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*If I find this missing lottery ticket, I'd buy an RV, drive around the country with my plasma television, and hit all the big cities.*

Viewer letter read on air,  
CNN Headline News

## Hey...It's Cold Up North! It's Time to Head South to THE ONE, THE ONLY 2007 Southeast Region *Sun-N-Fun Rally!*

**C**lass A-One entertainment will be offered at the upcoming DOAI Southeast Region rally in February. Check out these great folks:



### WILLIE & COMPANY

**W**illie and his creator, Peggy, will be on hand to regale you with comedy and music.

Peggy Miller is an extraordinary ventriloquist with the ability to make you forget that she is the actual voice behind Willie & Company. Peggy has been entertaining people worldwide for more than 20 years in locations as diverse as Germany, England, and the U.S. Supreme Court!

Willie is not just a character; he is a personality unto himself ... just ask him! With

the face of a five-year-old and the mind of a lad much older, Willie loves the ladies, torments the men, and steals the hearts of both. You are in for a real treat!

### THE RIVOLI RV REVUE

**K**ay and Ron Rivoli, who wowed us at the 2004 SE region rally and at the 2006 national rally, will be back and they're better than ever! New songs, old favorites, good jokes, and toe-tapping, hand-clapping fun.



Ron and Kay travel the country, delighting audiences at rallies, fairs, festivals, and resorts across the nation. Their RV parody songs will leave you gasping from laughter, and thinking, "Yeah, right on!"

This high-energy show elicited a recent review: "...one of the best acts on the circuit...a must-see...a variety show perfect for all ages."

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*DOAI and Fleetwood dealers –*



*– sharing the spirit of friendship!*

**If you would like to join this elite group,  
please contact DOAI Membership Director Portia Williams at 888.594.6818**



**Happy Holidays  
from your DOAI Board**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Two more couples have earned a year's membership in DOAI  
by enrolling three new members each into the organization.

**Carl and Teri Dykman      Bob and Portia Williams**

**You, too, can earn a year's membership!** Talk up DOAI to other Discovery owners, hand out DOAI brochures, and tell others about the benefits of belonging to this super organization for Discovery owners.

Your region vice president has a supply, as do chapter presidents.

Not sure of your region or your region vice president? See listing on page 7.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Phil Yovino

**H**ello, Discovery Owners! The national rally at San Antonio was well received with 149 coaches at Blazing Star RV Resort. Joe Stewart and I had the pleasure of parking our guests the first day, and that was a treat as we were able to meet the members as they arrived. They were happy to be there and get settled, especially those members who traveled long distances – Rod Kirk and Pauline Allen from Australia via Labrador, and the Capers and Linneans from Alaska. Wow, what a trip! Can you imagine traveling those distances to be with DOAI friends? That's loyalty. I was absolutely thrilled to see them as they drove in. Needless to say, they won the distance prize.



The Texas Disco Road Runners, Discovery Texans, and Louisiana Mudbugs hosted the rally, and all the members did a great job, from setting up tables to preparing breakfast meals to serving dinner meals. The end result was all went well and DOAI members had a full and wonderful rally. The welcome party went over well with boiled shrimp, cheese, meats and plenty of cold drinks – no one left hungry. Fleetwood sent their outstanding service crew and they did a great job. Everyone complimented the service. What a wonderful asset it is to have Fleetwood at our rallies. We all owe a big thank you to Randy Hendrick's crew for being there for us.

We're privileged to have great tools at our disposal: our Web site and our *Discovery EXPRESS* are sensational and known in the RV world as the best. Bob Cook reports we're getting 6500 to 7000 hits a month – that's a lot of hits – and they're not all Discovery owners. Many other brand owners use this site for its large and complete array of information. They are known as associate Web members and are good prospects for Discovery.

With our ongoing membership drive, the sponsoring dealers have a win-win situation when sponsoring members. They offer a **free** one-year membership to all new and used Discovery purchasers. This gives the owner all the tools of the DOAI plus the campouts of the chapters, and regional and national rallies. This alone is a wonderful start to new RV owners – having places to

go all over the U.S., well-planned events with lots of useful information. This gives the dealers a big selling advantage as RV owners hit on the Web site in large numbers. In return, DOAI is providing space in the *Discovery EXPRESS* listing the dealers' information. We follow that up with space on the Web site. The dealers are now exposed to thousands of *Discovery EXPRESS* readers and hits on the DOAI Web site. We're confident our members and those who visit our Web site will patronize those dealers.

With the increase in membership, the results are many: national and regional rallies can be put on the front burner, with bigger and better rallies, food, entertainment, and locations. How do places like Branson, Missouri, or Tahoe, or Vegas, or Lake George, NY sound, just to name a few? There is no limit to great locations with advance notice. All it takes is members and dollars. With dealer sponsors and good promotions, we can get it done.

That's where you, our members, come in. We need you to promote our membership sponsor drive to every Discovery dealer you visit. Hand out our DOAI brochures and talk up our drive. Let them know we're behind them 100 percent for sponsoring new Discovery owners. It's work, but we can do it and the results will be rewarding.

Betty and Mas Konatsu are our new DOAI merchandise coordinators, beginning with the San Antonio rally, where our members gave them a super welcome with sales of \$2,600. Betty and Mas are planning to add new and exciting Discovery attire to the inventory, so be prepared at the **Sun-N-Fun** rally in February at Lazydays RallyPark to make a purchase. We all need to express our thanks to Jan McIlvaine for her managing our clothing line for four years. Jan improved our line and added new and colorful items to the inventory. Thanks, Jan, for all you have done. Also, Dick Smith and the Mason-Dixon Discoverys members have put together one great entertainment package: three nights of super shows – The Rivoli Revue, Willie & Company, and a bluegrass band. This is a **don't miss** rally in the sunshine, and don't forget the strawberry shortcake at Plant City.

