2007 National Rally, Southwest Region**

**2008 National Rally, Southeast Region**

**2009 National Rally, Northwest Region**

Please send your rally schedule to the editor for inclusion in the next issue (**deadline September 1**). Thanks! ❖



**P**lease continue to let the editor know of those DOAI members who need our thoughts and prayers. This time we ask you to remember . . .

...Edna Ryan and her family. Husband Frank died May 29; they were longtime members of Discovery Texans (photo was taken at the 2004 national rally in Sedalia).



Frank Ryan

...Allen Robinson, Leon Sikes, Margie Franks, Pat Birdwell, Phil Yovino, Pete Pizzano, and Bobby and Fay Williams, that their health situations continue to improve.

...Jean and Manual Salter and family. Jean's father passed away recently.

...Barbara Koch and her family. Husband Ed died April 25.

...Sam Warner and his family. Wife Jan died in May after battling cancer. ❖

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## FOUNDERS' FORUM

by Jim and Dorothy Devine

*"If we can't work, we won't come."*

– Harvey and Marion Becker



**H**arvey and Marion joined the Discovery Club June 20, 1998...just 66 days after it was formed. They were the 59th Discovery owners to join our club. Only 15 members have a lower membership number than the Beckers. As I write this, Harvey and Marion are only three days away from their seventh year in the Discovery Owners Association!

Harvey Becker is the first member of our club to hold the title of National Rally Master. He was in charge of our very first national rally held in September 1999 in Richmond, Indiana. They got a dealer (Tom Raper) to host our national rally and it was located less than a 100 miles from Decatur. I am not sure if that was great planning or dumb luck. Factory support was a big part of the rally and the Beckers are in large part responsible for that.

How many of us can say we have attended **all** of our national rallies? Harvey and Marion have! They tell me they enjoy the rallies and have even a better time when they are involved in the rally and they always volunteer at each of the rallies. If you are wondering about the quote at the beginning of this article, it's Harvey's and is a comment heard many times over by members involved in putting on a rally.

If you liked the food at the 2004 National Rally in Sedalia, thank Harvey and Marion. They were in charge of all things "food." In fact, they were on the advance team for the rally and made several trips to Sedalia, scouting out caterers, door prizes, and coordinating with the fairground and the Chamber of Commerce long before the rally.

I think most of us have enjoyed their "card bingo" at each rally. Obviously they enjoy doing things at our rallies to help us have a good time.

Our pleasure is their reward. We just don't have enough Harveys and Marions in the world! They are gentle, steadfast, reliable, and "people loving." If you know them personally, consider yourself fortunate.

Harvey and Marion celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this past March 15, and are in the process of selling their Discovery. They spend the winter in Yuma, Arizona, and the rest of the year in Almond, Wisconsin. They now have a place in each city and will commute in their toad instead of pulling it with them.

Harvey and Marion called me and wanted me to let everyone know how much they enjoyed making so many good friends over the years, and they hope the members will stay in touch. Their email address is [becker365@aol.com](mailto:becker365@aol.com) ❖



Harvey and Marian  
Becker

## REGION NEWS

### Northeast Region

by John Baker

**D**iscovery owners from the Northeast Region met in Somerset, Pennsylvania in May. Jane and John Wimer kept us busy with games, quizzes, fashion shows, eating, and touring. The time was also used to review plans and recruit help for the national rally in York in August. Preparing for the national rally has kept us busy this year. However, we are looking forward to relaxing after the rally at two chapter rallies planned for fall.

The Nor'easters chapter has a rally planned for northern Pennsylvania, near the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania and the Finger Lakes region of New York. The hosts will be Sally and Don Vedder along with Dorie and I. We hope to tour some of the wineries, as well as Corning Glass and Watkins Glen.

Immediately thereafter, the Midwest Discoverers will have a campout October 5-10 in the Thousand Islands area of New York. The Gibsons are hosting that one and planning several events. ❖

### South Central Region

by Garry Shirey

**M**embers from the three region chapters – Louisiana Mudbugs, Discovery Texans, and Texas Disco Road Runners – 27 coaches in all – gathered in Brackettville, Texas in early April for a rolling rally. Termed a "get acquainted rally," it meant no work and no meetings.

We began at Fort Clark Campgrounds, and spent three days exploring the area, which includes the site of the filming

of the John Wayne movie, "The Alamo." We took picnic lunches and spent several hours investigating the old movie set and adjacent museum. It was nice to sit outside at dusk and watch the deer and wild turkeys stroll through the park, as we enjoyed the fellowship of D owners.

From Brackettville, we caravanned to Sanderson, Texas, camping in a cow pasture adjacent to a rodeo arena. The roping club treated us to a fine meal. During that night, Betty and Mas Konatsu received word that her uncle had died, and we sent them on to Arkansas with our prayers.

Our next stop was Presidio, Texas, in Big Bend country (but we had to stop first at the Burnt Biscuit in Marathon...a "must" stop if you're ever in the area). Spring had arrived in Big Bend; wild flowers were everywhere! We saw antelope, deer, and the occasional coyote out in pastures and along the road. We spent a couple of days to sightsee and play a round of golf or two, and of course, eat.

The next leg of our trip, to Study Butte, Texas, was a hard one...73 miles of some of the most beautiful country in west Texas. Wild flowers, animals, and some of the time we were right alongside the Rio Grande, and then back into the hills. We did encounter a 15 percent grade, but all the D's made it without breathing hard.

At Study Butte we settled in for some serious exploring of Big Bend National Park...a nice size little park of 801,000 acres (remember, this is Texas!), or 1,251.5625 square miles. That's a little more than a man can ride a horse in a day's time, and that was how ranches were measured "back when." That, my friends, is a "fur piece." *Continued on next page...*

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We were right in time to catch the wild flowers, and the cacti were doing themselves proud. There was a multitude of colors, and the cactus flowers looked almost like the wax flowers you see in stores. One of the prettiest of the cactus flowers is the ocotillo. This is a tall, spiny, desert candlewood cactus, yet it has a most beautiful red bloom and it smells heavenly. We stopped on a hill and out across the desert floor there seemed to be a red haze about six feet off the ground as far as we could see. Beautiful!

Our next move was to Fort Davis, Texas. We set up camp

at the Prude Ranch...a lovely place for exploring and horseback riding. The group scattered like quail and everyone sought different things to admire. As a group we attended a star-gazing party at the McDonald Observatory a few miles away. We also enjoyed more fine entertainment and more good food.

Finally it was time to break up the great party and head for parts unknown. As planned, more or less, it did turn out to be a fun rally, Oh, there were a couple of bumps in the road...a flat tire, non-working generators, battery problems...but I believe everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Jay Keneson, our rally master, for a great planned-and-executed rolling rally. ♦



Distinguished DOAI officers, Phil and Tom, discovered in a compromising situation in the stockade at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas  
*Photo courtesy of Jim Fisher*



First evening gathered around the campfire at the rolling rally.  
*Photo courtesy of Elsie Sikes*



Dorothy Devine, Tom Fields, Jim Devine outside the Burnt Biscuit  
*Photo courtesy of Elsie Sikes*



The rigs parked in the cow pasture in Sanderson  
*Photo courtesy of Elsie Sikes*

**CHAPTER NEWS**  
**Louisiana Mudbugs**

*by Doug Cagle*

As always with Cajuns, the saying is *laissez les bons temps rouler* (in English, let the good times roll). That's exactly what the Louisiana Mudbugs did on the weekend of March 3-6. Seventeen coaches and two guest coaches met at Frenchman's Wilderness Campground in the middle of the Atachafalaya Basin at Butte La Rose, Louisiana. Thursday night got everyone in the mood for a weekend of good food and lots of Cajun stories with dinner at Pat Huval's Swamp Restaurant in Henderson. Twenty-three

chapter members enjoyed fried crawfish, alligator, shrimp and fish, Cajun style. This group never saw food like this!

