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**LOOKING FORWARD:** We plan to begin a word-and-picture series about our beginnings six years ago, and a series of helpful RV-owner articles aimed at the new and relatively new owner. Also planned are safety tip articles from RV Alliance, eGroup conversations, and more articles for you, the members of DOAI.

## Dutch Treat Rally 2005 National Rally, York Fairgrounds York, Pennsylvania – August 9-13, 2005

Make your reservations **now** for the *Dutch Treat Rally* in York!

- \* Sample the Pennsylvania Dutch food, dress, culture, music, language, etc., from the opening night's German Fest picnic, to the closing night's Amazing Amos' amusing look at Amish life
- \* Shop at any of the several Farmers' Markets in the area
- \* Lower your auto insurance rates by taking the *55 Alive* safe driving course. Applications will be in the next issue of this newsletter
- \* Ladies, bring your red hats and tea cups. If we are **really** lucky, "Miss Latrina" will stop by for a "cuppa" with us and share a reading of her poem
- \* Golfers, bring your clubs! Alan Richie is lining up a golf outing for Thursday, August 11, at one of our area's great golf courses. More information in the next issue, or contact Alan at [alanandarlene1@comcast.net](mailto:alanandarlene1@comcast.net)
- \* Love motorcycles? Harley Davidson offers a tour of their factory
- \* Crazy about Pfaltzgraff? You won't want to miss that factory tour and the chance to shop at the factory outlet
- \* Fleetwood, Freightliner, Cummins, Allison, and Blue Ox are but a few of the major vendors who will offer service and/or seminars
- \* Are you a Civil War buff? Gettysburg is just 30 miles from York
- \* Baltimore's Inner Harbor and National Aquarium are less than an hour's drive
- \* Washington, D.C. is but 90 minutes away, and Philadelphia just 120 minutes. The Atlantic beaches can be reached in less than four hours
- \* We have **lots** planned for you, including an evening at the *Dutch Derby*. Bring your quarters for an exciting evening at the races

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**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, and then wisely, since it is costly for DOAI.

**Members** are encouraged to send in articles, tips, and even questions and/or comments in the form of *Letters to the Editor* (we'll make every effort to get the answers).

**Material** for the newsletter may be sent via e-mail or via 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.

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**President's Message**

by Phil Yovino

**H**i, again, to all Discovery owners! We've ended another great year . . . we had a super turnout at our national rally in Sedalia, Missouri, with 190 coaches. The sad part was that our rally master, Jim Devine, had to leave early as his wife, Dorothy, became ill and had to return to Alabama for treatment. Thankfully, Dorothy is now doing fine, but they were sorry they missed the fun. I'm sure we'll see them at Lazydays for the *Orange Blossom Romp*.



Mason-Dixon Discoverys received their charter...



...and so did Heartland Discoverys at Sedalia

2004 went by quickly and a lot happened. We now have vice presidents in all regions, and have chartered three more chapters. Before the national rally, Jim Devine and I were planning events, and one was to have a contest on chapter growth. The chapter that gained the most new members at the Sedalia rally would receive a check for \$100. Would you believe that our newest chapter, Heartland Discoverys, which began with nine members, signed up 21 new members and took home the money! Congratulations to club president Elfers Marzahl, North Central Region vice president Dick Snyder, and all the members on a super job. It goes to say, "Money talks!"

We also certified 40 members for CPR and AER at the rally, and were given good instructions on our new Zoll defibrillator.

Dot and I have finally settled in our bay home as our new residence in time for the holidays. Our new address is 210 Fairfield St., LaPorte, Texas; 281.867.1809 (home); 713.203.3114 (cell).

By now many of our members are planning their yearly trips, and for sure many will be at Lazydays, and for the *Dutch Treat* national rally in York, Pennsylvania. The national rally is surely going to be a super event for all members and their families, with so much to do and see. The planning for the rally has been intense. Many Northeast Region members have invested a great deal of time into making it a great rally, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

With the 14 chapters we have, it would be a good idea to look over the rally schedule in this newsletter for a rally near you or along your travel route. You will be welcome and have a rewarding time. Chapter rallies are great fun with wonderful people.

As you can see, this is the first of our color issues. Your board of directors voted to have the two-color *Discovery Express* and Nina will have the color different for each issue. We're working on full-color in the near future.

It's also time we begin thinking about elections. All the officers, chapter members, and members need to think about our new officers for the election to take place at the end of this year. Our immediate past president, Bob Baugh, will head the nominating committee. Please be thinking about members you think would be good leaders for our DOAI. We would like to have more than one candidate for each office. This is your time to make a choice.

Dot and I wish all Discovery owners a healthy and happy holiday season! ❖

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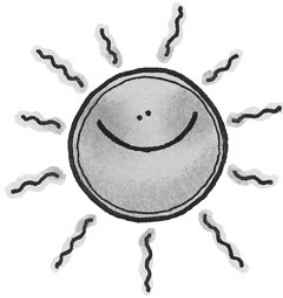
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**Sunshine Corner**

2004 was a year filled with happiness for many, elation for others, and sadness for some. Through it all, our Discovery family managed to keep in touch with each other, especially when in need of prayers and good thoughts.

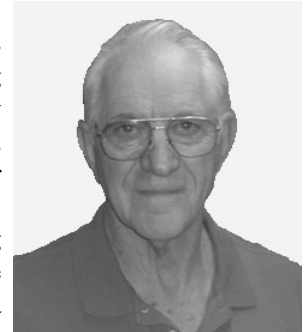


We extend best wishes, prayers, and hopes for the peace “that passes all understanding” to these good people:

- \* Sharon Ayer and hubby, Sonny Springer (California). Sharon has had a severe heart attack, and is in a convalescent home in a coma. She is breathing on her own and being fed intravenously.
- \* Bill and Beth Service, upon the death of their daughter, Donna (Louisiana).
- \* John and Dorie Baker (Pennsylvania), as John finishes his series of treatments in California for prostate cancer...with a good prognosis!
- \* Bob and Francine Johnston, as Francine recovers from surgery (Texas).
- \* Anita Scott and family, as they mourn the accidental death of Bob Scott (Louisiana).
- \* Cecile Wilson and family upon the death of Bob Wilson (Florida).
- \* Ed and Barbara Koch (Indiana), as Ed recovers from surgery.
- \* Robert and Vicky Hogue, as Bob recovers from heart surgery (Texas).
- \* Ken and Dorothy Hawk, as Ken recovers from a heart attack, and a resulting Stent insertion (Texas).
- \* Elfers and Sally Marzahl (Wisconsin), as Elfers continues to recover from an illness.

- \* Don and Edna Gilmer (Georgia), as Don continues to improve after surgery.
- \* The family of Don Bradshaw, as they mourn his death (Texas).
- \* Bob and Mary Cook, as Bob continues to experience occasional eye hemorrhages.
- \* Howard and Arlene Taylor (Alabama), as Howard continues to improve after surgery.
- \* David Chestnut and family (Florida), as they mourn the death of Blanche Chestnut.

We congratulate Arnie and Betty Thompson (Utah) for the singular honor recently bestowed upon Arnie: The Award of Merit, Boy Scouts of America. Arnie has long been active in the scouting movement, serving in many capacities including scoutmaster, varsity advisor, and explorer advisor.



In addition to his life-long devotion to the Boy Scouts, Arnie has also served his country as a member of the Presidential Commission on the Challenger Space Shuttle Accident, and in 1987 was awarded NASA’s Presidential Award for Professional Integrity and Personal Courage. He was also the recipient of the NASA Silver Snoopy Award for outstanding excellence.

Arnie has also served his local school board, his church, and his community in a variety of capacities. Arnie is DOAI’s former Northwest Region vice president, and currently serves DOAI as rally master for the Northwest Adventurers chapter.

Congratulations, Arnie! ❖

**Orange Blossom Romp** by Pete Pizzano

The January winter rally at Lazydays RallyPark, hosted by the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, is rapidly approaching. January 28 will be here soon and we will be enjoying the spirit of friendship. The Gators have been working hard to make this year’s region rally as eventful and entertaining as usual.

One of the chapter’s top priorities is writing to sponsors, requesting gifts for the goodie bags and drawings. Vendor selection is a difficult task. With Camping World next door to the park, and limited space in the recreation building, the vendor committee has to be selective. Vendors chosen will be those who will do service to our coaches or sell useful wares priced below stores.

Earlier in 2004, Lazydays published and mailed flyers erroneously advertising our rally dates as a Lazydays-sponsored rally. This error prior to mailing was noticed, leaving them with one alternative . . . to print over these dates “Sold Out.”

As of this writing (early December 2004), the romp has openings. Get your registrations in as soon as possible. Mail

the site registration to RallyPark and the registration form to Edna Pendergrass. The rally is during Florida’s prime time and Lazydays’ busy season. Several rallies are scheduled at the park. Therefore, in agreement with the park, I ask that the registration form be used to avoid confusion. Be certain, if you are handicapped, that you note this on the form. The DOAI rally is the largest rally during this time, and we are the park’s prime concern.

Over the past months, Lazydays survived four major hurricanes. The Tampa area received minimal damage. The sales and dining areas are undergoing major renovations. By January 28 you can expect to see a new and improved Lazydays.



Bob Cook plans to be at the rally, and will be able to assist us to keep us informed and provide internet access. Lazydays will also provide us with its new WiFi Internet access.