This has been an exciting year, one with many rewards for our members. The board put together a program with Southwest Region vice president, Gerald Embry, to save the California Goodtimers chapter. They're now together and 32 strong, and have four campouts planned for 2007.

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**PRESIDENT, CONTINUED**

The board of directors, along with Nina, Portia, Bob, and Betty and Mas, have all gone the extra mile to make our DOAI a better RV club. A special thanks to Tom Fields, executive vice president, for always being there at the right time; Marshall Godwin, vice president of development, for keeping us in touch with Fleetwood and all our suppliers and updating the standing rules; Becky Godwin, secretary, for keeping board minutes up to date; Micky Racer, treasurer, for jumping in at midstream to keep us on track; Jay Keneson, national rally master, for projecting national rallies years in advance; and all our region vice presidents for their work in their region and

support to all the chapters: Dick Smith, Southeast; John Zidek, Northeast; Dick Snyder, North Central; Garry Shirey, South Central; Gerald Embry, Southwest; and Bob Soltwedel, Northwest.

We can't say enough good things about our founders, presidents emeritus Dorothy and Jim Devine, for bringing all of us together with outstanding leadership, love of all our members, with respect for all our feelings, always willing to fill any office at any time, with endless energy and loyalty to our club.

Dorothy and I wish all Discovery owners safe travels, and good health. ❖

**EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS** by *Nina Lee Soltwedel*  
**WHO ARE YOU?**

If you are reading this newsletter, you are either a DOAI member, or a new owner of a Discovery, or a Discovery owner who has been encouraged to join DOAI, or a Fleetwood Discovery dealer in the U.S. or Canada, or a contributor of an article for this newsletter, or a visitor to the Fleetwood Discovery plant in Decatur, IN.



If you are a **DOAI member**, you are the one this newsletter is for. You are the one kept in mind when articles are chosen for inclusion, when DOAI members send in information, when the president sits down to write his message, when eGroup material is compiled for this publication, etc.

It is your membership in DOAI that enables this magazine to exist, helps sponsoring chapters put on regional and national rallies, and encourages the formation of chapters in all parts of the country. We are very glad you are a member.

If you are a **new D owner** or have been **encouraged to join DOAI** by one of our current members, we hope you will join us! DOAI is the largest Discovery-specific RV organization around, and the club offers you so much to help you enjoy your Discovery even more than you thought possible. Our rallies are especially helpful because everything we dis-

cuss is specific to the Discovery. You don't have to wonder if that seminar you just sat in on is applicable to your D...it will be, because that's the way we tailored this club. DOAI is a club formed by Discovery owners, for Discovery owners. We will be glad to welcome you to our ranks, should you choose to sign up. We will continue to endeavor to give all members the biggest bang for their buck.

If you are a **Fleetwood Discovery dealer**, we hope you will make this newsletter available for others to read, especially those who may be visiting your dealership to look at RVs. This newsletter, and the accompanying *Membership Sponsor* program for dealers, will keep your dealership out front when prospective customers decide to buy a Discovery.

If you're a **contributor of an article** to this issue, we extend thanks to you. Your willingness to share helps all our members in so many ways.

If you're a **visitor to the Decatur plant**, we hope you'll find something within these pages that will be useful to you in some way...and perhaps you may decide that Discovery is the RV for you, and DOAI is the organization which will suit you to a T.

So, whoever you are, wherever you are, enjoy the newsletter! And let us hear from you if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to talk.

Smooth roads and safe travels to you all! ❖

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by *Micky Racer*

**2006 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 11/21/2006**

**Bank Accounts**

First State Bank, Livingston TX . . . .	\$35,979
Money Market, First State Bank . . . .	<u>32,249</u>
Total Bank Accounts . . . . .	<u>\$68,228</u>

**Asset Accounts**

Inventory (DOAI clothing) . . . . .	\$ 7,472
Membership Director Revolving Fund . . .	550
MotoSat DataStorm System . . . . .	4,995
Rally Advance, 2007 National Rally . . . . .	3,000
Zoll Defibrillator . . . . .	<u>1,895</u>
Total Asset Accounts . . . . .	<u>\$17,912</u>

**Liability Account**

DOAI Rally Account* . . . . .	<u>\$(22,571)</u>
Total Liability Account . . . . .	<u>\$(22,571)</u>

\*Set aside to support future rallies

**OVERALL TOTAL . . . . . \$63,569**



**MERCHANDISE COORDINATORS APPOINTED**

As noted by President Phil in his column, Jan McIlvaine retired as merchandise coordinator after the 2005 national rally in York, Pennsylvania.



Non-standard DOAI merchandise

DOAI is fortunate in that two great people, Mas and Betty Konatsu, stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of merchandise directors. They were "baptized" into the job at the 2006 national rally in San Antonio, and had a very successful sale of DOAI merchandise.



Mas and Betty Konatsu

Mas and Betty live in Texas, and have been RVing since 1997. They look forward to working with various chapters in selling DOAI-logo clothing items at regional and national rallies. Mas says, "We hope to see everyone wearing a garment with the DOAI logo." ❖

**DOAI WEB SITE CHANGES**

by Bob Cook

If you have visited the DOAI Web site recently, you noticed a slight change in the login screen and procedures. You also may have noticed that the pages load a lot faster. Without getting too technical, member authentication now takes place on our server instead of on your computer via a downloaded JavaScript program. This also makes it easier to add protected pages as member authentication is done via a central database that resides on the server. I would have liked to implement this system initially, but this required extensive work with our ISP in addition to other technical issues.