The weekend was highlighted with a tour of the Atachafalaya Basin visitor's center, where the group learned the history of this wonderland of nature, then on to a two-hour boat tour of the basin complete with a Cajun French speaking captain out of McGee's Landing in Henderson. Jim Devine talked to the alligators and all the other animals at the visitor's center...and had everyone believing that the animals talked back.

Rally hosts Anne Gros and Diane Cagle escorted the group on a fun-filled and educational boat trip in the Basin where the group came face to face with a real live alligator and a number of other swamp animals and wildlife.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed Cajun chicken and sausage gumbo (prepared by Anne) and crawfish

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Letting the good times roll, these Mudbugs had a ball.  
*Photo courtesy of Doug Cagle*



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ettouféé (prepared by co-host Doug Cagle). The group paid tribute to nine veterans who are members of the Mudbugs and observed a moment of silence and prayer for our armed services men and women in Iraq. Of the 38 members and guests attending the rally, 22 walked away with very nice door prizes donated by Gautier RV, Stevens RV, and Jackie Edgar RV, all of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Members and guests attending the rally at Frenchman's Wilderness were: Carolyn and Keith Barnes, Diane and Doug Cagle, Mary and Howard Campbell, Anne and Johnny Gros, Debby and S.J. Hemleben, Jane and Soc Lorant, Jan and Mac McIlvaine, Betty and Alfred Miller, Jo and Harlon Nobles, Donna and Fred Reid, Virginia and Glenn Sapp, Anita Scott and friend Melba, Evelyn and Buddy Sykes, Deezy and Sam Williams, honorary members and DOAI founders Dorothy and Jim Devine, Shirley and Wayne Farnsworth, Geraldine and Charles Keene, Diane and Jacques Bourgeois from Montreal, Canada, and Neva and Ken Jardine from Salt Lake City, Utah. ❖

### Arizona Discovery Owners *by Wanda May*

**A**s a young chapter, the Arizona Discovery Owners have caught the rally spirit! The first week of May, seven coaches attended the rally at Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort in Pahrump, Nevada (63 miles west of Las Vegas). What a beautiful park! The Southwest Region Vice President, Gerald Embry, and his wife joined us for part of the rally.

Fourteen people shared the fun touring and sampling at the Pahrump Winery, and shopping. Of course, you don't go to Nevada and not visit the casinos! No big winners to report, however. One night, the grills were fired up for a great cookout, and time was spent getting better acquainted.

On our last day, lunch was served at Sherrie's Ranch, followed by a tour of the facilities and detailed information on how they run the business. We all agreed Sherrie's Ranch is a very unusual, but apparently, a great success.

Our next rally is November 10-13, traveling south to Karchner Caverns near Tucson, Arizona. ❖

### Discovery Pioneers *by Joyce Wiechman*

**T**hanks to Neil and Marlene Elkins, our summer season was off with a big bang. The original rally plan was scheduled for the first weekend in May in Moab, Utah. They decided to take a side trip to Monument Valley and invited anyone who cared to join them. Pioneers are a lot like a baseball movie: "if you build it, they will come." The Elkins invited us and we came. Out of the 12 units, all but two were not at the pre-rally in Monument Valley. If you have never been there on the Arizona/Utah border, put it on your trip list.

We stayed at Gouldings RV Park, where we enjoyed full hook-ups, but the tour into the Navajo Tribal Park took us into the Navajo world accessible only by Navajo-guided open vans.

On May 5 we made our way north to Moab to Riverside Oasis RV Park, where we remained until May 8. We were joined in Moab by Bob and Portia Williams and Arnie and Betty Thompson. We toured on our own to the many beautiful parks such as Arches and Canyonlands national parks. We enjoyed a group dinner at the Brewery on Friday evening.



Discovery Pioneers at John Ford's Point, Navajo Tribal Park, Monument Valley, Arizona

*Photo courtesy of Nina Soltwedel*

We welcomed new members Vie and Chuck Brock and Dennis and Lollie Kendrick, and also welcomed Ken and Scotty Sutherlin to their first chapter rally.

Saturday evening was the highlight of our trip to Moab, which took us to "Canyonland by Night." Just walking distance from the park we gathered for a delicious BBQ dinner before boarding the flat-bottomed boats for a trip up the Colorado River. When it was dark, we were awed by a show of lights on the canyon walls, accompanied by music and a narrative history beginning millions of years ago. We had experienced showers off and on all day, but the evening weather was beautiful.

Labor Day weekend, the first of September, will be our final rally of the season. Hosts will be Bob and Sandy Greenwell and will be held in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado, at the east portal to Rocky Mountain National Park. ❖

### Discovery Texans *by Elsie Sikes*

**O**ur May rally was at Fredericksburg RV Park in Fredericksburg, Texas. It was a rollicking good time for the 29 rig owners who attended (this is almost half the chapter membership, and we welcomed five new members). Tom and Sandy Fields' 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated, as well as Ben and Lucy Lewis' 49th, and Jackie and Della Quinn's 47th.



Discovery Texans in Luckenbach. The aprons indicate the rally hosts, who prepared the meals.

*Photo courtesy of Elsie Sikes*

"Trade Days" was going on, and we enjoyed the parade of old cars. About half of the attendees traveled to Luckenbach, Texas...the town made famous by Willie and Waylon. We participated in the preservation of this historic spot by purchasing a brick, which will be inscribed, "Discovery Texans RV Club, May 21, 2005." ❖

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**Heartland Discoverys** *by Elfers Marzahl*

**H**earthland Discoverys is now one year old, and we feel pretty good about ourselves. The ranks have grown to 33 coaches. As you read this, we have concluded our big chapter rally at Ludington, Michigan. Debbie Finger and John Myette worked hard to make everyone welcome.

We have put together some guidelines for bylaws, and upcoming business will be nominations for our next election. There are many grand areas in which to have rallies in our part of the world...I don't think we will ever tire of spots to congregate. ❖

**Mason-Dixon Discoverys** *by Dick Smith*

**O**ur chapter just completed its first year, and what a year it was. We just signed up two more couples for a total of 29 coaches. Guess what! We have now reached the stage where we are having trouble finding parks that will take that many for our campouts! That's a problem, but a good kind of problem, I think.

Our next rally will be the national rally at York. I will be doing the continental breakfasts, and I thank the members who volunteered to assist me. I think we have enough that you will only be working every other day.

We will be rallying with the Mid-South Roadrunners in September in Morganton, North Carolina, for the Old Morganton Festival Days.

Our last rally for the year will be at Luray, Virginia, at the Country Way RV Park. This will most likely be the optimum weekend for the fall foliage. The park is only six miles from Skyline Drive, and three miles from the beautiful Luray

Caverns. I've hosted rallies there before, and it's an ideal location and park.