When you arrive at RallyPark, move your coach off the  
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**Orange Blossom Romp, continued**

road. Personnel in the parking lot will guide you to your site. After settling in, come to the recreation hall to register and get a goodie bag.

Bill Hendrix from Dometic will be at the rally for two days. He will gladly help with awning and refrigerator problems.

The strawberry crop was not hurt by the hurricanes, so the delicious strawberry shortcakes and thick shakes at Parksdale Farm Market will be ready for our visit.

Bring your appetite with you: breakfast and lunch courtesy of Lazydays, Monday through Saturday, continental breakfast on Sunday courtesy of the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, welcome party day of arrival, courtesy of Lazydays management and Fleetwood, and the DOAI dinners.

Quality entertainment will be provided at the welcome party and following the dinners. The quality is comparable to Branson and Broadway.

Where can you go to get the spirit of friendship, quality entertainment, excellent food for three to four days for \$140?

Lazydays RallyPark is one of the top RV parks in the country. The park offers a courtesy van, clean facilities, driving courses, WiFi, pool, hot tub, tennis courts, hundreds of motor coaches to see, and paved and blacktop roads.

If you are in the market for a new coach, bring a price to Lazydays, compare and bargain, and I am sure Lazydays will match or better the competition. Should you purchase a coach, please tell the salesman you are a DOAI member and give them your DOAI member number.

People interested in taking the driving course should register with Barney Alexander. Call as soon as possible, as the course fills up quickly. If you cannot call, register to take the course as soon as you register with us.

Bill Osterhoudt will be back to teach the microwave/convection cooking. People attending the course will be able to taste the foods Bill prepares.

Our welcome party is planned for 4:00 p.m. Get to RallyPark on time to enjoy a festive welcome.

The Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, and Alice and I, look forward to seeing you. Come on down and enjoy four days of merriment and good food! ❖

**Schedule of Rallies****JANUARY 2005 –**

20-22 Discovery Texans, Red Oak Ranch, Hempstead, TX

28- Feb. 1 **Southeast Region Rally, Orange Blossom Romp, Lazydays RallyPark, Seffner, FL**

**FEBRUARY 2005 –**

10-13 Texas Disco Road Runners, Riverview RV Park, Waco, TX

**MARCH 2005 –**

11-14 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Tropical Palms, Kissimmee, FL

17-19 Discovery Texans, Whispering Pines, Tyler, TX

**APRIL 2005 –**

4-15 Southwest Texas Rolling Rally, open to all Texas and Louisiana chapters members

28 Mid-South Roadrunners, Wilson, NC

**MAY 2005 –**

2-8 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Jolly Roger RV Park, Grassy Key, FL

5-8 Discovery Pioneers, Moab, UT

19-21 Discovery Texans, Fredericksburg RV Park, Fredericksburg, TX

**JUNE 2005 –**

14-17 Texas Disco Road Runners, Sunset Point RV Park, Marble Falls, TX

23-26 Heartland Discoverys, Western Michigan Fair Assn./Mason Co. Fairgrounds, Ludington, MI

**AUGUST 2005 –**

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



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

**SEPTEMBER 2005 –**

T/B/A Mid-South Roadrunners, Morganton, NC

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

**NOVEMBER 2005 –**

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

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

**OCTOBER 2006 –**

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



Send your rally schedule to the editor for inclusion in the next issue (deadline March 20). Thanks! ❖

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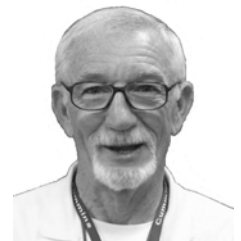
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**Report of the Secretary**

*by Joyce Bednarczyk*

The Board of Directors meeting of DOAI was called to order by Phil Yovino, president, at 7:05 p.m., October 4, 2004, in Sedalia, MO. In attendance were Phil Yovino, Tom Fields, Mac McIlvaine, Pete Pizzano, Joyce Bednarczyk, Dick Snyder, Garry Shirey, John Baker, and Don Fuller.

- \* Proposal presented to the board by Nina Soltwedel: Print *Discovery Express* with two colors, front and back page; or print *Discovery Express* with four colors, front and back page; or print *Discovery Express* in full color.
- \* Minutes of board meeting at region rally in Montgomery, TX in April 2004 read and approved as amended.
- \* Treasurer's report read, reflecting

\$65,000 net worth. Copy of report, budget, and net worth included with minutes. Motion to accept as presented and seconded; motion carried.

- \* Motion to reimburse newsletter editor for rally fees for region and national rallies, effective immediately. Motion passed.
- \* Membership retention: Membership chairman to furnish region VPs with list of members being dropped from list for non-payment of dues. These people to be contacted to determine reason for dropping out, and to encourage them to remain as members. A motion was made to design and present two-fold brochure to encourage and educate members on the DOAI purpose and benefits of membership. Motion carried.

- \* Voting methods for electing officers: Each board member to send ideas for handling this procedure to the president via e-mail.
- \* *Discovery Express* advertising: Motion made to adopt policy to open newsletter to major suppliers to *Discovery* motor homes to advertising on the back page of the newsletter in color. Seconded; motion carried with one opposed.
- \* Motion made: *Discovery Express* newsletter to be published in two colors, front and back pages, to be printed in four seasonal colors. Seconded and passed.
- \* Garry Shirey advised that the 2006 national anniversary rally to be held at Blazing Star RV Park, San Antonio, TX. Park can accommodate 200-220 coaches. ❖

**Money Talk with Mac**

*by Mac McIlvaine*

The November 2003 and 2004 net worth statements show our club is in excellent financial condition.

The net worth in 2004 increased by \$2,217 compared to 2003. This can be attributed primarily to the profits from the three nationally-sponsored rallies in 2004. Budgeted rally profits were \$2,225, and actual profit was \$7,724, an increase of \$5,499. This can be attributed to excellent management and a lot of hard working rally volun-

teers. This surplus covered the 2004 budgeted loss of \$3,465 and added \$2,217 to the net worth.

Also note that the balance in our working bank account (First State Bank, Livingston, Texas) has been reduced by more than \$2,500 this past year, and over \$8,300 since November 2002.

If you have any questions concerning the finances, call me or see me at a rally. Jan and I wish everyone a very happy new year. ❖

**DOAI Net Worth – November 30, 2003 and November 30, 2004**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance 11-30-03</u>	<u>Balance 11-30-04</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
First State Bank	\$17,748.15	\$15,099.47
Money Market (First State Bank)	31,494.10	31,630.95
Total cash and bank accounts	<u>\$49,242.25</u>	<u>\$46,730.42</u>
Other Assets		
Inventory – DOAI shirts, etc.	\$2,204.00	\$2,399.33
Membership Director revolving fund	500.00	550.00
MotoSat DataStorm system	4,995.00	4,995.00
Resale - Shipping costs	.00	109.00
Sedalia Rally receivable	520.00	.00
York Rally deposit	1,000.00	1,000.00
York Rally advance	.00	3,000.00
Zoll defibrillator	.00	1,895.00
Total Other Assets	<u>\$9,219.00</u>	<u>\$13,948.33</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>\$58,461.25</b></u>	<u><b>\$60,678.75</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Other Liabilities		
DOAI rally account	\$8,965.87	\$8,965.87
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>\$8,965.87</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,965.87</b></u>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<u><b>\$49,495.38</b></u>	<u><b>\$51,712.88</b></u>

**National Rally Master's Report**  
by Pete Pizzano

Have you ever noticed, whenever you open a RV magazine, there is an article or a personal experience relating to maintenance of a motor coach? Stressed by article authors or motor coach owners is preventive maintenance. Fuel levels, tire pressure, and route planning are considered. Other factors usually include distribution of weight, gross coach weight, and total braking distance.

At national and region rallies the DOAI rally masters try to have vendors and seminars to discuss many of these critical concerns. In discussions with representatives of tire manufacturers, they attribute tire fatigue (blowouts) to

the failure of the driver to ride on the manufacturer's recommended tire pressure for the gross coach weight.

Tire dealers, Freightliner, Cummins, Caterpillar, and Fleetwood are invited to our rallies. We always consider it fortunate to have any of them attend. Many times representatives of these major companies are previously scheduled elsewhere and are unavailable.

This past summer Alice and I, along with ten other DOAI members, traveled to Alaska. We found the major roads to be hot-topped, many campgrounds with vacancies, and plenty of fuel stations. On our return trip through the central part of the U.S.,

we concentrated on state and county parks that could accommodate national and region rallies. Those we saw were spacious, clean, and could accommodate us. The Sedalia rally was an example of what we can expect at state and county park facilities . . . all amenities.

Each region vice president, when searching for national or region rally sites, takes into consideration what attractions the surrounding communities offer, highway access, travel distance, amenities, and facilities. Once the site is selected, the rally master and his/her committee begin their search for vendors and sponsors.

I suggest that when your region and your chapter are involved, volunteer. It is exciting and rewarding. ❖

**Founders' Forum** by Jim and Dorothy Devine  
**THE GIFT**

First thing: Dorothy is OK! Second, this article is about you and your kindness to us.

Now a little background on what happened: A few weeks before the Sedalia national rally, Dorothy developed a cough. We went to a lung specialist, but he could not determine what caused her problem, nor what it was, but prescribed a broad spectrum antibiotic and asked Dorothy to come back after completing the course of treatment . . . a date that was right in the middle of the days of the national rally.