The main impact is that your password, which is your last name, must have the first letter capitalized. As an example, Smith is correct, smith is not. Your DOAI member number is still your login.



The next thing that you will notice is that all pages look the same. The members-only pages no longer look different than other pages. Also, the site is compatible with most popular browsers.

Also new is a LOGIN button on the left menu. You do not have to login immediately. If you browse to a members-only page, you will be presented with the login screen and you must login to view the page. However, if you press the LOGIN button and log in, you will be taken to a welcome screen, greeted by name, and also learn your DOAI dues date and the e-mail address that you use for the DOAI eGroup. It is important that you keep your DOAI eGroup e-mail address current since you will be deleted from the eGroup if your eGroup e-mail address is not in the member database.

If you have your browser set to accept cookies, your login credentials will automatically be filled in for you. However, I have set the browser session to expire after 60 minutes, so you will have to log in once this time elapses.

Needless to say, if you are not in the member database, you will not get access to the members-only pages. I field questions from about two folks a week who discover their membership dues have lapsed!

Also, please note that your login and password for the Bulletin Board (Forum) is completely separate from the DOAI members login. If you forget your password for the Bulletin Board, you can click on the "Forgot your password" link and your password will be sent to the e-mail address you used when you initially registered on the Bulletin Board. If you forget your username, you should just register again and create a new account. Note that if you have set your browser to accept cookies, your login credentials will be automatically displayed if you visit the Bulletin Board at least once every 30 days.

A new Members page has been created, and this should be one of your "stops" on the Web site. This is where you will find links to the member database, DOAI search engine, DOAI bylaws and standing rules, DOAI Skypecasts (see below) and future new services and features developed for DOAI members only.

We are presently in the process of experimenting with DOAI Skypecasts. Skypecasts will allow up to 100 users to participate in a conference call using Skype. If you are not familiar with Skype, you can learn more about it at [skype.com](http://skype.com) and you can also download the free software. All you need is a microphone, your computer, and a connection to Internet (although a headset or earphones are also recommended). The sound quality on Skype is great on computer-computer or computer-landline calls and I have some tricks that I will put on the Hints page for improving audio quality. We have some tentative DOAI Skypecasts planned. If you want to know about the next DOAI Skypecast, go to <https://skypecasts.skype.com/skypecasts/home> and type DOAI in the "Find a Skypecast" search box. Note the date and time and come back and join in! This also appears to be a good venue for training and lectures. If you would like to host a session, just let me know. We can talk about anything that you want. Note that there is a link on the Members page to the Skypecasts.

Last, but certainly not least, please join me in welcoming Toni Calzone as part of your Web site development team. Toni will provide assistance, especially if I am not available. Most importantly, she will be able to keep the Web site going if something should happen to me. If anyone else is interested in helping or being a backup, please advise either Toni or me.

**Meet Toni Calzone**

Toni has a BS degree in pre-vet and equine health and management, a certificate in computer applications, and an MBA. Toni's computer history dates back to the late '70s, and as the scope of computers has increased over the years, so has Toni's knowledge. She is adept at manipulating database applications, automation, and designing computer programs. Toni works with a variety of ways to integrate computer applications. This is just a brief look at a very talented gal. Welcome, Toni! ❖



Toni Calzone

**IMPORTANT E-MAIL INFORMATION**

With the advent of the preceding changes to the DOAI Web site, we are able to assign e-mail addresses for all officers, committee chairmen, and even chapter presidents. The addresses can "travel" with the job, thus maintaining a consistency of ways to contact various officers regardless of who holds the position..

Please note the changed e-mail addresses for the editor ([doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com)) and membership director ([doaimembership@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaimembership@discoveryowners.com)) as shown in the information box on page 3. As officers and others sign up for this service, you will be able to access their new addresses on the DOAI Web site: [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com).



Questions? Please contact DOAI Webmaster Bob Cook at [webmaster@discoveryowners.com](mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com). ❖

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**Synopsis of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 4, 2006**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

by *Becky Godwin*



- ▶ All board members present except the past president, treasurer and Southwest region vice president
- ▶ The meeting called to order by President Phil Yovino. Minutes from the last directors' meeting of January 29, 2006 accepted.
- ▶ Phil gave financial status: General fund \$48,838; unpaid expenses of approximately \$26,000; money market account \$32,138.
- ▶ Finance committee appointed, consisting of Tom Fields, Micky Racer, and Mac McIlvaine to present options to increase the return on the money market account.
- ▶ Each board member presented a brief report of efforts underway in their area of responsibility.
- ▶ Marshall Godwin presented report of bylaws committee headed by Tom Fields. The committee found four needed changes and recommended they be handled through a new standing rule. Motion made, seconded, and carried to create SR 12. Marshall reviewed the consolidated standing rules that

included all approved changes. A clarification of SR#1 was created via a motion which was seconded and carried. Board agreed that standing rules and bylaws would be available for members only on the DOAI Web site.

- ▶ Discussion on advertisements in the newsletter, DOAI merchandise, and monetary award for hosting a major rally. No action taken on any of the topics.
- ▶ Phil reported on success of dealer sponsorship of new members, which is a means to gain new members and the need for DOAI to seek better ways to both increase new members and retain current members.
- ▶ Suggestion we need more structure in major rally planning and how we contract with organizations for rally services. After discussion, motion made, seconded and carried to create a rally procedures committee headed by Jay Keneson.
- ▶ Marshall discussed plans to gain new newsletter sponsors; specifically, to target Allison and Camping World.
- ▶ Discussion on ways to use DOAI Web site to increase new members and pay dues. Motion made, seconded, and carried to use Web site to submit member applications, and to accept payment of new and renewal dues. ❖

*Note: If you wish to read the complete minutes, please contact DOAI Secretary Becky Godwin.*

**FOUNDERS' FORUM**  
**BETTER TO GIVE**

by *Jim and Dorothy Devine*



**W**hy does our club do so well? Some would say our newsletter or our Web site, also our rallies have a feel of family. All the above is true, but the secret to our club is its volunteers!