We are co-hosting the Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays in Seffner, Florida, next January 26-31. What a great place and time for a winter vacation! We will need all of you to help out a little while you are vacationing. Make your plans now and come on down. We promise you a good time. ❖

**Dixie Travelers** *by Howard Taylor*

**O**ur chapter rally at Gulf Shores, Alabama in May was enjoyed by 14 members. We thank our rally master, Dannie...it was perfect. The ladies enjoyed shopping and looking; the men got in some Discovery motor home talking.

The rally began Thursday night with food, of course. Good food was enjoyed throughout the rally, and thanks to everyone for your support. Sunday, after a continental breakfast, Audrey gave our devotional.

In reviewing our membership with our treasurer, we found some members delinquent in payment of dues, and we've had no contact from them. Annual dues of \$12 were due January 1. For members to continue in active status, dues of \$12 must be received by July 1. Please mail them to our secretary, as noted in our minutes.

The committee for the Lazydays rally next January is very active and plans have been made.

We were saddened to learn that Jean Salter lost her father. Please remember Jean and Manual in your prayers. Also wish Bobby and Fay improvement in their health.

Contact me for information about Dixie Travelers chapter at any time. ❖

**FEEDING THE RVER** *by Nina Lee Soltwedel*

**I**n honor of our upcoming national rally in York, Pennsylvania, here's a tasty recipe from Warrington Farms Bed and Breakfast, Wellsville, Pennsylvania...just down the road from York. I think you'll find it very delicious.

**French Toast Strata**

4 oz. cinnamon swirl bread, cut into ¾-inch cubes  
 ⅓ cup golden raisins  
 ½ cup chopped pecans  
 1 3-oz. package cream cheese, cut into ¼-inch cubes  
 3 eggs  
 1½ cups milk  
 ½ cup maple syrup  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 2 tablespoons sugar



2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
 Additional maple syrup

Spray 11"x7" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Place bread cubes in even layer in prepared dish; sprinkle raisins, chopped pecans and cream cheese evenly over bread. Beat eggs in medium bowl with electric mixer at medium speed until blended. Add milk, ½ cup maple syrup, and vanilla. Mix well. Pour egg mixture evenly over bread mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least four hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine sugar and cinnamon in small bowl; sprinkle evenly over strata. Bake uncovered for 40-45 minutes, or until puffed and golden brown, and knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Cut into squares and serve with additional maple syrup if desired. Yield: 8 servings ❖

**SCENE FROM A RALLY:  
 EVERYBODY DOESN'T  
 KNOW SOMEBODY...  
 WE'RE ALL ALIKE!**



## FLEETWOOD TECHNICAL INFORMATION: SEALANT MAINTENANCE *by Terrence Mills*

When most of us think of sealant maintenance, we think of the visual inspection of the roof that we should have performed every three months. While this is important, it is by no means the only area of the coach that requires our attention. There are many other seals on the coach and most of them require inspection and maintenance.

Here are some of the areas that the inspector should be checking:

Roof vents	Exterior doors
Moldings	Air conditioners
Antennas	Exterior lights
Skylights	Windows
Slide seals	
All exterior mounted items	

Here is what the inspector should be looking for:

- Sealant voids/gaps/missing sealant
- Cracks in the sealant
- Deteriorated sealant
- Dark spot sealant
- Blisters in the sealant
- Air conditioners should be tight
- Hard seals
- Torn seals

As a customer, you can keep an eye on the interior of your motor home. Watch all windows for evidence of water intrusion such as damaged or discolored areas. Carefully run your hands over the surrounding paneling to feel for moisture, soft spots or peeling wall covering, taking care to insure that areas covered by curtains or valances are thoroughly inspected. Check the interior floor edge near the sidewalls and rear wall for signs of water intrusion.

If you or your dealer are having a hard time locating a water leak, then a water test may help in locating the leak. The water test is fairly self-explanatory; a steady stream of water is played over the roof of the motor home while the interior is carefully examined for leaks.

For hard-to-find leaks, a Sealtech machine can be used. The Sealtech test is a relatively new technology that pressurizes the interior of the motor home. The outside is then covered in liquid soap and the coach is checked for bubbles. This has proved to be a highly effective test and many Fleetwood dealers have already adopted it.

To locate a Sealtech dealer, go to [www.rvleaks.com/locations.htm](http://www.rvleaks.com/locations.htm) and click on *Where to Find It*.

**Note:** Not all dealers listed on the website are Fleetwood authorized dealers.

Fleetwood RV always recommends that an authorized Fleetwood dealer perform the inspection and service repairs on your RV, and they can find out what type of sealants are used on your motor home. If you are sealing your motor home yourself, then you may call Fleetwood Owner Relations and be advised on sealants. Always be sure that the proper sealants are used on your motor home.

Water intrusion is one of the most common sources of damage to RVs.

Regular inspections and prompt maintenance is the single most effective step you can take to protect your home and investment. ❖

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## MONITORING TIRE PRESSURE *by Leo Everitt*

The infamous Ford Explorer/Firestone tire blowout imbroglio brought monitoring of tire pressure onto center stage in the Congress and the automotive industry. The result of the Congressional hearings was the subsequent passage of the Federal TREAD Act, which in addition to voluminous reporting requirements for all vehicles, mandates passenger vehicles must be equipped with tire monitoring capabilities by the release of 2008 model year.

The rationale for using tire pressure/temperature measuring devices is fairly straightforward. Low air pressure is the major cause of blowouts. Blowouts can result in serious injury or death, not to mention considerable expense to replace not only the tire/s but in many cases to repair significant structural damage to the vehicle. Also, low-pressure tires cause a significant reduction in fuel economy with its dual impact on cost and the environment.

Many safety-conscious RVers have long wanted the capability to monitor tire pressure but no viable solutions existed. Even now chassis manufacturers producing chassis over 10,000# do not have any mandate to install tire

monitoring equipment. Some motor coach manufacturers have begun installing tire monitoring as either an option or as standard equipment. However, that leaves a very large number of motor homes unprotected. Today there are several approaches being sold to retrofit both the motor home and towed vehicle. One uses a sensor that mounts to inside of tire rim, which necessitates the removal of the tire from the wheel for installation. An alternative involves the screwing on of a lightweight sensor to the tire valve stem. Yet another system has been developed that attaches sensors to rim like a tire weight. These systems use batteries in their devices and the life of these, which are quoted at three and five years in two offerings and the cost to replace, remains a concern. A company announced in 2003 they would release in June 2004 a valve stem-mounted sensor product not requiring batteries, but nothing has been published since 2003 on the subject and they did not respond to my e-mail inquiry asking for present status.

### Awareness of Limits to Use

A few cautions up front: Your tires and valve stems should be

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## MONITORING TIRE PRESSURE, CONTINUED

checked before and during the operation of these systems for such things as proper inflation, lack of physical damage such as sidewall or valve stem cracking, proper Dill valve installation depth and condition, etc. Monitoring poor or unsafe components does little good. Be aware that these systems *cannot* predict and alert to a spontaneous blowout. They only monitor air pressure and alert to low pressure, which can lead to a blowout. Also, these devices operate on RF frequencies, which can be interfered with by various external factors resulting in loss of signal for some period of time and thus possible loss of display accuracy or alerts. In addition, changes in ambient temperature can cause false low-pressure alerts. How to deal with the latter problem will be explained in more detail later.