Dorothy really wanted to go to the rally to see all her friends. I was the rally master and knew that when the rally started, the rally master's job required me to be there. We explained this to the doctor and he agreed let her go if we called him every few days.

At Sedalia a day before the rally, Dorothy coughed up some blood in the morning. We were scheduled to call her doctor at 2:00 p.m. that day, so we waited to call. Dorie Baker watched Dorothy while I attended the Red Cross CPR/AED class. While I was gone, Dorothy's doctor called and after talking to her, wanted us to come back to Mobile as soon as possible.

The experience of the next few hours will forever remain etched deep in my memory! When I got the message to get Dorothy back right away, it caused me to get caught up in such a swirl of emotions; first not knowing what was wrong with Dorothy and just how serious is this, can she die, why did I come to this rally. And then when I got back to the motor home, I found a large group of friends were flocked around Dorothy. As more and more friends gathered around Dorothy, all this outpouring of love and concern slowly pushed its way into through the fog of emotions overwhelming my fears and then I realized we were being given something so unique, so special that few people get to experience. We were surrounded by this warm glow of love and caring . . . an indescribable feeling. This gift of love and affection is a gift that we will carry in our hearts for the rest of our lives! Thank you all! ❖



**Region News Reports**

**Southeast**

by Jim Devine

The goal in our region for 2005 is to have at least three candidates for Southeast Region VP for the DOAI election next fall. To do this, I need everyone's help in locating members who are qualified and enthusiastic about our region, and who possess a vision of how to better serve our members.

Please think about members you have met and who you think would be good leaders for our organization and our region. Contact me by phone (888.594.6819), or via e-mail: [jimd@one800.net](mailto:jimd@one800.net) or [f195810@earthlink.net](mailto:f195810@earthlink.net), or look me up at

the Lazydays rally.

Let me know how you feel about having a region meeting while at Lazydays. I like the idea of all of us getting together for a little socializing and talk about things we would like to accomplish in our region, as well as identify and present to our members some of the candidates for the upcoming election. Please help make this region one of the best.

Dorothy and I enjoyed attending chapter functions in 2004. They were a lot of fun, and we got to spend time with some members one on one, and to know them better. ❖

*Region News Reports continued on next page...*

Region News Reports, continued

South Central

by Garry Shirey

We have selected a theme for the 2006 National Rally in San Antonio, Texas: Discover the Alamo. The rally will take place at the Blazing Star RV Resort, Loop 1604 near SR 151, San Antonio, October 8-14, 2006.

The rally itself will start on October 11 and run through October 14; October 8-9 are set aside for those who want to come in early and sightsee, play golf, or whatever.

There will be transportation available to downtown and return. There are many missions to see and tour, the River

Walk, and many more things to enjoy while in the Alamo city. For those folks who don't know what all the fuss is about over the Alamo, just come and find out for yourself.



There will be more updates as the time draws near for the York, Pennsylvania rally next August. If you haven't yet signed up for Dutch Treat, the DOAI 2005 National Rally, do it soon. The scenery around York is fabulous, and you'll have a wonderful time. Hope to see you there. ❖

Southwest

by Gerald Embry

In the summer 2004 issue of this newsletter, President Phil Yovino advised I had been appointed to serve the remaining term of the late Ray Lemmons. You may have wondered why you have not heard from nor seen much of me since I was appointed.

In that same issue Jim Devine, in his Founders' Forum article, mentioned the chef who obtained and cooked prime ribs for all except one member, due to health reasons. Well, I can tell you that old Pierre also cooked a fine halibut steak for that person, namely, me! (Does Jim have a good memory or what?!) The health problem that necessitated that choice of fish over meat flared up again in August 2004, unfortunately curtailing our summer and fall travels and activities. However, I am much improved and rarin' to go.

The Southwest Region has two chapters: Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is very active and headed by the very capable Barb Klusman. California Goodtimers chapter has become inactive, I'm sorry to say. I believe that the five states in our region can support more than two chapters.

Rallies, especially chapter rallies, are a great way to get to

know each other and to create friendships that will last into the future. Not only that, most chapter rallies are more laid back than region or national rallies, so we all have a chance to relax and just enjoy the surrounding scenery and attractions.

I propose we hold a Southwest Region rally in California in the near future, possibly in late April or early May 2005 for all Southwest DOAI members. At this rally we will attempt to organize new chapters, and to also re-establish California Goodtimers.

I'll be happy to lead this, but will need assistance in organizing and handling the rally. President Phil has assured me of assistance from national DOAI. A survey is included below, asking for information that will assist us in making necessary plans. Please mail, e-mail, or call me with your thoughts.

I will enjoy renewing acquaintances with long-time members and meeting our newer members. We all own a great motor coach ... let's build on that commonality and rally together!

Please respond by January 31 so that we can secure a park and plan a great rally! ❖

Information Survey for Southwest Region Rally

DOAI Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We will attend this rally

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We will participate in planning and/or hosting this rally

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We will participate in organizing a chapter

Suggestions of activities \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions of location \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond by January 31, 2005 to: Gerald Embry, Southwest Region VP, 14572 Mesa St., Hesperia, CA 92345-2242; e-mail jmembry36@uia.net; tollfree phone 877.238.6954

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**Region News Reports, continued****North Central**

by Dick Snyder

I think the Sedalia rally was one of the most memorable rallies for Brenda and me. It was special for us since we attended the rally with our new Heartland Discoverys chapter. We began this chapter in May 2004 and came to Sedalia with seven of our ten original members. At the rally everyone worked hard to gain new members and we left the rally with a total of 27 Heartland members. DOAI presented us with \$500 for being a new chapter, plus \$50 for a coffee pot, and our chapter won the \$100 prize for the most new members at the rally.

When we arrived at Sedalia, several people said (since Sedalia is in the North Central Region), "So this is your rally." I just came on as North Central Region VP in January 2004 and had nothing to do with the planning of this rally. The ones most responsible for the success of the rally are:

Jim and Dorothy Devine, who worked for a year or more planning the Sedalia rally; Nina Soltwedel, the registrar, who could be seen taking care of a lot of different things; Harvey and Marion Becker, who

never let us go hungry; Portia and Bob Williams, who made sure everything was scheduled at the right place; Garry and Gayle Shirey and their crew, who got us all parked; Jan and Mac McIlvaine, who (along with Bob and Nina Soltwedel and Carl and Marge Ropp) brought the clothing to be sold at the rally; Phil Yovino, our president, who is leading our club with enthusiasm, optimism and direction; and all those who had anything to do with making this one of the best DOAI rallies ever. Thanks to everyone for a job well done.

After the rally was over and after I thought back and reflected, maybe it *was* our rally in a way that the North Central Region had its moment. Especially, if for no other reason, the friends we made during this time will last forever.

Now we will be looking forward to 2010 when our region will again host the national rally. I look forward to it when we meet again in the heartland of America with possibly the host chapter being the Heartland Discoverys.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Heartland Discoverys chapter rally in Ludington, Michigan June 23-26, 2005. ❖

**Feeding the RV'er**

by Nina Lee Soltwedel

Several gals at the Sedalia rally shared recipes with me, and I'm tickled to present them here. I am indebted to Dee Haffner, Elsie Sikes, and Mickey Racer for the following goodies. Please send me your favorite recipe(s) and you too can participate in "feeding the RV'er" through these pages.

**Shrimply Fried Rice** (Dee Haffner, Louisiana)

- 2 bags Success rice
- 1 c. frozen green peas
- 3 T. vegetable oil
- 1 t. garlic powder
- ½ c. chopped onion
- 3 T. soy sauce
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 c. chopped, cooked shrimp
- 1 green onion chopped (garnish)

Prepare rice according to package directions. Heat oil in large skillet. Add onion and sauté 1 minute. Add eggs; scramble. Fold in cooked shrimp, peas, garlic, rice, and soy sauce. Heat through. Turn out onto serving platter and top with green onion. Makes 4 servings.

**Jam Cheese Spread** (Miriam "Mickey" Racer, Texas)

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- ½ c. finely chopped onion
- ¼ c. minced green bell pepper
- ¼ c. minced fresh long green Ortega chili pepper

- 1 c. chopped pecans
- ⅓ c. jam (strawberry, seedless raspberry, grape, plum, etc.)
- Assorted crackers

In small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and mayonnaise until blended. Beat in cheeses, onion, and peppers. Stir in pecans. Spread in a plastic-wrap-lined 9" round dish. Refrigerate overnight. Next day, invert dish on serving plate. Make indentation in top and spread with jam of your choice. Serve with crackers. Makes about 3½ cups.