Our member volunteers bring a commitment to our club not often found. They are enthusiastic, dedicated and truly enjoy themselves. Volunteerism, to me, is such a rewarding experience. You do so many different things, growing in ways you would never imagine. You get the opportunity to meet interesting people who live interesting lives. You are a part of a great group of fun-loving people who are helping our fellow members have fun.

Bringing joy to others brings you more joy! It makes life more meaningful. You just feel good when you do it. Volunteer the next chance you get, it can be your gift to you. I encourage everyone to thank our member volunteers who make this club possible. That is a present they will enjoy! ❖

**2006 RALLY PHOTOS**



Fleetwood techs began very early in the morning, and worked inside and out.



50/50 game benefitted SAMMinistries



The cooks and servers began their work before dawn to feed us hungry folk.



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## REGION REPORTS

### Southeast Region

**S**ue and I came from the national rally in San Antonio to Florida to get down to the business of making preparations for the Southeast regional **Sun-N-Fun** rally. I never realized there was so much that had to be taken care of, but I feel that we have gotten a handle on it now. The dates are February 13 to February 17. The registration form is available on the Web site and in this newsletter (see page 20).

by Dick Smith



We will be having a welcome party on the 13th, an indoor cookout on the 14th, with entertainment by a six-piece bluegrass band, *Mountain Memories*. On the 15th, we will have a catered dinner followed by entertainment by the world-famous *Willie & Company*. On the 16th, we will have a catered dinner followed by entertainment by the equally famous *The Rivoli RV Revue*. We solicited input from all over the country as to what you would like for entertainment, and did the best we could to supply it for you.



You are getting three dinners and three nights of top-flight entertainment and seminars, vendors, driver education, ice cream social, and the friendship and fellowship of your fellow DOAI members.

In case you have forgotten the amenities at Lazydays RallyPark, they are full hookups with free cable TV, free wi-fi Internet, newspaper at your site every morning, free breakfast and lunch every day except Sunday, with Camping World, Cracker Barrel, Flying J on site! And there are all those new and used motor homes to visit.

Now we need a couple of things from you: Get your registration form in. We were only able to get 150 sites and they are half-filled now. It is a two-part form. The top part goes to Lazydays RallyPark and the bottom half goes to Marshall Godwin along with a check. You can do the Lazydays part over the phone if you want to put it on your credit card. Also, anyone wishing to take the driver education class needs to e-mail me, as I have to supply the instructor with a list in advance. The classroom portion will be at 9:00 a.m. each day, limited to 40 per day. The driving begins at 1:00 p.m. with ten students in the coach each time until everyone has driven. You cannot do the driving part if you do not attend the classroom part.

So get on the ball and let's make this a Southeast Region rally that will be remembered a long time. Get those registrations in and come on down and enjoy some relief from old man winter at the **Sun-N-Fun** rally.

I send a hearty welcome to all who have joined since our last *Discovery EXPRESS* and I am overjoyed to see how many of you have signed up for the rally. Do me a favor: make it a point to come shake my hand. I want to get to know each one of you. That's all for now. See you in Florida. ❖

### Northeast Region

by John Zidek

**S**an Antonio was an exhilarating rally. A lot of friendships were made and renewed. Jean and I look forward to seeing many of you in Florida for the DOAI rally at Lazydays. The clubs did an outstanding job, food was good, and the meetings went smoothly. The weather was not as cooperative; however, after getting back to New Jersey we could use some of the heat.



Our schedule permitted us to take a leisurely trip home stopping for a few days in Atlanta to shop and visit with family. Fuel prices did come down some and hopefully they will continue to drop. We started planning our travels for the winter months and should be on the road by end of November.

Rallies are being planned for June 4-5 in Archbold, Ohio and June 14-19 in Cape May, New Jersey, permitting attendees to attend the Ohio rally and proceed to the Cape May area to see and enjoy the seashore. The planning for Canada in September is in the works and as information becomes available will be included in *Discovery EXPRESS*. ❖

### Southwest Region

by Gerald Embry

**A**t last! At last! At last! The Southwest Region now has two active chapters! Hopefully, we'll be able to report another later on.

The California Goodtimers had its first rally in September. Please see article in **Chapter Reports** section.

The Arizona Discovery Owners chapter is busy planning the national rally to be held November 6-10, 2007 in El Mirage, Arizona. The California Goodtimers will be assisting. Please make an effort to attend. This will be an excellent DOAI rally.

Also, membership in the California Goodtimers chapter is still open to all California DOAI members. It's easy to join: just give me a call. My toll-free number is listed in the **Board of Directors** section (page 7). I'll send you an application form that will be returned to the chapter's membership chairman, Paul Stein. ❖



## COME ONE! COME ALL!

by Jean Zidek

**E**veryone is invited to the Red Hat Tea at the upcoming Southeast Region rally, **Sun-N-Fun** in February! You do not have to be a member of the Red Hat organization, just DOAI. There will be a fashion show! There will be door prizes! If you would like to donate one or more door prizes, be sure to tag it with your name, chapter, and state. Teri Dykman will sing for us and she will have the



largest red hat you have ever seen. This is not to be missed! Tea and refreshments, of course! If we have enough interest, a pet costume contest will take place...the prettiest, cutest, funniest. Please e-mail me at [jzidek@dandy.net](mailto:jzidek@dandy.net) if you are interested.