An interesting dilemma exists for many folks with newer cars being used as tows. Many cars are coming with tire monitoring installed (although many will not comply with the 2008 requirements.) However, these systems have no capability to broadcast a signal to a monitor in the motor home so one still needs to apply one of the available options.

The balance of this article is my personal research findings, understanding, and use of the valve stem sensor system manufactured by Advantage PressurePro. Buyers are advised to thoroughly investigate all the differing approaches and their features, as well as any other offerings which may evolve in this fast-changing market, when deciding in the future whether to buy and apply.

### Advantage PressurePro System

Advantage PressurePro LLC designed, developed, and manufactures the PressurePro system, which consists of sensors and a monitor. They hold a patent on certain aspect of the electronic sensor configuration. They also manufacture some peripheral equipment used with these systems such as a remote antenna, visor suction cup mounting bracket, and gooseneck power adapter and holder.

### Sensors



The sensors are very light weight (~2/3 oz.) devices which screw directly on to the tire valve stem in place of the normal cap and broadcast an RF signal hundreds of times each day to a monitor mounted on the dash in view of the driver. These light weight sensor devices can normally be mounted on large RV

tires without need of rebalancing but it has been found that tow vehicles often do require a rebalance to compensate for the sensor weight, especially if the optional security locking device is used. The sensors automatically determine the existing tire pressure when first applied and set the value in the monitor memory. If pressure is subsequently changed, removal of the sensor from the valve stem for about one minute and

reinstallation on the valve stem will again automatically reset the monitor to the proper pressure.

Battery life is a concern. It is felt that the existing batteries will have approximately a three-year life. Since many motor homes are not driven throughout the year, removing the sensors from the valve stems and storing can lengthen battery life. The sensors will automatically shut off after five minutes of non-use. Sensors are tied to a specific wheel location during the setup (which will be explained in more detail below). It is thus recommended that when removing the sensors for storage, a box or egg carton with wheel locations identified be used to store the sensors in the proper identified location. Each sensor can then be reapplied to proper wheels on the motor home in just a few minutes when getting ready to go back on the road and no further setup will be required.

Initial setup of the sensors is fairly straightforward. The monitor displays the wheels on both the motor home (up to 10 wheels) and towed vehicle (up to six wheels). The large area is where the actual pressure will be displayed. Note: it is not necessary to have sensors in all locations shown. The extra wheel locations can be used if the need arises in the future simply by buying additional sensors. Sensors can cover a range of pressures from 10-150 psi and temperatures in use from -5°F to +140°F and in storage from -40°F to +185°F.

Sensors are sometimes returned to manufacturer as defective. However, Douglas McMeen, director of operations at Advantage PressurePro says that when tested they were usually found to be perfect. The problem has been frequently traced to the valve core, which is often referred as a Dill valve (Dill is a brand name of the Eaton product). These very small valves can cause big problems if the spring is weak, rubber deteriorated, or installed to improper depth. Checking of the valves and valve cores is a good thing, not just for installation of sensors, but overall vehicle safety.



### Monitor

The monitor is relatively compact measuring just 6.5 inches wide by 3 inches high by .5 inch deep, and weighs 4 ounces. It complies with FCC Part 15 rules, which require that it cannot cause harmful interference but must accept interference received, including that which may cause undesired operation.



The monitor requires a 12vDC source, which may be accomplished by use of the cigarette lighter socket or hardwiring. It uses less than 25mA when in standby and thus can be left on, unless in long-term storage, without affecting the motor home's main batteries.

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## MONITORING TIRE PRESSURE, CONTINUED

### Getting Started

The monitor begins in Normal Mode upon powering up and is then put into Program Mode by pushing and holding the set button for about five seconds. A tire location is selected on the monitor for installation of the first sensor. A sensor is then screwed onto the valve stem (within 10 minutes) at the selected location and the monitor will soon display the tire pressure indicating a successful install. The monitor is then set to the next location and a sensor installed in that location. The process is repeated until sensors have been installed on all tires. The monitor is then taken out of Program Mode. Turning the monitor OFF or unplugging will not cause loss of this programming information. A manual delete must be performed to change any programmed settings. Pressure for each tire can be displayed by pushing the up or down arrows – up clockwise – down counterclockwise. In operation, the system is designed to alert when tire pressure has fallen at either 12.5 psi (first stage low pressure alert) or 25 psi (second stage low pressure alert) of the cold set pressure. For example, a tire cold set to 100 psi will alert if pressure falls to ~87.5 psi.

First stage alerts beep once per second and will continue beeping until driver either stops and repairs the tire, puts the monitor into “reminder mode” or unplugs it. Second stage alerts beep twice per second for up to 15 hours unless repair is made or the monitor is put into reminder mode. With the monitor in reminder mode, alerts will still sound periodically.

False alerts at first stage can occur under certain extreme circumstances. The first stage alert (12.5 psi) from the cold pressure setting is unlikely to cause an alert to sound on a Class A’s RV tires unless the ambient temperature that was present at setup was very high. Pressure change in large commercial tires is in range of 1.5-2 psi per 10 degrees of temperature change. Therefore, if one sets the cold inflation (tires not run in last three hours and not exposed to hot sun) to 100 psi in 75-degree ambient temperature and drives into mountains where the night time temperature falls to 35 degrees, the loss of pressure should be 6-8 psi, well below the 12.5 psi alert target. However, the toad is another matter. Tires in this size change .5-1 psi per 10 degree of temperature change. Therefore, if one uses a Tracker as an example, which has a cold inflation of 24 psi, then the first alert threshold would just 3 psi. Since the ambient in the example above will fall 40 degrees or in range of 2-4 psi, the system may alert unless one takes some measures to correct. The most likely preventative for all vehicles is to set the tires and sensors in early morning when the ambient air is cooler, say closer to 55 degrees.

### Technical Note

Neither the 12.5 psi alert value or the pressure drops are absolute numbers. The 12.5 psi is an average that is influenced

by electronic circuit factors such as hysteresis and the pressure/temperature loss is a non-linear amount. However, the range of values used in this article is useful for discussion and general use in the context of understanding the use of this product by RV owners. In addition, pressure will increase by .48 psi for each 1000 feet of altitude gained.

### Where to Purchase

Several sources exist for purchasing this system including the following:

#### Advantage PressurePro LLC

Direct via Internet ([www.advantagepressurepro.com](http://www.advantagepressurepro.com)) and through their independent dealers at RV websites and rallies. Product is sold at list on website.

#### Doran Manufacturing

Doran and Advantage PressurePro LLC have entered a strategic partnership and Doran sells as private labeled product i.e. Doran PressurePro. Doran sells direct through the Internet ([www.doranmfg.com](http://www.doranmfg.com)) as well as through their dealers. Product is sold at list on website.

RVupgrades.com (Division of Major Electronix Corp. Eastwood, Ohio )

Reportedly Doran’s largest dealer. Sells on Internet ([www.rvupgrades.com](http://www.rvupgrades.com)) at a discounted price.

### Product Pricing

The basic package consisting of display monitor, sensors for four tires, fused cigarette lighter plug power cord, antenna, hook and loop pads to install monitor and operator and installation manual sells for \$390 US at list. Additional tire sensors are \$50 US each at list. Thus a six-wheel RV and four-wheel toad would cost \$690 US list.