**Better Than Potato Salad** (Elsie Sikes, Texas)

- 4 c. cooked long grain rice
- 8 radishes, sliced
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 medium cucumber, seeded and chopped
- 2 c. celery, thinly sliced
- ½ c. chopped onion
- 1½ c. mayonnaise
- 3 T. prepared mustard
- ¾ t. salt

In large bowl, combine rice, radishes, eggs, cucumber, celery, and onion. Combine mayonnaise, mustard, and salt; mix well. Pour over rice mixture and toss. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

**Special Round Steak** (Nina Soltwedel, Colorado)

- 2 T. A-1 Steak Sauce
- 1 large round steak
- 1 pkg. dried onion soup mix
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

Brush steak sauce on round steak. Sprinkle on soup mix and spread mushroom soup over top. Roll, tie, wrap in foil, and bake 350° for 3 hours. ❖

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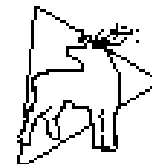
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**Chapter News**

**Arizona Discovery Owners**

by Barbara Klusman

The chapter met at the Silverton Casino RV Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 5-9. Members attending were Dale and Darlene Behie, Rich and Berni Bouckhout, Ed



Arizona chapter meeting

and Geri Cozens, Joe and Rockie Eisenman, Russ and Linda Hinkle, Don and Barb Klusman, Gerald and Maritta Lipsit, Carl and Wanda

May, Bud and Joan Munzer (rally masters), Jerry and Betty Rabinkoff, and guests of the Behie's, Lonnie and Donna Wiley.

The Munzers did a fantastic job in planning the full five-day itinerary including an extensive tour. The chapter extends its heartfelt thanks.

During the course of the rally, we had meals in the casino restaurant, cocktail hours around the coaches, and our usual winner ... a potluck with enough food to feed an army.

The board meeting was held prior to our first annual membership meeting. We said farewell to the outgoing treasurer, Maritta Lipsit, and thanked her for the work she did in organizing the treasurer's position. Richard Bouckhout was appointed the new treasurer. Wanda May, secretary and new rally master, discussed future rallies.

The general membership meeting followed. Election of board members took place: Barbara Klusman, president; Miles Munzer, vice president; Wanda May, secretary/rally master; Richard Bouckhout, treasurer; Rockie Eisenman, membership; and Art Boglio, at large.

The highlight of the rally was a bus tour of the U.S. Department of Energy test site 60 miles from Las Vegas. It is a highly secured area and admittance is allowed only after a security clearance has taken place. The tour takes approximately eight hours and is worth every minute of it. The tour covers 250 miles! ❖



Barbara Klusman, chapter president

**Discovery Pioneers**

by Nina Lee Soltwedel

We had a great time on our rolling-to-Branson trek and in Branson itself. Jerry and Joyce Wiechman had us meet them in Oakley, Kansas for our first night. The next morning they led us to a very interesting museum in Oakley where we spent at least an hour looking at the most amazing collection of fossils anywhere.



Joyce Wiechman, chapter president

We stayed the second night in Wichita, where we were joined by Jerry and Mylla O'Dell, Mesa neighbors of the Wiechmans, and also DOAI members. At the same campground were Loren and Judy Peterson, charter members of DOAI.

We arrived in Branson on a warm, sunny afternoon and settled in at America's Best Campground, a very nice RV camp

in a quiet spot on the north side of Branson.

Everyone enjoyed the many shows attended, and we also helped Jerry and Joyce celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary one evening.

The Wiechmans and Don and Nancy Gillam traveled to Branson loaded with harvest. Jerry and Joyce had harvested a lot of wheat and milo for the table centerpieces at Sedalia, and the Gillams brought along sun flowers, more milo, pumpkins and gourds, all for Sedalia. Carl and Marge Ropp generously provided "toting" space in their D for all the "stuff" Bob and Nina Soltwedel were hauling along for the national rally including more harvest items such as horse chestnuts, acorns, juniper berries, and decorations such as silk fall leaves and fall-patterned fabric rectangles.

At the national rally, First Lady Jerry Wiechman proved himself an able and talented table decorator, as he joined several of us women to decorate the 50 tables in the arena. Joyce must have gone through at least three cans of hair spray, used to keep the milo from falling apart so the heads could be placed on the tables easily. Joyce and Jerry went out and bought orange buckets for some of the harvest items, and these graced the stage during the national rally. The arena really looked good!

During the national rally we welcomed Doug and Marty Marion as new members of our chapter. We are looking forward to our first rally of 2005 when we travel to Moab, Utah for fun events planned by our rally hosts, Neil and Marlene Elkins. ❖

**Discovery Texans**

by Elsie Sikes

Many Discovery Texans wound up their summer travels by converging at the *Show Me the Ozarks* rally in Sedalia, Missouri in October. Twenty-five D Texan coaches arrived in time for their owners to participate with parking, registration, food service, entertainment and to simply enjoy visiting with other Discovery owners from all over the country. We were also pleased to add two new members to the chapter at the rally and five more have sent in their registrations to bring our membership to 67.



Tom Fields, chapter president

The latest chapter rally was held at Skyline Ranch at the official Cowboy Capital of the World in November. Bandera is a small town in the Texas hill country with a population of slightly less than 600. The Living History Group, under the auspices of the Frontier Times Museum, entertains visitors with trick roping, strolling musicians, and one can get a cup of coffee at the chuck wagon or see a longhorn steer, saddled and ready to ride on Main Street on Saturday afternoons. Normally, the season for these performances end early November, but with a bit of help from a financial service planner, whose roots are in Bandera, it was extended just for our chapter. Discovery Texans thoroughly enjoyed music by the Almost Patsy Cline Band and other performers, visited the unique stores, antique shops and toured the scenic drives of the area.

Rally hosts are busy planning a reunion rally in Hemp-

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stead, Texas at Red Oak Ranch RV Park. All former members of our chapter have been issued invitations to attend no matter whether they have a Discovery coach or for that matter, any coach at all. We miss all the great people who have had to drop out because they don't own a Discovery and thus ineligible to be members of the chapter. This is our way of continuing old friendships.

Along with the Texas Disco Road Runners and Louisiana Mudbugs, some of our members plan to participate in a rolling rally across the southern part of Texas from Fort Clark to Big Bend, Fort Davis, and the McDonald Observatory. This looks like a great trip of about 12 days with South Central Region members.

Joyce Bednarczyk has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term as chapter vice president due to a resignation.

Discovery Texans invite others to join them at any of their rallies. All that's needed is to contact the rally master, Leon Sikes, to let him know you will attend so he can reserve a spot for you. Call 830.535.6532 or send an email to [sikesel@aol.com](mailto:sikesel@aol.com). See the rally schedule for dates and places for our 2005 rallies. ❖

**Dixie Travelers**

by Bobby Williams

We had a good turn out and really nice rally at the River Country RV Park in Gadsden, Alabama. The weather was great as fall was here. Presently there are 32 members in the chapter, and 26 turned out for the rally. We had a good time spending time with everyone. We thank everyone who brought and prepared food for the great meals.

We had 14 chapter members attend the Sedalia rally: Manuel and Jean Salter, Ted and Peggy Misenheimer, Bobby and Fay Williams, Charles and Mary Holcomb, Kenneth and Alice Stanley, Bill and Jean McLeod, and Jim and Doni Satcher. A fine looking group, I must say!



Our new officers are Howard Taylor, president; Manuel Salter, vice president; Audrey Taylor, secretary; Evan McCarley, treasurer; and Dannie McCarley, wagon master. I have enjoyed being your president, and I look forward to the good leadership Howard will give us. ❖

**Florida Discovery Rolling Gators**

by Patti Brewer

The Riverside RV Resort proved to be a great example of how a determined staff of employees can bounce back from major hurricane damage. The park itself was in great shape, although it was sad to see the way the magnificent oak trees that fill the resort looked as though they had been pruned with hand grenades.

It was also heartening to hear how our Rolling Gators members in the Charlotte County area had managed to survive. Not only did they survive the devastation of Hurricane Charley, but the frustration of having to deal with insurance companies, county inspectors, and adjusters as well.



Tom Ebbert, chapter president

Despite the adversities, Bill and Marcy Ryan were able to host a great mini-rally: Cajun music at the Navigator; dinner and dancing to the fabulous sounds of Jay Smith at Fisherman's Village; campfires with old friends and the always pleasant experience of meeting new friends.

Between all the fun and frivolity at the rally, Ron and Georgia Shane helped conduct a forum to solicit volunteers to perform in various officer positions for the coming two years effective January 1, 2005. The slate of officers is: Tom Ebbert, president; Sam Childs, vice president; Sandy Childs, secretary; Sheila Eck, treasurer; Ron Shane, wagon master; and Bill Brewer, newsletter editor.

Those in attendance, in addition to the Ryans, were Lee and Sheila Eck, Sam and Sandy Childs, Tom and Judy Ebbert, Pete and Alice Pizzano, Ron and Georgia Shane, Tony and Maurine Muscarella, Arnold and Gloria Carroll, and Bill and Patti Brewer. These mini-rallies are a great place to meet great folks and enjoy life's experiences along the way. Hope to see many of you in Titusville for 2005! See the rally schedule in this newsletter for more information. ❖

**Heartland Discoverys**

by Debbie Finger

All Discovery owners are invited and welcome to attend the Heartland-Great Lakes Splendor rally June 23-26, 2005 at the Western Michigan Fair Association/Mason County Fairgrounds in Ludington, Michigan

Plans are being finalized for a great rally: mark your calendar now to attend. The rally fee will include four nights of camping (June 23, 24, 25, and 26) with electric and city water (dump station available on grounds), welcome party, three continental breakfasts, guided tour of Amber Elk Ranch, Saturday evening catered dinner, Sunday morning catered brunch, card Bingo, special event at Nautical Yarn, and a bon voyage party – with more events in the works!

Come early and stay late to enjoy all of the area activities, events and attractions ... a casino, lighthouse tours, dairy farm tour, dune rides, beaches and waterfront park, a historic village, many delightful shops, and so much more. So pack those golf clubs, bring those bikes and fishing gear, and come enjoy all that the Ludington area has to offer.