So, bring your tea cup and wear your red hat – which is optional. Please come! We're looking forward to hearing from many of you. ❖



CHAPTER REPORTS

Nor'easters

by Dorie Baker

Nor'easters have a rally planned for Seashore Campground in New Jersey June 14-19, and another planned for Ontario, Canada, between September 24 and October 5, with a possible caravan from there to the national rally in Arizona.



A longtime member of our chapter, Janis Demonstoy, has died. A really sweet person, she and her husband, Bob, would always cook a pancake breakfast at our rallies that they attended.

Midwest Discoverers

by Peg Lavoie

Our chapter and the Nor'easters have scheduled our joint spring rally for June 4-8 at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. More information and registration forms may be obtained from Rex and Peg Lavoie, 01423 US 127 South, Bryan, OH 43506, or call 419.636.4602 and leave a message.



President John Wimer

Florida Rolling Gators

by Lee Eck

This has been a busy year for our chapter. There have been many rallies, starting with the New Year's rally at Christmas Park, followed by Merritt Island and then Crescent City. And then there was the one-week bivouac at Jolly Roger Campground in Marathon Key. Who can forget the annual Grandfather Mountain Rally in August? The weather was so nice...cool at night and just a little warm in the afternoon.



New president Sam Childs

We just completed our latest rally at Port Charlotte's Riverside Campground.

Our rally schedule looks to be pretty busy for next year as well, beginning with the New Year's rally at Christmas

Park. We have a new slate of officers for the next two years, and I thank the current officers for all their efforts and work. They have done a really great job for the members of the Rolling Gators. Please welcome the new officers: Sam Childs, president; Bill Brewer, vice president/membership; Sandy Childs, secretary; Lee Eck, treasurer; and Ron Shane, wagon master.

California Goodtimers

by Gerald Embry

Our chapter has now had its second first rally (get it?). We met at the Elks Lodge in Lancaster, CA for three days in September. We accomplished a lot by getting the club started, having lots of fun while doing it.



Those attending were: Frank and Joan Caetano, Jim and Marilyn Casey, Homer and Cokie Davis, Gerald and Julia Embry, Hardin and Dee Hallum, Ruben and Betty Ruiz, and Paul and Cheryl Stein. The Embrys and the Ruizes were hosts.



We held general meetings to discuss ways and means of making our DOAI chapter a continuing success. Permanent board officers were elected: Gerald Embry, president; Jim Casey, vice president; Julia Embry, secretary; Betty Ruiz, treasurer; Hardin Hallum, wagon master. Appointees were Jim Casey, newsletter editor and publisher, and Paul Stein, membership.

We ate very well - coffee and Danish two mornings, biscuits with gravy and sausage the other morning. First night we had a cheese and wine social. Second night, Ruben and Betty prepared hamburgers that were delicious! The last night we had a fish dinner at the Elks Lodge. Excellent!

A group toured a local motor home manufacturing facility. We played LRC that was won by Jim Casey. A washer tournament was won by Julia Embry and Frank Caetano. After the tournament, some very nice gifts chosen by Betty Ruiz were raffled off.

We have scheduled another rally at this excellent facility for January 11-14, 2007. It will be hosted by Paul and Cheryl Stein and co-hosted by Ruben and Betty Ruiz. I hope to see a large group experience a fun time such as we had at this rally.

Louisiana Mudbugs

by Anne Gros

The Louisiana Mudbugs wrapped up another year with a Cajun Country rally at Frenchman's Wilderness in Henderson, LA.



New president Anthony Verdin

Elections were held and the 2007 officers of our chapter are (left to right below): Howard Campbell, rally master; Buddy Sykes, vice president; Anthony Verdin, president; Jan McIlvaine, secretary; and Keith Barnes, treasurer.



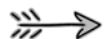
Rallies are being planned for 2007 and will be posted on the Web site soon.

For information about joining the Louisiana Mudbugs, please contact president-elect Anthony Verdin at anverdin@aol.com or 504.341.7673, or secretary-elect Jan McIlvaine at macs.world@juno.com or 318.645.7162.

Discovery Texans

by Elsie Sikes

Our chapter was well represented at the Discover the Alamo rally during October in San Antonio with 35 rigs. Michael and Sharon Brundridge and Don and Sonya Martin joined our group at the rally.



## CHAPTERS, CONTINUED

We had a great time helping to host the rally along with the Texas Disco Road Runners and the Louisiana Mudbugs, and getting together with friends from all over the country and introducing them to the Texas Hill Country. Our Dick Hallum was Sheriff, arresting and fining those who failed to wear their name tags when outside their coaches. A co-pilot seminar was offered by Joyce Bednarczyk and Jackie Quinn from the Discovery Texans.



President John Baker

Attending a national rally makes it possible to form alliances with other Discovery owners across the country and visit different parts of the country, as well getting to see interesting places the host chapters set up for attendees. Discovery Texans are planning on taking advantage of doing just that at the next one in Arizona.

Wilderness Lakes at Mathis, TX was the site for our September rally and we were most impressed by the owners who made us feel so welcome and special. They provided such a nice kit-

chen for our host teams to prepare meals as well as tea and coffee each day. They even contributed to prizes in the form of caps and money for our card bingo night.

At the business meeting on Saturday, we voted to formally recognize the contribution of Jim and Dorothy Devine in founding the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. with a certificate that makes them Lifetime Honorary Discovery Texans.