### Options

Advantage PressurePro LLC –

- Hardwire power cord
- Lighter accessory power cord
- Flexible gooseneck power holder with power plug-in
- Visor clips/suction cups, mounting brackets (2)
- Outside remote antenna and coax cable
- 3.5 rubber antenna

Doran Mfg. –

- Doran private-branded items same as above plus Doran SensorSafe locks for metal/brass or rubber valve stems ❖

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## WATER MYTHS YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO BELIEVE

by Bill Laudeman

If you rely on the outside water for use inside your Discovery, you might be interested in the following:

### MYTH #1: CITY WATER IS SAFE.

Depends. How are your intestines? Not to get too personal, but your gut and my gut may agree to disagree about some of the microbes found in drinking water. What makes me deathly ill may not bother you a-tall! So, rather than take the chance, most of us would prefer to avoid the risk of picking up bacteria-laden drinking water.

*Cryptosporidium parvum* killed about 100 in Milwaukee in 1993. These are cysts about four microns in diameter that cannot be killed by chlorine. *Giardia lamblia*, another parasite, has cysts that are less than five microns in diameter. A micron is one-millionth of a meter, or about 0.0004 inch. To put that into terms a bit easier to imagine: Those little rascals could march in a column ten wide through the pores in the finest coffee filters. In November 2002 we saw this “. . . positive result for *naegleria fowleri*, a parasite that causes primary amoebic meningitis . . .” reported in the municipal water system of Peoria, Arizona. Two small children are reported to have died as a result. Convinced?

And there are other bad bacteria: although a little chlorine will either sterilize or at least sharply reduce the bacterial count in the small quantity of water usually stored in our RVs (typically less than 50 gallons. Some larger units might store 100 gallons, you have to ask why that much is being routinely carried – unless you are planning to boondock in the Sonoran Desert for a month), mechanical filtration is needed to stop those cysts. For effective chlorination, use household chlorine bleach that does not have scents or other additives. The percent chlorine in the bleach should be in a range between four and six percent. Add eight drops of bleach to each gallon of water;

mix thoroughly and let it stand for 30 minutes. The water should have a light chlorine odor. If it doesn't, repeat the dose and let the water stand for an additional 15 minutes.

“But,” you say, “chlorine ruins the taste of my espresso!” O, I agree, mon cher! So, having killed the bugs, now kill the chlorine, too. For this you don't need to filter the entire water system, only water used for drinking.

About three years ago the water treatment industry got the message that folks would **pay** for nice, tasteless, pure water! Boy, it sure took them long enough to figure that one out. I am guessing that some executive from one of the water treatment outfits fell over a case of bottled water at the supermarket and was struck by inspiration. Several firms now make highly effective and inexpensive faucet-mounted filtration devices. These usually have a removable cartridge that takes out bad smelling stuff, chlorine, and other evil tasting chemicals. The filter element also removes all particulates (including those cysts) down to about one micron. We installed a Culligan Model FM-5 monitored faucet-mounted filter (see photo above) in our motor home, used only for drinking and cooking water. After more than two years of use, it is less than one-half depleted. At a replacement cost of about \$20 for the filter, that's a bargain.



### MYTH #2: CLEAN, CLEAR WATER IS SAFE.

Oh, come on! If city utilities can't keep their *treated* water safe, what makes you think that the average stream or lake is OK? ❖

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## DISCOVERY MODIFICATIONS, CHAPTER 4

DOAI members who have made modifications to their rigs are encouraged to share with all of us photos and descriptions of their hard work. This time, Carl Dykman shares his mods made to his 1998 36R Discovery. If you have questions about any of the modifications, please contact Carl at [poldermanus@yahoo.com](mailto:poldermanus@yahoo.com).



Photo 1: Shut-off valve on toilet

**Photo 1:** On a trip to Baja, our toilet developed a water leak at the inlet. We had to shut the water off and on as we needed it and then clean up the water that leaked out. Took it apart and repaired the valve. Repair lasted long enough to get us out of Baja and home. Knowing that I might be faced with the same thing again, I put a shut-off valve on the water inlet line, just before it goes into the toilet, so that the water could be used in the rest of the coach, and the water to the toilet turned on when the toilet was used.

**Photo 2:** I created a full extension drawer under the kitchen sink.



Photo 2: Full extension drawer under sink

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**DISCOVERY MODIFICATIONS, CONTINUED**



Photo 3: Plastic drawers in freezer

**Photos 3 and 4:** Food kept falling out of the freezer, so I made drawers to fit the four available spaces. The drawers were made of 1/8" plastic and had holes in the sides, front, back and bottom. Teri says that those drawers are just great. It seems that we can put more frozen food in the freezer than before and the Dove ice cream bars are hard. I think the efficiency of the unit is greatly improved. There are 18 Dove bars in the top drawer! I'll be happy to furnish the exact dimensions and assembly details.



Photo 4: Plastic boxes for freezer

**Photos 5 and 6:** Almost everything we put on the dash eventually ended up on the floor, so I made a fence to keep it all on the dash. The fence is made of 5/8" poplar, and the handles are pulls that match the pulls on the doors in the D. The fence is screwed into the dash with four brass screws and four brass decorative washers.



Photo 5: The dash with a fence



Photo 6: Close-up of fence on dash

**STAYING ONE STEP AHEAD OF SEVERE WEATHER**

*by Aon Recreation Insurance*

Severe weather, such as straight-line winds, flash flooding, large hail, and lightning are potential hazards for RVers. Since weather can change with little or no warning, it's important to be prepared for anything Mother Nature brings your way.

**Thunderstorms**

The National Weather Service considers a thunderstorm severe if it causes hail at least 3/4-inch in diameter, winds of 58 mph or stronger, or a tornado. Even though thunderstorms affect small areas when compared to winter storms, they can be extremely dangerous. Lasting an average of 30 minutes, there are an estimated 100,000 thunderstorms across the country every year.

**Flash Floods**

Flash floods are very frightening. They are the number one cause of thunderstorm-related death and kill more than 140 people each year. It's surprising, but it only takes six inches of fast-moving water to knock an adult off his or her feet, and a vehicle can start to float in only two feet of water. According to the National Weather Service, most flash flood fatalities

occur at night and most victims are people who become trapped in vehicles.

**Large Hail**

Large hail is created when strong rising currents of air within a storm carry droplets of water to a height that's so cold, freezing takes place. As the ice particles grow, they become too heavy to be supported by the air currents and they fall to the ground. These large stones of hail can fall at speeds of more than 100 mph. Large hail falling with such force causes more than \$1 billion in damage to property and crops each year.

**Lightning**

According to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), lightning causes an average of 80 fatalities and 300 injuries each year. Amazingly, the air near a lightning strike reaches 50,000 degrees F (hotter than the surface of the sun). To determine the distance of a thunderstorm, count the number of seconds between a lightning flash and the next clap of thunder. Divide this number by five to calculate the distance to the lightning in miles.

There are many myths about lightning. Many people believe that the rubber tires of a vehicle will protect them from

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## SEVERE WEATHER, CONTINUED

being struck by lightning. Actually, rubber tires do not provide protection. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle does provide some protection, as long as no metal is touched. Even though it's possible to be injured by lightning if it strikes your vehicle, you are much safer in your vehicle than out.