Early arrival begins Tuesday, June 21 at noon (extra charge for additional nights). Registration form to be available at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com) in January.

For questions send an e-mail to Debbie Finger and John Myette at [jjmyette@juno.com](mailto:jjmyette@juno.com) or call 231.645.9635. Check out these websites for Ludington, the Western Michigan Fair

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Howard Taylor, chapter president



Elfers Marzahl, chapter president

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Association/Mason County Fairgrounds and Michigan travel and tourist information:

- \* The Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce: [www.ludingtoncvb.com](http://www.ludingtoncvb.com)
- \* Ludington Area Visitors Guide: [www.visitludington.com](http://www.visitludington.com)
- \* Western Michigan Fair Association/Mason County Fairgrounds: [www.masoncountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.masoncountyfairgrounds.com)
- \* Michigan Travel and Tourist information: [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org)
- \* For Discovery owners west of Lake Michigan, check out the Lake Michigan CarFerry; it carries RVs, too: [www.ssbadger.com](http://www.ssbadger.com)

Chapter president Elfers Marzahl adds to this report: "Sally and I sure missed not being at the Sedalia rally and talking with everyone. The growth of our new club is just great, with all the new members joining at Sedalia. I extend a huge thank you to Bobby Simpson and all fellow officers and members for the great job they did at the Sedalia rally. We can't wait to get acquainted with everyone at Lazydays. Sally and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thanks also for everyone's prayers during my illness." ❖

**Mid-South Roadrunners**

by Ray Easter

Chapter members have been busy as bees in 2004, swarming all over the country enjoying our RV lifestyle along with our great RV family. Many of our members kicked the new year off by attending the 2004 Florida RV Super Rally at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa in mid-January. This is a great rally to attend, because of the many vendors and RV manufacturers that participate, and it's a great pre-rally to get everyone in the right frame of mind for the DOAI Southeast Region rally at Lazydays.



Ray Easter, chapter president

The Lazydays rally was great as usual, thanks to the efforts of Pete and Alice Pizzano and the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators chapter, and the tremendous support and generosity of the fine folks at Lazydays. The food was great, the entertainment was great, the people were great, and the strawberry shortcake and ice cream gets better every year. If you've never been to this rally, it's a must for the future.

Several of our members made the fantastic journey to Alaska this past summer, some traveling with the FCOC caravan, and others organized their own mini-caravan, including Phyllis and me, along with Glenn and Gail Camp, Pete and Alice Pizzano, Pete and Susan Stone, Ed and Karen Bertsch, and G.A. and Mary Sue Schaefer. We all met up on a couple of occasions while in Alaska, and we had lots of wonderful and exciting stories to share with each other. What a wonderful trip it is, and I hope everyone will plan to take this trip in their motor home some time in the future. It's the only way to really see and enjoy all of Alaska. Time permitting, we have offered to conduct an open discussion on traveling to Alaska during the Lazydays rally. We hope Pete can work this into the schedule, and anyone attending who would like to join us can learn more about the

adventures of our trip and the planning required to have a fun-filled and successful experience.

With many of us away in Alaska, others in the chapter had quite a summer traveling around to their favorite local sites. Some even traveled as far away as Kansas, Oregon, and Washington to attend FMCA, FCOC, and the Great North American RV Rally. One of the highlights of the year was the chapter rally in Branson, Missouri in late September/early October. This was billed as a pre-rally for the national rally to follow in Sedalia, and drew 47 coaches from six different DOAI chapters from all over the U.S. What a great time we had with all the fellowship, good food, and fantastic country music. Following the Branson rally, many of the attendees traveled on to the national rally (just 120 miles up the road) for even more fun.

We plan to kick off 2005 once again at the annual Florida RV Show and then on to Lazydays for another great time.

Unhitch your wagon and start buzzing around with us, as we swarm across the country this year! Plans include a rally in Wilson, North Carolina April 28, which would be a great time to tour the Outer Banks, take the ferry to Morehead City for some deep sea fishing, and travel on down to Wilmington to see the sites while you are on the east coast. We are planning a return trip to Morganton, North Carolina in early September for another great time in the mountains in the western part of that state. This is one you don't want to miss.

In November 2005 we will be traveling to New Orleans for a Cajun rally full of good food, good music, and lots of fun and fellowship. For more information, see our website link on the DOAI website and join us for more great adventures. ❖

**Midwest Discoverers**

by Cindy Merkt

Eleven coaches gathered along the great Ohio River in Rising Sun, Indiana for our fall rally. Although the city had sun in its name, that was about the only sun we saw for the campout. Arrival day was warm and partly sunny but thereafter was only rain, clouds, and cold. After everyone arrived, we had wine and cheese get-together then a potluck dinner (there sure was a lot to choose from). We had a tour of the local harp factory, historic society museum, walked the streets of Rising Sun, and went to the winery where we had a lot of fun tasting all the wine. The town really put out the red carpet for us; the winery usually was not open on Tuesday but they did open this Tuesday so that we could come in and give them a try. They provided us with transportation to and from the campground to town at no charge. That was a little hard to believe in this day and age.



John Wimer, chapter president

The following day started with the fishing tournament. There was a small rain shower in the area but that didn't daunt our brave fishermen and women. They fished for approximately two hours in the rain and not a fish was to be found. Although our beloved president did award Peg Lavoie with the booby prize for catching the largest leaf. It was also our day to spend at Grand Victoria Casino. They provided us with players cards and \$5 each to get us started on gambling.

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Most of us either quit while we were ahead or while we still had a few bucks in our pocket. We met at the casino buffet for dinner (all but Captain Jack . . . he was still busy losing all of his money) and had 'way too much to eat. The rain kept most of us in after that.

We then toured the beautiful Hillforest Museum House in Aurora, Indiana. Our own Barb Koch enlightened us with the history and particulars regarding the house, which has been beautifully restored and decorated. The view of the river from the top floor of the house is breathtaking. Later that evening we had Ron Merkt and Dick Holmes pick up pizza. It took over two hours to get it and when they returned



Midwest Discoverers at fall rally  
Photo by Rex Lavoie

they said that it was 40 pounds of pizza; when we saw it we believed them. We finished the evening with a corn hole tournament and a bonfire which included roasting marsh-mallows. The winners of the corn hole games were John and Jane Wimer. They really had beginners luck.

To make the rally a real success we had three new coaches sign up for membership. Welcome aboard: Dick and Sylvia Holmes, Herb and Shirley Mechlin, and Captain Jack Romeyk.

We were missing some very valuable members: John and Dorie Baker (John having treatment in California), Lenny and Nancy Gaylord (Nancy's mother passed away), and Les and Harriet Harold (Harriet on new medication that required doctor's supervision). We truly missed each and every one of you and hope you are doing much better.

We have several members that need your thoughts and prayers: Ed Koch, Nancy Gaylord, Harriet Harold, John Baker, and Jerry Heimbrock (shoulder replacement). ❖

### Northwest Adventurers

by Ken Swain

Our chapter president, Jerry Woods, was elected DOAI vice president for the Northwest Region. As a result, he has submitted his resignation as president of Northwest Adventurers. A meeting was held at the Sedalia rally and the following were elected as officers of our chapter: Ken

Swain, president; John Woods, vice president; Betty Thompson, secretary; Portia Williams, treasurer; and Arnie Thompson, rally master.

We will strive to have some good rallies and spread them around so that all will have a chance to participate. Our goal is to have three rallies a year. Arnie will welcome your suggestions. You may e-mail him at [abthom@favorites.com](mailto:abthom@favorites.com) or contact him at 753 Sunset Dr., Brigham City, UT 84302-1965.

If you have an e-mail, please send it to me at [eagle747@earthlink.net](mailto:eagle747@earthlink.net). It may come back to you, as I have a spam blocker. Put "Discovery" in the subject line, and I will add you to my address book, and all your e-mails will come through. Remember, any DOAI member living in the Northwest Region is invited to join Northwest Adventurers, and all DOAI members are welcome!

Our first rally for the coming year will be in conjunction with the Blythe Blue Grass Festival in Blythe, California, the week of January 10. We will have an activity before at the Desert Gold RV Resort in Brenda, Arizona, and then we will go into the festival together. ❖



Ken Swain, chapter president

### Texas Disco Road Runners

by Garry Shirey

Our chapter has two miles of highway we've adopted, and we had a litter pick-up day on November 4; seven members attended and got the job done in about two hours, followed by a good breakfast at Denny's. The hard workers were Mas and Betty Konatsu, Bob Copeland, Mabel Page, Don Crowell, Gayle and Garry Shirey. We had tried to pick up the litter two weeks prior to that, but the rains came and kept us in our coaches.

On December 1, the chapter lost one of its charter members: Leslie Don Bradshaw. Don was born in Fort Worth in 1937. Our chapter feels the loss, and Don will be long remembered for the contributions he made to our group. We will miss him.

See the rally schedule in this issue for our upcoming rallies. ❖



Garry Shirey, chapter president

### eGroup Conversations

A compilation of questions and answers from the DOAI eGroup

Last winter Stet Elliott posted the question: "For the third time this winter I've had freezing occur in the water bay on the driver's side of my '99 36T. Luckily, no damage, but also no water until the bay thaws out. I thought the basement was heated, but I can't find a heater outlet in the water

bay (although I see one in the bay containing the black water tank).