As this is being written, plans are in the works for our last rally of the year, November 16-18 at Skyline Ranch in the Cowboy Capital of the World, Bandera, TX. A report of this rally will have to await the next newsletter. ❖

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys

by Tony Faverio

Mason Dixon Discoverys will be hosting the Southeast Region rally at Lazydays in February. Dick Smith, Marshall Godwin, and Ray Nuzzolo have reported that several pieces of the rally have been formalized, including vendors and entertainers.



It looks like we will have another first class rally at Lazydays. I encourage anyone who has not signed up do so soon. Dick expects that the committed 150 coaches will go fast.

We are pleased to hear that the recuperation of Glenn Camp is progressing at a favorable pace and Glenn will be entering the West Virginia Triathlon in the spring. Glenn, we wish you the best for a full and speedy recovery. We continue to keep Arlene and Alan Ritchie in our thoughts and prayers. They are very special to us all. ❖

### Heartland Discoverys

by Elfers Marzahl

The North Central Region is in hibernation this time of the year. For most of us, the San Antonio rally was our last for the year.

A few of our members head south for the winter, and we'll see many at Brooksville, FL rally and the Southeast Region rally at Lazydays RallyPark.

Our plans for 2007 season includes a June gathering in Amish country and an August rally in Richmond, IN. ❖



## 2006 NATIONAL RALLY . . . DID WE MISS SEEING YOU THERE?

by Jay Keneson

Another year, another great national rally? Maybe, it depends on who you talk to. The weather was not great, hot, without any rain. A tent was not the best of places for the event, but for most, they said that it worked out OK. The park was very satisfactory, but some had to make do with 30 amps when they would have preferred 50. A few were able to move to other spaces, but not all.



The vendors were outstanding, meeting many needs. The RV park went beyond just trying to meet all our requests. The seminars were really exceptional this year, some of the best that I have attended. We did have a problem with the ice cream social and some missed their treat.

The door prizes were again outstanding, with everyone getting a very nice gift. In a town famous for Mexican food, we managed to get some of the worst that I have ever had, along with service that was just bad. We recovered the next two nights with really good meals and even better entertainment.

The tours turned out to be a real highlight of the affair and will be hard to top. Breakfast was the way to start the day, cooked and served by members of the host clubs. The welcome

party set a standard that will be hard to meet at future events with great food, drinks and entertainment with wonderful fellowship for all.

### And Now the Rest of the Story....

Don't thank me!

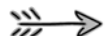
I have received multiple positive comments regarding our national rally in San Antonio and appreciate your kind thoughts. However, this event would have been impossible without the hours of work, mostly by members of the three sponsoring chapters: the Mudbugs, Texans and Disco Road Runners, and our president, Phil Yovino.

Over a year before the rally, much planning was underway. Garry and Gayle Shirey and Tom and Sandy Fields spent their time visiting various RV parks before choosing Blazing Star, negotiating the contract and setting up the myriad of necessary details.

A pivotal member of our rally team was Elsie Sikes, our efficient and knowledgeable registrar whose work gave an orderly framework for all activities.

A person we could not have done without was Gayle Shirey, our treasurer. Her work before, during and after the rally deserves real thanks.

Tom Fields was in charge of coordinating all vendor-



**NATIONAL RALLY, CONTINUED**

related activities. His work gave us well balanced RV-related items and services.

Everyone seemed pleased by the three tasty breakfasts prepared by chef Jim Fisher and his morning crew.

Early preparation at joint chapter working rallies resulted in a wide array of goody-bag handouts and many of the door prizes. The denim place setting bags were crafted from used jeans, with members, male and female, helping Della Quinn who made over 50. Everyone else pitched in cutting, pressing, folding, and sewing the rest. This was a great, fun group effort. Justine Stewart and Sandy Fields made around 100 of the clever coasters. A most significant contribution was made by Janie and Ernie Moreno, as they provided the PA system, the hands-on support of it and some of our evening entertainment. This was a non-stop job for both of them, a job well done. They were also our Karaoke leaders and singers.

Another behind-the-scenes contributor was MaryAnn Crowell who sent e-mail and regular mail requests for donation, gifts, and information.

Helen Martin assembled and printed the consolidated schedule.

DOAI merchandise sales were brisk, thanks to two super coordinators, Betty and Mas Konatsu. This often thankless job resulted in record sales.

Joe Stewart was great as my rally assistant and in planning the very successful golf tournament including obtaining the trophies and other prizes.

A special thanks to Joyce Bednarczyk and Jackie Quinn for presenting a meaningful co-pilot discussion and demonstration.

The often unsung heroes, the clean up crew, with their leader John Curtis, insured a neat, spiffy area after each meal, meeting, etc.

Congratulations, Ben Lewis and his 50/50 ticket sales crew! I think we had a record dollar amount that only added to our contribution to our charity.

Our rally team is most grateful to the many volunteers who assisted wherever help was needed, especially serving meals and table decorations.

How about Justine Stewart as Minnie Pearl and Leon Sikes as Festus? Did anyone see the sexy serving maid Helen Martin? We can't forget the Red Hat Society tea and the work of Teri Dykman. Many of the prizes for this event were donated by Janie Moreno. Frank Sawyer was our old blue jean king, providing most of what was used to make the denim carriers each coach received.

Many of our door prizes and items presented in the silent and live auction were made or donated by chapter members and for that, thanks to each of you!

A special thank you to the three sponsoring chapter presidents Carolyn Barnes, John Baker, and Garry Shirey for your support and help!

All aforementioned individuals, not I, made this rally a fun time. There are many others. Whenever one starts with a list of names, someone really significant will be missed. If I did, blame it on senior moments and also space I have for this note to you. If I missed you, I'm sorry. Your reward is knowing you contributed to your rally and helped to make it the success that it was. To each and all, I owe you so much, but my sincere Thank You is all I can offer and a hope that you had a good time at the San Antonio rally. Thanks to all and see you at our next national rally in Phoenix in 2007. ❖

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Who recommended DOAI membership to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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

2006 RALLY PHOTOS



Yi-yi-yi...look at those sombreros!