### Straight-line Winds

The downburst is a type of straight-line wind that can cause damage equivalent to a strong tornado. A small area of air descends quickly beneath a thunderstorm. The dry microburst is another type of downburst. It occurs during times of little or no rain. These winds can exceed 100 mph and are common in the western U.S.

### Staying One Step Ahead of a Thunderstorm

It helps to remain informed when questionable weather is brewing. A NOAA Weather Radio is a handy tool. This device will keep you informed of weather warnings, watches and forecasts 24 hours a day and sounds an alert to give immediate information about a life-threatening situation. It even broadcasts warning and post-event information for earthquakes, volcanic activity, chemical releases, and oil spills.

### When Threatening Weather Approaches

Remember the 30/30 rule for lightning. If after seeing lightning you are unable to count to 30 before another clap occurs, go indoors and stay there until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder. If you can hear thunder, it's possible to be struck by lightning. When a storm reaches your RV make sure the windows are shut and the blinds or curtains are closed. If windows break, the blinds will help prevent glass from shattering into your vehicle. Avoid taking a bath or shower, or running water for any other purpose. Power surges from lightning can overload your air conditioner compressor, so keep the A/C off.

If you're caught outside in the woods, take shelter under short trees. If you're boating or swimming and a storm hits, move to land and find shelter as quickly as possible. If shelter

is unavailable, keep yourself as low to the ground as possible. Make sure your spot is not subject to flooding and stay away from trees, fences and poles. If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, experts recommend the following: Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest possible target and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie down.

If you experience a flash flood, avoid walking, swimming or driving in flood waters – even if the water doesn't look very deep. Turn around and take a different route.

### If Someone Is Struck by Lightning

The American Red Cross recommends you first call 911 when a person is struck by lightning. Next, check for burns where the lightning entered and exited the body. Be aware lightning can cause nervous system damage, broken bones, and loss of hearing or eyesight. If the victim has stopped breathing, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped, a trained person should administer CPR.

Learn first aid and CPR by taking a Red Cross first aid and CPR course. Call your local Red Cross chapter for class schedules and fees. Each year, many people are injured and killed by severe thunderstorms in spite of advance notice. Take National Weather Service warnings very seriously and be prepared if a thunderstorm hits before you can leave the area.

For valuable details about purchasing a weather radio and a list of broadcast frequencies by state and city, visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml) and view NOAA's Weather Radio brochure. ❖

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## DO RVERS HAVE A LOOSE SCREW?

by Donna Flanders

**C**an you imagine driving your house down the road at 65 miles per hour? If you drive an RV, you do it on a regular basis. Does that mean most RVers have a loose screw? You bet! But I'm talking about real screws that come loose as a result of the day-to-day operation of an RV.

Just driving the RV is enough to make things come loose. But when you add things like rough highways and being buffeted by crosswinds, it is not surprising that things will need tightening now and then.

We have a washer/dryer combination in our RV. When the washer goes into the spin cycle, you can feel it. I keep expecting someone to bang on our door and demand to know exactly what is going on in there. So it is not just travel that makes things come loose. Do you slam the door to be sure it is tight? That shakes up things as well.

For the rest of this informative article, please go to [http://www.rvvacationplanner.com/article\\_display.php?article=20](http://www.rvvacationplanner.com/article_display.php?article=20)



### FROM THEN TO NOW, PART TWO

*A brief look back at our beginnings, following the road we have traveled to the present.*

After that auspicious beginning (reported in the Spring 2005 issue), Discovery Owners Association appeared to be traveling the high road to success. After the November 1998 rally on the west coast, it was a “given” that the next rally would be held on the east coast...and it took place in Florida, February 8-11, 1999.

According to the records, Lazydays Rally Park hosted the rally, with Doug Chetwin and Judy Marshall serving as rally masters. Fifty-seven Discovery motor homes were in attendance, and the ranks of the organization grew by 33 new members. Jim Devine, DOAI president, reported that the membership now stood at 324 with representation in 40 states.

Lots of fun, lots of seminars, and lots of good food ensured a great rally. Here are some photos from that gathering. Hope you recognize some good people! ❖



At the white elephant game, Cecile Gallentine won a T-shirt, while Nate Gitto and Dale Gallentine enjoy the fun.



Carolyn and Bill Little ponder their choices. Helma and Harold Comron, Gloria Wilck, and Jim and Carol Lahodny are among the onlookers.



Jim Devine led the association’s business meeting.



Herb Petersen tends his fire, joined by Carolyn and Bill Little, and Albino and Chana Do Couto.

## NEW MEMBERS



We extend the hand of welcome to these good people who have joined Discovery Owners Association since the last issue of this newsletter:

Bob Baker, Ft. Meyers FL  
 Gaylon/Pat Birdwell, Houston TX  
 Bruce Blessing, Douphin Island AL  
 Glenn Boyd, Bonita Springs FL  
 Lennard/Cheryl Brodeur, Manchester NH  
 Daniel/Charlene Brouillet, St Charles MO

Frank/Joan Caetano, Fresno CA  
 Leroy/Gwen Churchill, Rockwell TX  
 Mark/Janet Cook, Page AZ  
 Larry/Beth Cummings, Springfield OR  
 Leann Debolt, Tampa FL  
 Irving/ Deroeck, Gladstone MI  
 Richard/ Drouillard, Monroe MI  
 Michael/Sandy Dwyer, Orlando FL  
 Wayne/Shirley Farnsworth, Lafayette LA  
 Hart/Patsy Forrest, Aiken SC  
 Phil/Margie Frank, Houston TX  
 Daniel/Christine Gathman, Elgin IL  
 Mark Hillmann, Wentzville MO  
 Gary/Diane LaPine, Tukwila WA  
 Ernie/Elsa Lara, South Miami FL  
 Brent/Donna Lee, Cumming GA  
 Gilbert Lougee, Pompano Beach FL  
 Michael/Virginia Maness, Naples FL

Gene/Judy Moenck, Longview WA  
 Richard/Marie Money, Greensboro NC  
 Hubert Norred, Lynnhaven FL  
 Dick/Patty O'Leary, Butte MT  
 Russ/Patty Olmo, Granite Bay CA  
 Bob/Joann Passaro, Livingston TX  
 Elmo/Manetta Pilkenton, Conroe TX  
 Joseph/Rita Ranieri, Starrucca PA  
 Vinson/ Rose, Bradenton FL  
 Paul/Bella Rossi, Glendora CA  
 Chuck/Jean Schroder, Seneca SC  
 Greg Smith/Robin Woolsey, Mobile AL  
 Stephen Smith, Odessa FL  
 Rob/Kelly Stambaugh, Sunbury OH  
 Herb/Wilma Stark, Longview TX  
 Virgil/Pat Stearns, Caledonia MI  
 Lou/Ginny Svach, Morgan TX  
 Ray/Carol White, Mays Landing NJ

## GETTING INTO THE DRIVER'S SEAT: A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

by Barbara Stiglich

My husband is an instructor for the Aon Recreation Insurance RV Safe Driving Course. While I was assisting him with a seminar, a woman waiting for her husband to finish the driving course approached me and confided that she hadn't bothered to take the course because there was no way she would ever drive their motor home. She said it was just too big. Her husband did all the driving, and that was just fine with her. As far as they were both concerned, she belonged in the passenger seat.