"We're full-timers in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and it can get very bitter here in the mornings. It seems to only happen if the temps get down to the low teens. Anyone else have this problem and what is the best solution? Now I have a small AC heater in the bay and have been turning it on at night. I have it plugged in to the block

heater outlet in the electrical bay. That way, I can use the block heater switch next to the bed to turn it on at night."

Gary Stratford responded: "We're full-timers and visit our kids in Colorado and Virginia in the winter. I insulated my water and sewer compartments with 1-inch RMAX glued to the outside of the compartment all around. I also did the entire underside of the

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***eGroup Conversations, continued***

coach, but that is another story. We've endured below-freezing temperatures for a week, with overnight lows well below zero with only a 40-watt light bulb in the small water compartment and a 60-watt bulb in the sewer compartment.

"I added a DC light to my sewer compartment and, when traveling in very cold weather, find that by turning these lights on, the compartments stay warm enough. I did have my hot water line freeze one especially cold night. Don't know if it was the cold line to the HW tank, or the HW line from it. I kicked up the rear furnace and had water flowing in less than an hour. That problem occurred because my rear furnace was not coming on. The front furnace was running frequently because with all that glass in the windshield and side windows, there is very rapid cooling. It was a bear finding the right spot to set the thermostat that allowed both furnaces to come on fairly frequently.

"Since then, I've been putting bubble wrap insulation with foil on both sides up in the windshield and over the window beside the driver's seat. This makes a tremendous difference in the warmth of the coach, but more importantly, makes it easier to get that rear furnace to run often enough to keep the water lines from freezing.

"A couple of weeks ago we dry camped near Dallas, Texas, and the temps with the wind chill factor were well below zero that night, according to the news. No difficulties at all. Insulating those compartments will help a lot."

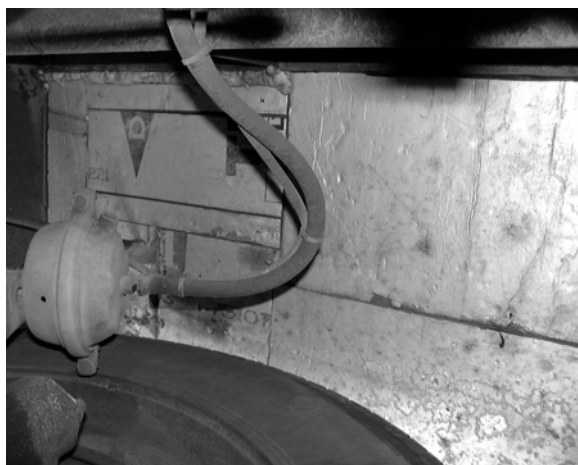
Below are a few photos of Gary Stratford's creative insulation application. Most of the views are made from the ground, looking up at the underside of the floor. The engine compartment shot just shows the insulation all around the inside of the engine compartment, including the floor. ❖



Compartment ceiling



Engine compartment



Curbside front wheel well



Floor above the slide-out

**Why belong to DOAI?** Information and help, via website, chapter meetings, and rallies. Camaraderie with other Discovery owners. We are the largest Discovery group and the only one with local chapters. And then there are our local, region, and national rallies! —Bob and Mary Cook

Sedalia Memories

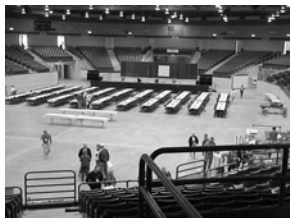
Cameras were clicking, and all our fun, education and fellowship was recorded for our "family" photo album. Thanks go to Don McLain, Elsie Sikes, Bobby Williams, Ken Swain, and Randy Kirby (Sedalia News-Journal) for supplying the shots you see here.



The vendor area of the arena



We gathered for the opening party...



View of arena floor from Rally Central



The beer flowed at the welcome party. Don Fuller, Jackie Quinn and others were super bartenders



...and we learned from the factory reps and they listened to us



...we signed up for factory service...



Relaxation was on the schedule. Portia and Bob Williams took a short break



Betty Schmitt, Betty Thompson, and Sylvia Swain donned their red hats and purple duds



Evie Kidd, Mickey Racer, and Neva Jardine practiced their songs for the Discoveryettes presentation



Tom Fields and G.A. presented the 50/50 charitable proceeds to Bob Wasson (center), mayor of Sedalia, for his "Santa Project" for needy families Randy Kirby photo



Fay and Bobby Williams won the 50/50 game, and G.A. Schaefer presented the dough



Brenda Snyder and a mystery woman discussed the embroidery vendor's wares



The board led the general meeting: Tom Fields, Joyce Bednarczyk, Don Fuller, Pete Pizzano, Mac McIlvaine, Garry Shirey, John Baker, Dick Snyder



Sedalia Memories, continued



Mary Frances Herndon whistled up a storm at the welcome party



Achtung! The Cole Camp Gesangverein sang German songs for the closing banquet



Coil 'n Wrap, one of the vendors



Sedalia Fire Department demonstrated fire extinguishers



We had 51 first-timer couples. Don McLain did a great job orienting the newbies



Jan McIlvaine had lots of DOAI stuff for us to buy



Miss DOAI (Roger Sharp) and Court of Honor



Pete Pizzano regaled Bob Soltwedel, Marty and Doug Marion with tales of his Alaska trek



A few of the 190 coaches



Entrance to rally meeting site



We collected food for the Sedalia Food Bank *Randy Kirby photo*



Lots of Red Hat ladies

### A Letter of Thanks

**D**ear Friends: Thank you so much for your wonderful donation to the Mayor's Santa Claus Campaign for 2004. Certainly your gift of \$500 gives us a jump-start on our fund raising efforts!

Last year's Santa Project served

over 700 families, and we are expecting even more this year, making your gift to the community a wonderful gesture. We hope that this means you had a great Discovery Rally in Sedalia, and that you will return to the Missouri State Fairgrounds in the future. We are proud to have the State Fair and its

wonderful facilities in our midst.

Again, my grateful appreciation and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Bob Wasson, Mayor  
Sedalia, Missouri



### And More Thanks

by Nina Lee Soltwedel

**T**here are many people to thank for their hard work before, during, and after the Sedalia rally. However, whenever one begins to name people, there's a real chance someone will be missed and feelings will be hurt.

Therefore, I simply say "Thank you" to the committee members who worked hard to get vendors, choose caterers, line up entertainment, work with the Fairgrounds people to allocate parking spaces, vendor spaces, etc. And I thank all the employees of the Fairgrounds . . . what a delight it was to work with them!

I also thank those who volunteered

to serve during the rally in so many capacities; helping register participants, putting up signs, assisting seminar presenters, acting as "gofers" when needed, helping park all our rigs, decorating the tables and stage, getting the food ready and then serving it, and *so much more*.

I extend additional thanks to those good DOAI members who came to our rescue after the rally when Bob and I inadvertently recreated Old Faithful in our RV. The many offers of help were heart warming, along with learning that we were not alone in making such a "wet" mistake!

And finally, I thank everyone who came to the rally. You brought your

good humor, your willingness to help, and your patience (and it was needed at times). First-timers Roger and Leslie Sharp wrote a kind note to Phil Yovino: "We just wanted to let you know how much fun we both had in Sedalia. You run a fun ship! Thanks for making us feel so welcome and as first timers, we felt like we fit right in. Thanks for that."

"We look forward with great enthusiasm to York, PA, and can't wait for the fun to begin. Thanks for everything!"

And let's not forget to thank Fleetwood for the lovely stadium blankets each coach received. What a lovely reminder of a fun time in Missouri in October 2004. **Thank you, Fleetwood!**



### Welcome, New Members!

**S**ome of the new members below attended the Sedalia rally. Rusty and Evelyn Weaver of Sedalia heard about the rally, came by, and joined DOAI on the spot!

Dennis & Annette Altman, Millstone NJ  
Donald & Grace Arnold, Saint Hedwig TX  
Robert & Patricia Arnold, Mandeville LA  
Steven Bartlett, Brooksville FL  
Dennis & Anna Mae Beckham, Piedmont SD  
Waite Bellamy, Jr., Bradenton FL  
Mark Bergeron, Dunnellon FL  
Linda Bethane & Barbara Tanner, Custer SD  
Bob & Linda Betz, Tallmadge OH  
Jeffery Bickle, Key Largo FL  
Darryl Bollinger, Tallahassee FL  
Ray & Carol Bowyer, Canfield OH  
William Canon, Starke FL  
George & Frankie Chapman, Edmond OK  
Jim & Nancy Cooper, Westerville OH  
Don & Sylvia Cullins, Westerville OH  
Charlene Cunningham, Jackson MS  
Dave & Kathy Danko, Brunswick OH