A fantastic serving crew!



Oh, we do love to eat, don't we?



Phil serving OJ ... orange juice, that is!

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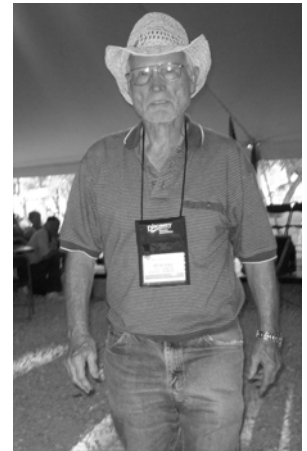
Justine "Minnie Pearl" Stewart



Saturday night entertainer



Someone won **two** golf trophies!



Leon "Festus" Sikes



Seminars resulted in lots of handouts



Happy feet and a super singer!



The ice cream was very popular in the heat of the day



Seminars were many and excellent



The mariachi band had everyone tapping their toes



What's this...another food line? Oh, yeah, we ate real good!



The shrimp at the welcome party was delicious!



A great co-pilots' seminar was given by Joyce Bednarczyk and assisted by Jackie Quinn



Teri Dykman presented Red Hat check to the shelter



Ancira had new Discoverys for us to drool over



Betty and Mas had super DOAI stuff for us to buy



Leon, Jackie, and Pete

**2006 RALLY ENDNOTES** by *Nina Lee Soltwedel*

Our time in San Antonio is history, but it's a nice history. For those of us who'd not had the pleasure of visiting that town, it was a delight to take the tours. Walking those paths where so much of Texas' story was written gave many of us a taste of the "real" facts, overwriting all that we'd read and witnessed in films. To the three chapters that worked together to provide an excellent rally, I add my "Well done!" to the huzzahs.

Robert Martindale, president and CEO of San Antonio's SAMMinistries, wrote in response to the rally's contribution toward that organization: "On behalf of the men, women and their children who are homeless in San Antonio, thank you for the gift of \$846.00. This gift will help SAMMinistries provide a bed, blanket and pillow for homeless men, women and children in our community during the coming cold season...and so much more! ...Thank you, again, for reaching out in compassion to those who are hurting here in San Antonio. May God bless you!"

A number of rally attendees had good things to say about their experiences. For example, Paul and Shirley Gilliland wrote: "Although Shirley and I are charter members of the Texas Disco Road Runners, this was the first national DOAI rally we've attended. We really enjoyed seeing old friends and making new friends. It was great to meet the people I correspond with on the DOAI Web site. The seminars were very informative and the Fleetwood techs were a superb bunch of guys.

"I attended the business meeting as a spectator and was thoroughly impressed with our board of directors. It's hard to believe any other motor home group even comes close to us.

"Our thanks to the many people who made the rally a great experience, and to the leadership of our great DOAI."

Most rally-goers had the distinct pleasure of sitting down and chatting with Stan and Cindy Sassmann. I think they had a great time as well. Stan wrote: "It was our pleasure to come to the rally. We had a great time and a lot of good feedback. I'm already working on some of the suggestions we received during the rally, and really appreciate everyone's input."

Elsie Sikes, our magnificent registrar, who handled most of her preliminary work with style and pizzazz while serving as a volunteer host at a campground out east during the summer, stressed how much fun it was to meet people from all over the country. She also gave great thanks to all those who helped her during the rally: Sandy Fields, Barbara Klusman, Della Quinn, Carolyn Barnes (and her Mudbugs!), and Janet Sexton.

And one anonymous rally-goer, who was sorry to see so few at the general meeting, said, "It's more than attending the national rally. You need to attend the annual meeting!"

Just in case you're curious, here are a few statistics: There were multiple Smiths, Simpsons, and Munsons, but no Joneses. We had a rig from Australia and a rig from Ontario, plus rigs from 33 of our 50 states. One last statistic: The 2006 rally was held during the tenth anniversary year of the Discovery motor home. In 2007, the national rally will be held during the tenth anniversary year of Discovery Owners Association! If you missed this year, for sure don't miss next year. ❖

**RALLY SCHEDULE****JANUARY 2007 –**

- 11-14 California Goodtimers, Elks Lodge, Lancaster CA
- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Oasis RV Park, La Marque TX

**FEBRUARY 2007 –**

- 13-17 Southeast Region Rally, *Sun-N-Fun*, Lazydays Rally Park, Seffner FL**

**MARCH 2007 –**

- 7-? Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, KARS Park, Merritt Island FL
- 15-17 Discovery Texans, Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville TX

**APRIL 2007 –**

- 24-29 Discovery Pioneers, Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Roswell NM

**MAY 2007 –**

- 1-7 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Jolly Roger RV Park, Grass Key FL
- 16-20 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Happy Holidays Campground, Cherokee NC
- 17-19 Discovery Texans, Schulenburg RV Park, Schulenburg TX

**JUNE 2007 –**

- 4-8 Midwest Discoverers/Nor'easters, Sauder Village, Archbold OH
- 14-19 Nor'easters, Cape May Seashore, Cape May, NJ
- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Ouray KOA Kampground, Ouray CO

**JULY 2007 –**

- 8-14 Discovery Pioneers, Ponderosa Campground, Cody WY

**SEPTEMBER 2007 –**

- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Cowtown RV Park, Aledo TX
- T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, Mountain Views RV Park, Creede CO