With each and every course, I found more and more women in similar situations. There were lots of women who felt their role when it came to driving was to simply accompany their husband on trips as a passenger. Most of them had never been encouraged to become acquainted with the operation of the coach or to drive it.

Some women I know even refuse to get behind the wheel because they believe their husbands will be too critical. Oftentimes they have made attempts to drive but were made so nervous by their spouse's reactions that they refused to get back in the driver's seat. No one likes to be made fun of for making a mistake. But everyone has to start somewhere, so don't let constructive criticism scare you away.

Though for many years men have been the dominant drivers of RVs, women should feel just as capable and comfortable behind the wheel. As women we sometimes let others convince us of what we should or shouldn't do. I am far from being a feminist, but I do believe we are all capable of accomplishing any task we wish if we work hard enough – including driving a coach!

I am fortunate that my husband is a good coach when I'm driving. He is very constructive with his criticism and always encouraging. In fact, it was his idea that I learn to drive our motor home. As many women are, I was a bit intimidated in the beginning. My husband loves to drive and has had many

years of experience driving all different types and sizes of vehicle imaginable. Why should I learn? He's an excellent driver and always enjoys driving.

With his encouragement, I got behind the wheel and was pleasantly surprised – I really enjoyed it. I finally realized why he loved it so much. You get a different feeling driving a coach once you conquer your fear of it. It's a challenge to learn to keep it safely between the lines, especially when a tractor-trailer passes you. But once you realize you can do it, there's such a great feeling of accomplishment and pride. There is a certain satisfaction you get from driving a coach that you don't achieve with most other vehicles because there is so much to learn. It is a greater challenge, but one well worth the effort. Most of all, once you've gotten past your apprehension, you can be confident that should the need ever arise when you must drive, you can do so safely and competently.

I experienced an indescribable feeling of satisfaction from driving high above other vehicles. The view of the highway from the driver's position is totally different than from the passenger seat. Now I am no longer content to let an entire trip go by without getting some driving time.

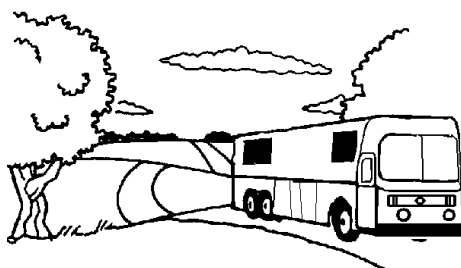
Women are just as capable of driving the "big rigs" as men. Look around you on the highway. There are numerous female professional truck drivers now, and they are not all young. Some have quite a few

years under their belt. Regardless of their experience level, most are good at what they do.

It is not quite as simple as one gentleman who attended the Aon Recreation Insurance RV Safe Driving Course was told when he purchased his coach. When he asked his salesman to take him out in the coach and teach him how to handle it properly, he was told, "Oh, you don't need to worry about that. If you can drive a car, you can drive a motor home. All you need to do is get in and go." You could do as the salesman suggested, but that is not a very safe way of going about it.

There's a lot to be learned before getting behind the wheel of such a large vehicle. Don't wait until an emergency situation

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**DRIVER’S SEAT, CONTINUED**

arises before attempting to drive for the first time. An emergency situation creates additional stress, making it even more difficult to be collected. That’s certainly not the most appropriate time to attempt to drive the coach.

Armed with some safety instruction and a patient teacher, you, too, can feel that driving a coach is an awesome experience. Here are some little things to help you get comfortable behind the wheel before you hit the road:

- \* Sit in the driver’s seat when the coach is parked. Adjust the seat and mirrors so that you can adapt to the view from that perspective.
- \* Sit immediately behind the driver as the vehicle is going down the road.
- \* In a parking lot, learn vehicle placement – how the vehicle sits in the lane.
- \* Observe how the lane markers (in this case, parking lines) appear in a convex mirror.
- \* Familiarize yourself with the control panel and learn the purposes of the switches and gauges.

Once you’re familiar with the driving compartment of the RV, you’re ready for some help from a patient instructor. That may or may not be your husband; recognize if he isn’t the right person for the job. If you travel with other friends, perhaps one of them would be willing to help you learn.

Begin by driving in small increments. For example, find a parking lot with few other vehicles and let the lines serve as lane markers. Then once you’re comfortable there, move to an interstate highway that doesn’t have much traffic. You can start off driving from one rest area to another. Driving about five miles per hour slower than the traffic is flowing will usually

help to avoid having to pass any other vehicles. Concentrate on keeping your vehicle in the center of your lane. It often helps to have your instructor sit behind you rather than in the passenger seat. That will give your passenger a similar perspective of the vehicle’s placement in the lane.

If you are the primary driver of your coach, take advantage of your partner’s capabilities. Help her to learn how to drive your rig. Equip her with the proper instructions she’ll need to be safe behind the wheel. Don’t wait for an emergency to arise – that type of situation adds another level of stress. Rather, learning is so much easier in a relaxing atmosphere.

Better yet, take a driving course together. It can be a double benefit – she obtains the training she needs, and you get a refresher course for yourself.

Encourage your partner to help with the driving. You may be surprised to see how nice it can be to have a little relief from driving, and your partner

may find some enjoyment in driving as well. And should you ever be faced with an emergency situation, it will be much easier for her to do something she’s been well-trained to do. ❖

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**DISPLAYING OLD GLORY**

Displaying our country’s flag on or outside of the RV is a favorite way for us to show our pride in the USA.



If you have a flag but can’t display it every day, here’s a list of the special days when everyone is encouraged to display Old Glory:

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
New Year’s Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Inauguration Day	January 20 (every four years)
Lincoln’s Birthday	February 12
Washington’s Birthday	Third Monday in February
Easter Sunday	Variable
Mother’s Day	Second Sunday in May
Armed Forces Day	Third Saturday in May
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May (half-staff until noon)

Flag Day	June 14
Father’s Day	Third Sunday in June
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Constitution Day	September 17
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Navy Day	October 27
Veterans’ Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Pearl Harbor Day	December 7
Christmas Day	December 25
Birthdays of States	Date of admission
State Holidays	As established by Governor
Such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States.	

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# SOUTHEAST REGION 2006 RALLY TRI-CHAPTER FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006

Lazydays RallyPark, off Interstate 4, Exit 10, Seffner, FL

Early Arrival: Wednesday, Jan. 25 – Late Departure: Wednesday, Feb. 1

Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DOAI # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking (circle one)      Yes      No      **Must post handicap tag**

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\$210.00 per coach with two adults ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$172.00 per coach with one adult ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$28.00 each child ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make check payable to Lazydays RallyPark** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Seffner, FL 33584-3004

Telephone 800.905.6657  
E-mail [rallypark@lazydays.com](mailto:rallypark@lazydays.com)

**Register early** with Lazydays to assure yourself of a site. Please use this registration form to avoid confusion. **MAKE YOURSELF A COPY.** If you arrive early, plan to have your own party at your site ... the recreation hall is reserved on January 25 by another group.