James Davis, Hobe Sound FL  
Nataliya Davison, Clermont FL  
Bob & Elizabeth Deal, Statesville NC  
Rick & Rachel Edelen, Pearland TX  
Ronald Fortune, Tampa FL  
Stephen & Doris Foster, Littleton CO  
Helen Friedman, Easton MD  
Michael & MaryBeth Gary, Brooksville FL  
Michael Giaraffa, Reisterstown MD  
John & Carolyn Goss, Fresno CA  
Ross & Seal Grief, Galveston TX  
Max & Sandy Grigg, Phoenix AZ  
Ed & Dianne Guertin, Liverpool NY  
Otto & Emogene Harp, Scott City KS  
Thomas Heaton, Ruskin FL  
Russell & Linda Hinkle, Sun Lakes AZ  
Glenn Howell, Brandon FL  
James C. Johnson, Brownwood TX  
James J. Johnson, Carroll OH  
John Johnson, Decaturville TN  
Leland Johnson & Lillie Treuter, Emery SD  
Edward & Sherry Kaspar, Arlington TX  
Larry & Barbara Keller, Sunman IN  
Dennis & Laura Kendrick, Highlands Ranch CO

Robert & Sharon Keppel, South Park PA  
Joan Kulick, New Smyrna FL  
Herb & Alleen Long, Modesto CA  
Joe & Connie McChesney, Prosperity SC  
Eugene & Dorothy Misa, Merritt Island FL  
Roy & Wanda Moore, Marion NC  
Cecil Morgan, Marietta GA  
William Olson, Coconut Creek FL  
Jim Painter, Bakersfield CA  
Jason Palmer, Vidalia GA  
Erich & Tracey Ramsey, Arlington TX  
Sterling & Sandra Rand, Chicago IL  
Stephen & Michelle Rehm, South Hadley MA  
John Rogers, Portsmouth VA  
Marion Sammons, Beauty KY  
Whitney & Jennie Saunders, Elm City NC  
Frank & Gene Sawyer, Lindale TX  
Mark Senter, Toms River NJ  
Don & Karol Siusta, Bryceville FL  
Chuck & Dot Smith, Crockett TX  
Eric & Cathy Thompson, Kentwood MI  
Jerry Thompson, Inverness FL  
Gary & Nancy Tull, El Mirage AZ  
Dave & Diane VandeBerg, Sioux Center IA  
Rusty & Evelyn Weaver, Sedalia MO  
Warren & Marlene Wood, Mesa AZ

**Why belong to DOAI?** The people who belong to DOAI are great. The national rallies provide not only great educational information about our coaches, but Fleetwood reps work on our coaches, even the out-of-warranty stuff. — John Baker

### Hints, Tips, and Suggestions

A potpourri of helpful comments by our members and DOAI friends.

✓ **Leo Everitt writes:** “My heart doctor formed a company some time back to market kits to prevent deaths from heart attacks for people who are not close to a medical facility, such as those of us who travel by RV and/or like him, are avid hikers. He is involved in drug research as well and has a special drug under final FDA review that he expects to be a major step forward in this same prevention effort. The company website has undergone a re-do and is quite easy to navigate. This link: [www.worldtravelmeds.com/main/what\\_to\\_do.html](http://www.worldtravelmeds.com/main/what_to_do.html) is an explanation of how to apply his kit. I think it gives enough guidance on

what steps to take that it may be good to have even without the medicine. Should anyone want the kit, it can be ordered through the website, as they do the doctor-patient reviews online.”

✓ **WiFi seems to be sweeping the country.** In the Summer 2004 issue the existence of free WiFi sites at Texas rest areas was reported. While returning home from the Sedalia rally, Bob and Nina Soltwedel spotted signs in Iowa indicating that state also has free WiFi sites. Upon checking with Iowa DOT, we learned the following areas have WiFi available: I-80, Scott County near Davenport, EB and WB; I-80, Polk County near Mitchellville, EB and WB; I-80, Adair County near Adair EB and WB; I-35, Clarke County

near Osceola, SB and NB. Steven F. McMenamin, Rest Area Administrator for Iowa DOT, reports that they hope to expand the service to 20 rest areas by March 1, 2005, and the remaining 20 by July 1, 2005. The service is provided at no cost to the user.

✓ **More and more campgrounds** are getting into the WiFi arena. Check the following sites often; free WiFi is moving so fast, Leo Everitt says, that no one can keep it accurate: [www.wififreespot.com/rv.html](http://www.wififreespot.com/rv.html) and [www.rvtravel.com/wifi.html](http://www.rvtravel.com/wifi.html)

✓ **Of further interest** may be Steven Fletcher's website, [rvinternetaccess.com](http://rvinternetaccess.com) on which he has posted the latest developments in WiFi Internet access for RV'ers. ❖

### You'll Get a Charge Out of This . . . by Mark Polk

The batteries used to supply 12-volts to the RV itself are commonly referred to as *house batteries*. House batteries need to be deep cycle batteries that are designed to provide a steady amount of current over a long period of time. Starting batteries and marine batteries should not be used in this application. True deep cycle batteries have much thicker plates and are designed to be deeply discharged and recharged over and over again. These batteries are rated in *Amp Hours* and more recently *Reserve Capacity*. The amp hour rating is basically how many amps the battery can deliver for how many hours before the battery is discharged: amps times hours. In other words, a battery that can deliver 5 amps for 20 hours



before it is discharged would have a 100 amp hour rating: 5 amps x 20 hours = 100 amp hours. This same battery can deliver 20 amps for 5 hours: 20 amps x 5 hours = 100 amp hours. Reserve capacity rating (RC) is the number of minutes at 80° F that the battery can deliver: 25 amps until it drops below 10.5 volts. To figure the amp hour rating, you can multiply the RC rating by 60 percent: RC x 60%.

The life expectancy of your RV batteries depends on you. How they're used, how well they're maintained, how they're discharged, how they're recharged, and how they are stored, all contribute to a battery's life span. A battery cycle is one complete discharge from 100 percent down to about 40 percent and then recharged back to 100 percent. One important factor to battery life is how deep the battery is cycled each time. If the battery is discharged to 50 percent every day, it will last twice as long as it would if it's cycled to 80 percent. The life expectancy also depends on how soon

a discharged battery is recharged. The sooner it is recharged, the better.

What does all of this mean to you? That depends on how you use your RV. If most of your camping is done where you're plugged into an electrical source, then your main concern is just to properly maintain your deep cycle batteries. But if you really like to get away from it all and you do some serious dry camping, you'll want the highest amp hour capacities you can fit on your RV.

Deep cycle batteries come in all different sizes. Some are designated by Group size, like Group 24, 27, and 31. Basically the larger the battery, the more amp hours you get. Depending on your needs and the amount of space you have available, there are several options when it comes to batteries. You can use one 12-volt 24 group deep cycle battery that provides 70 to 85 AH. You can use two 12-volt 24 group batteries wired in parallel that provide 140 to 170 AH. Parallel wiring increases amp hours but not voltage. If you have the room, you can do what a lot of RV'ers do and switch from the standard 12-volt batteries to two of the larger 6-volt golf cart batteries. These pairs of 6-volt batteries need to be wired in series to produce the required 12-volts and they'll provide 180 to 220 AH. Series wiring increases voltage but not amp hours. If this still doesn't satisfy your requirements, you can build larger battery banks using four 6-volt batteries wired in series/parallel that will give you 12-volts and double your AH capacity. ❖

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**We Took the Fleetwood Tour**

*by Nina Lee Soltwedel*

**O**n a sunny October 25, 2004, my husband and I entered the Fleetwood headquarters in Decatur, Indiana, to take the tour of the production area. The factory complex is east of Decatur, a relatively small town in eastern Indiana, south of Fort Wayne, in the heart of lush farmland.

We gathered in the guest lounge, and met three other couples taking the tour. Our tour guide, Rich Howard, has been with Fleetwood for 22 years, and has worked in many areas of the company. Having had extensive experience with the many facets of RV construction, we found him a fount of information as we peppered him with questions during the tour.

Fleetwood employs 1,600 people at the Decatur plant, and people-power creates the motor homes we drive. This surprised us . . . we expected a robotized operation, *a la* Detroit car-production factories, but, no . . .

. . . the building of a motor home is extremely human-intensive.

Fleetwood fabricates the walls, floor, ceiling, cabinets, and dash . . . even planes and routs the Corian, and has the facilities to do their own millwork and metalwork. As we walked through the two lines, we saw people padding dashes, mounting cabinets, gluing the layers of materials that create the topper of the motor coach, and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning. The factory is cleaned constantly during each day, to keep the dust down.

Interesting fact: the cabinet doors and drawer fronts are made in a home workshop by a carpenter who used to work for Fleetwood.

Interesting fact: The front cap and front overhead insulation is made from processed denim jeans and shirts.

The few items that are made by other companies and shipped already assembled are the sofas, recliners, pilots' and co-pilots' chairs, and the dining chairs. Fleetwood even makes the dinette and dining tables, gluing

the Formica in place and routing the edges. There are rolls and rolls of decorator fabrics used to create the padded window coverings and frames. Very much a hands-on operation!

We inundated Rich with hundreds of questions during the tour, and he answered each question with consideration and thoroughness. The tour lasted longer than scheduled, but he never hurried us nor became impatient.

I found the painting process to be particularly interesting. It's done by hand and takes several processes to apply the four colors . . .

. . . the base color and the three accent colors. In between each paint application, the coaches are examined closely and spots needing repair are noted.

One by one the large vehicles work their way down the line, starting as a "naked" chassis setting out in the factory yard, to a beautifully finished RV being driven back out to that very same yard as the driver prepares to take "her" for her maiden ride down Decatur's streets.

All the minute details are not recounted here. I wanted to whet your appetite for the tour. If you find yourself anywhere near

Decatur, take the opportunity to do the tour. You won't regret it. Our respect for the quality of our motor home has increased tenfold since then, and we appreciate the efforts of the many fine people at Fleetwood who made our most comfortable home on the road.