**Driving instructions** – call immediately – 800.626.7800

No show, no refund

*This form has been approved by Lazydays RallyPark*



**SALE PAGE FOR MEMBERS**

*This feature is available to any DOAI member, free of charge. Simply send the information to the editor, preferably via e-mail. Include full information, and send a photo, too. Items for sale will run in two issues of this newsletter.*

**1999 DISCOVERY 37V:** One owner, non-smoking, extra sharp. Onan propane gen, side-by-side refrig/w/icemaker, washer/dryer, MW/convec oven plus gas oven, two slides, booth, couch and leather recliner. Mauve color. 58,000 miles and ready to go. Allan Gustafson, 155 E. Rodeo Rd., Casa Grande, AZ 85222; 520.836.5534; *aagust96@wmconnect.com*. **Price: \$83,000.**



**2001 DISCOVERY 38D:** Caterpillar 330 diesel pusher, two slides, Allison 6 speed transmission, Onan diesel generator, 7.5 (motion) track vision, washer/dryer, AC, side-by-side refrig/freezer w/icemaker, Corian countertops, MW/convec, central vac, and more. Transferable extended warranty 70,000 or 05/08, mileage 42,000, like new, one owner 05/01, always kept in heated garage, non-smoker, no pets. Dick Wilson, 828.389.9035; cell 239.281.0068; *wilsonohiost@msn.com*. **Price: \$115,000.**

**1998 DISCOVERY 36T:** Well maintained, 61,000 miles, non-smoking, no pets. Includes all new tires at 45,000 miles, mounted spare tire, external tire rack, generator, MW/convec oven, washer/dryer, side-by-side refrig w/icemaker, two AC units, back-up camera, awning, steer safe added, two leather couches, leather pilot and co-pilot chairs. Plum interior. Coupled propane tanks, built-in closet with clothes hamper. Purge water tank system. Bernie Abbott, 561.615.4509; cell 561.236.5811; *blabbott11@aol.com*. **Price \$78,000 OBO.**

**2001 DISCOVERY 36T:** Loaded, with less than 10,000 miles. Dixie Chadwick, 928.768.5532; *dlc104@msn.com*



**2005 DISCOVERY 35M:** Two slides, Cat 330 diesel pusher, Allison 6-speed tranny, Onan diesel gen 7.5KW, washer/ dryer (never used), side-by-side refrig/freezer

w/ice-maker, Corian™ countertops, MW/convec, central vac, and more. Exterior charcoal, interior Stonehenge w/ Fairfield Maple wood. PLUS tow vehicle: 2003 Ford Sport Trac 4x4 with neutral switch for towing. Has Brake Buddy, plus Black Hawk Tow Bar, 8,000-pound capacity. Exterior red w/leather upholstery. Transferable extended warranty 50,000 miles or five years. Discovery mileage under 5,000; truck 18,000. Units located in Dover, Florida, ten miles east of Tampa. Bob and Mary LaFleur, 813.719.1332 or 813.763.1092; *rlafleur@tampabay.rr.com*. **Price: \$182,000.**



**1998 DISCOVERY 36T:** Cummins/6-speed Allison, two A/C, slide, washer/dryer, awnings. No smoke, no pets. Side-by-side refrigerator, CD player, CB radio, automatic satellite dish, batteries one year old, MW/convec oven, back-up camera, free-standing table w/4 chairs. Blue Ox drop hitch, wired for lube pump and brakes. 59,000 miles. Located in Wisconsin. Harvey and Marian Becker, 715.366.8038, or 928.210.4120; *becker365@aol.com*. **Price: \$66,500.**



**1999 DISCOVERY 36T:** 300 HP Cummins, very good condition, no smoke or pets, 55,000 miles, 11mpg, large kitchen, living room slide, leather loveseat, leather couch, with dining booth, MW/convec, refrig w/ icemaker, two ACs, two TVs, satellite and regular antenna, DVD, leather pilot and co-pilot seats, back-up camera, inverter, LP gen., new batteries, front tires have 15,000 miles. Tow package including 1991 Tracer station wagon. Everything works. Rob Hess, 918.756.1316; fax 918.756.1315; *rhess@firststokmulgee.com*. **Price: \$79,000.**



**2003 DISCOVERY 39:** Three slides, awnings for every window. Allison 6-speed tranny, 330 HP Cat engine, 7.5KW diesel gen. All leather seats, including two swivel/recliners, and more.

12,000 miles, bought new. No smoking, no pets. PLUS 1997 Jeep Cherokee, all leather, all options, 67,000 total miles. Bought new, garaged, perfect care. Hitch, hook-ups, etc. Will sell without Jeep. Burell Boyd, 256.796.2668 **Price for both: \$139,000.**

**TWO CHAIRS FROM 2005 DISCOVERY:** Terra Cotta color, perfect condition (we're keeping the other two). Will deliver to York rally at no charge. Bob Soltwedel, 303.530.0775; *soltwedel45@hotmail.com*. **Price: \$50 for both.**



**FOR SALE:** If your coach has Intellitec ECC Air Conditioning controller and you're annoyed because the AC fan runs all the time, save wear, tear and electricity! Check out the new AC Fan Bypass Controller at *g-mann.home.comcast.net*. Gene Hamelman, 972.495.6342; *g-mann@comcast.net*.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Coach- or toad-mounted tow bar for 1997 Discovery 36. Blaine Petersen, 928.284.2696; *blainelori@aol.com*. ❖



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Activities: I/we are interested in participating in the following events:

- 55 Alive, Red Hat Social, Book Exchange, Golf, Craft/White Elephant, Parade of Homes, Harley Davidson Tour, Pfaltzgraff Tour

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS by Nina Lee Soltwedel



Time is getting short. Have you sent in your national rally registration yet? From everything Dorie Baker has told me, and from what I read in this issue, we're in for a super time.

National rallies are an opportunity for each of us to see those we haven't had the pleasure of seeing since last year, plus getting to meet new people and make new friends.

The area around York is truly lovely...gently rolling hills, lots of trees, clear streams, and neat towns. Plus there are all the other sites to visit while you're in the area; for example, Gettysburg National Battlefield is just down the road a bit, and every American should visit that place at least once in their lifetime.

In the other direction, you can visit some beautiful Amish towns like Lancaster and Bird-in-Hand, and try out various restaurants that serve really good local food. And of course, there's Hershey. Who can resist chocolate and all those Kisses?

I hope you'll make it to this rally. You'll have a great time...I just know it.

DOAI BROCHURE

By now you've removed the three new DOAI brochures we included in this issue. We want every member to use these as a way of spreading the word about DOAI and all that our club has to offer.

Not only that, if you look closely at the enrollment form, you'll see a line that says: "Who recommended membership in DOAI to you?" (and it's on the form at the bottom of this page as well). Be sure to write your name in that slot before passing on the brochure. Our membership director will use that to keep track of the recruitment record for members, and there will be a suitable reward coming to those who are successful. Phil Yovino has promised to tell more about this in the Fall issue.

BALLOTING

In the next issue we'll be including the ballot to elect the officers of the club for 2006-2007. We'll be trying a better way to have you vote, one in which your privacy will be protected and the ballot won't be destroyed by the U.S. mail. Because of the ballot, the deadline for the next issue has been moved up to September 1. Be sure to get your news and articles in by that date. I thank you.

IN CLOSING

We began a new series of articles in the last issue, based upon historical records of the association. I mis-identified Lorrie Petersen's photo on page 19 of the Spring issue (I called her Judy). Lorrie was our first newsletter editor, and got our club off to a great start with excellent work. Don Fuller and I, as succeeding editors, merely carried on her fine work in the years since. Thanks, Lorrie, for helping us get off on the right foot!

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