And we give high praise to Rich Howard, a most knowledgeable and gracious host. Thanks, Rich, for all your kindness! ❖



The main color has been applied and baked, and the unit is masked for the next step in the painting process



Everything has been installed, and the unit is ready for PDI prior to being painted



A view from the balcony, looking down onto the factory floor. Lots of motor homes!



**Ten Tips to Help You and Your Family Prepare for a Terrorist Attack** by Jim and Audri Lanford

**Editor's Note:** No one likes to have to deal with this subject, but it's been forced upon us ever since 9-11. The following was first published in *ScamBusters* e-newsletter last September, and permission has been granted by the Lanfords to reprint it for all our members. I extend thanks to the Lanfords for their permission.

To prepare for a terrorist attack requires a level head, a calm approach . . . and some information.

By definition, a terrorist attack is unpredictable. Since terrorist attacks are occurring around the world, this is an international problem.

Nonetheless, there are lots of things average citizens can do to protect themselves and their families – and maybe save lives should something happen.

Having some basic information and tools can go a long way toward making you more confident in the event of a disaster in your neighborhood. Here are ten tips to help you and your family prepare for a terrorist attack.

**BEFORE**

**1. Talk about it.** A “head in the sand” attitude is not a good thing if you want to successfully prepare for a terrorist attack.

We know, now more than ever, that a terrorist attack could happen anywhere, at any time, so pretending that it only happens in the movies just won't cut it.

You don't need to be morbid. However, if you can talk about the possibility of a terrorist attack as a family, you can

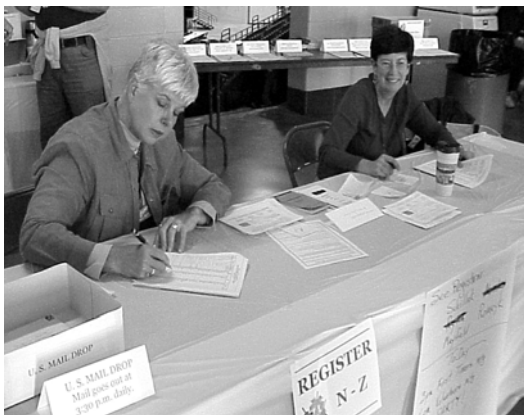
brainstorm ideas and get everyone thinking of solutions to potential problems.

**2. Have a plan.** Create a basic plan as a family in regard to what you will do if terror strikes. A basic plan to prepare for terror should include:

- \* A communication plan
- \* An agreed-upon meeting place away from your home or work place
- \* A family member or friend who will act as a neutral contact for all of you, in some other city
- \* A list of all the important phone numbers you might need for each member of the family
- \* If you have children in school, you should know what the school emergency plan is, as well, and they should know yours.

You can read the rest of this article at: <http://www.scambusters.org/terrorist.html>

**More Sedalia Memories**



Mickey Racer and Marian Giordano at Rally Central



More first timers at the orientation



Another view of the general meeting and DOAI board

### 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. **It's a fact:** Items listed here SELL: two of the three Discoverys listed in the Fall 2004 issue have sold!



**2000 Discovery 36T:** All options, 28,000 miles, very clean, non-smoker. Includes washer/dryer, icemaker, back-up camera, awnings all around, sage green interior. \$98,000 or best offer. Contact Jane Sherwood at 315.727.0180 or [j.l.sherwood@att.net](mailto:j.l.sherwood@att.net). Unit in Fort Myers, Florida.



**1999 Discovery 37V:** One owner, 42,000 miles, no smoke, no pets, it's a "10"! All the options including washer/dryer, convection/microwave oven, side-by-side refrigerator with icemaker, two ACs, two TVs, satellite dish, VCR, back-up camera, new tires, aluminum wheels, wheel covers, new batteries, leather pilot and co-pilot seats, couch, and recliner. Plum color. Recently serviced and ready to go. \$88,000. Contact Victor Kania at 505.896.0242, or [k.lout14@aol.com](mailto:k.lout14@aol.com).



**2002 Discovery 37T:** 23,000 miles with all options. Very clean, non-smoker, two slides, 330 Cat/6 speed Allison, awnings all around, four-door Norcold refrigerator with icemaker, two TVs/DVD/VCR/CD/SS, rear camera, Alcoas, washer/dryer, and more. \$99,000. Contact Leon Webb at 928.757.7229.



**1998 Discovery 36T:** 275 hp Cummins/6 speed Allison, two A/C's, slide, washer/dryer, awnings, 41,000 miles. \$70,000. Contact Mary McGrory at 623.875.7215 or [mmcgrory-phx@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mmcgrory-phx@worldnet.att.net).



**1998 Discovery 36T:** Well maintained and serviced, 65,000 miles, burgundy. Factory loaded plus built-in computer desk with recliner, washer/dryer, side-by-side refrigerator with icemaker, full height built-in pantry plus other customized storage, 10-disk CD player with surround sound, CB

radio, auto satellite dish, spare tire, and new batteries. Awnings all around with window vents, coach-mounted 7,500 lb. hitch. \$75,000 firm. Contact Ron Hyslop at 239.304.0731 or [saron@prodigy.net](mailto:saron@prodigy.net).

**2000 Discovery 37V:** All the options including 275 hp Cummins/6 speed Allison, privacy sun screens all around plus matching wheel covers, "Magic" vents on both holding tanks, custom-made oak computer desk with storage cabinet, Euro recliner leather chair and ottoman, free-standing table with chairs, enlarged kitchen drawers, pantry fitted with wooden pull-out cabinet interior, wooden-fronted drawers under sofa on full suspension gliders, additional storage cabinets added along dining area wall, side-by-side refrigerator with icemaker, and more! Additional photos and information at [www.urbancampers.com](http://www.urbancampers.com) or contact John and Barbara Nelson at 731.298.6369 or 850.454.7858. Unit located near Pensacola, Florida.



**Beige Leather Loveseat:** Excellent condition, taken from a 1998 Discovery 36T. Unit located in Boulder, Colorado and reasonably priced. Contact Bob Soltwedel at 303.530.0775 or 303.513.8548 or [soltwedel45@hotmail.com](mailto:soltwedel45@hotmail.com).

**Used Michelin 235 XRV tire:** 5,000 miles, asking \$50. Contact Maurice Fairweather at 905.852.6179 or [ibiffo@aol.com](mailto:ibiffo@aol.com).

**Stowmaster Tow Bar:** 5,000 lb. weight capacity, good condition. New was \$429; **price reduced to \$100** (OBO) plus shipping. Contact Phil Yovino at 281.867.1809 or 713.203.3114 or [pdyo@pdq.net](mailto:pdyo@pdq.net).

**OEM Passenger Seat for Discovery:** With pedestal, tan leather, moves forward and back, tilts, has armrests. Excellent condition. Will sell for **best offer** plus delivery charges. Unit located in Nebraska. Contact Don Gillam at 308.632.4803 or [dngillam@charter.net](mailto:dngillam@charter.net).



**Bicycle Rack:** Supports two bikes, purchased from Camping World, selling for \$25.

**Hitch Extension:** Purchased from Camping World, selling for \$25. Contact Franklin Howell at [fldhowell@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fldhowell@worldnet.att.net). ❖



National DOAI Rally 2005 – Dutch Treat
August 9-13, 2005
York County Fairgrounds, York, Pennsylvania



REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT or TYPE all information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Registration form fields: Pilot's Last Name, First Name, Co-Pilot's Last Name, First Name, Street, City, State, ZIP+4 Code, DOAI #, Local Chapter, First National Rally?, Home Phone, Cell Phone, E-Mail, Guest(s) Name, City, State, Emergency Contact, Emergency Telephone.

DOAI USE ONLY
Site #

Check all applicable:

- Need handicap parking, Vendor, DOAI officer, Chapter officer, Seminar presenter

Costs (includes 4 nights' camping with water and 30 amps, 2 dinners, 4 breakfasts, 4 evenings' entertainment):

Table with 2 columns: Cost description and Amount. Rows include \$187 per coach with two adults, \$197 per coach with two adults, \$132 per coach with one adult, \$142 per coach with one adult, \$60 each additional adult per coach, \$18 per night early arrival, \$20 DOAI membership.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSN., INC. Check Enclosed

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: Marian Giordano, Registrar, 3277 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, PA 18428-9114

QUESTIONS? Call Marian (tollfree 1-888-857-7048) or e-mail (mbg3037@msn.com)

EARLY REGISTRATION BY MAIL ONLY – MUST BE MAILED BY JULY 25, 2005

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Parking, Registration, Reporter, Photographer, Seminars, Door Prizes, 50/50 Game, Clean-up Crew, Golf Helper, Entertainment, Breakfast Helper, First Aid, Workshop Helper, Vendor Helper, Merchandise Sales, Where Needed

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DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

Dues are \$20.00 for the first year\*; \$16.00 for one year renewal; \$45.00 for three years, or \$75.00 for five years. \*New members pay an additional \$4.00 one-time administrative fee.

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Questions? Call 888.594.6818

Mail the form below with your check payable to Discovery Owners Association, Inc. to:
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207 County Road 3000
Lott, TX 76656-3828

Pilot Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP+4 Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length and Model \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first RV? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a full-time or part-time RV'er? \_\_\_\_\_

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