**OCTOBER 2007 –**

- 31-Nov 2 Discovery Texans, Park T/B/A, Abilene TX

**NOVEMBER 2007 –**

- 6-10 National Rally, *Discoverys in the Desert*, Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort, El Mirage AZ** ❖



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

- ...**Dorothy and Jim Devine.** Dorothy is on oxygen 100 percent of the time now and needs transfusions every two months.
- ...**Mary Campbell,** who had surgery in September. She's doing great now.
- ...**Ralph and Ruthele Bailey,** whose son died in October.
- ...**Arlene and Alan Richie.** Arlene is at home with hospice home-care. Alan reported in late November that hospice believes Arlene cannot last until Christmas.
- ...**Jay Keneson,** who underwent shoulder surgery after the San Antonio rally. He's doing better, but still can only use the other arm. Therapy will take quite a while.
- ...**Patsy Gordon,** who was hospitalized during the national

rally. After tests, it was discovered that her gallbladder had to be removed, and cancer was found in her liver. Patsy is determined to beat it.

- ...**Glenn Camp,** who had a very bad fall earlier in the summer, incurring compound fractures of one leg with dislocated ankle joints. He is doing much better now.
- ...**Elsie Sikes,** who, because of her angina, is undergoing enhanced external counter-pulsation therapy, sometimes called a "natural bypass." Elsie would like to hear from anyone who has also gone through this procedure (*sikesel@gmail.com*).
- ...**Laura Crandall,** whose husband, **Jay,** passed away in late October.
- ...**Mac McIlvaine, Tom Fields, and John and Dorie Baker,** who need prayers for improved health.

Please let either the editor or membership director know of members or their families who need a card filled with kind thoughts and prayers from our DOAI family. ❖

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We welcome our newest members. Be sure to extend the hand of welcome when you meet them.

- Stacey Greene, Jonesboro AR
- Greg Neaville, Batesville AR
- Martin/Alice Schneider, N Little Rock AR
- Bob/Debra Whitaker, Pineville AR
- Dave Marshall/Laurie Lynn Gent, Cabot AR
- Jack Collins, Romance AR
- James/Marion Victory, El Paso AR
- Roy Burlison, Sherwood AR
- Joe Morgan, Stutguart AR
- Rhonda Payton, Wilburn AR
- Michael/Rona Mantooh, Jacksonville AR
- David Vann /David Woosley, Cabot AR
- David/Judy King, Hot Springs Vil AR
- Michael/Monica Montgomery, Redfield AR
- Chris/George Andretta, Neptune NJ
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- George/Patricia Harris, Poquoson VA
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- Leon/Joan Campbell, Azle TX
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- Joe/Frankie Estes, Bethany LA
- Michael/Sharon Brundridge, Georgetown TX
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## EGROUP CONVERSATION

Not every DOAI member participates in the eGroup. In an effort to share helpful information from the eGroup, occasionally we will publish a conversation which may be of assistance to non-group members.

### REPAIR OF SHOWER FLOOR IN '99 DISCOVERY 36T, PART 1

by Stet Elliott

The floor of the D's shower has seemed soft and spongy since the second-hand purchase of the coach in 2003. In 2005, I noticed a hairline crack in the floor. I patched the area with a fiberglass laminate, with the certainty that a more permanent repair would have to be done. The fiberglass patch around the crack slowly began to delaminate from the floor, as seen in photo 1. I couldn't put off the repair any longer.



I considered several methods of reinforcing the floor. One would be to overlay a very stiff, waterproof panel over the entire floor, which would bridge the soft spots and prevent further cracking of the existing floor. However, I couldn't come up with a suitable material to use. I found a fiberglass panel sold at the local Lowe's Home Center. It's called a *Fiberglass Reinforced Panel (FRP)*, 4' x 8' in size, and about 1/16" thick. It is pleasingly textured on one side and comes in an almond color, almost a perfect match for the color of the shower. The only problem was that the panel is primarily a wall covering. It doesn't have the stiffness or strength to bridge the soft spots.

After giving the problem considerable thought, I felt that repairing the original problem was the way to go. The floor is soft because it isn't properly supported. I decided to cut out the shower floor, fix the support structure, and then cover the surgery with the FRP panel.

The first thing I did was shape the FRP panel. Once that was done I could then cut into the shower floor a few inches smaller all around than the FRP panel size.

I marked the shower floor with the outline I wanted for the FRP panel as shown in photo 2 (lines enhanced for ease of viewing). These lines followed the outline of the textured area of the floor. Barely visible in the center of this photo is yet another crack in the floor that I didn't know was there until I started the repair.



Photo 3 shows a template made of poster board. The pieces were cut and taped together using the marks on the floor as a guide.

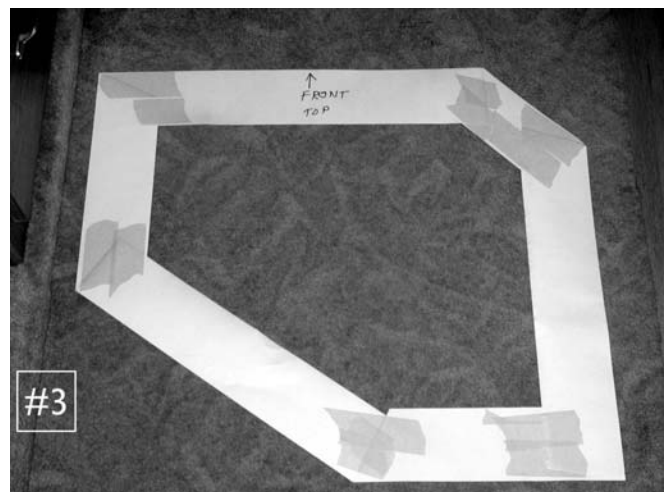
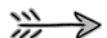
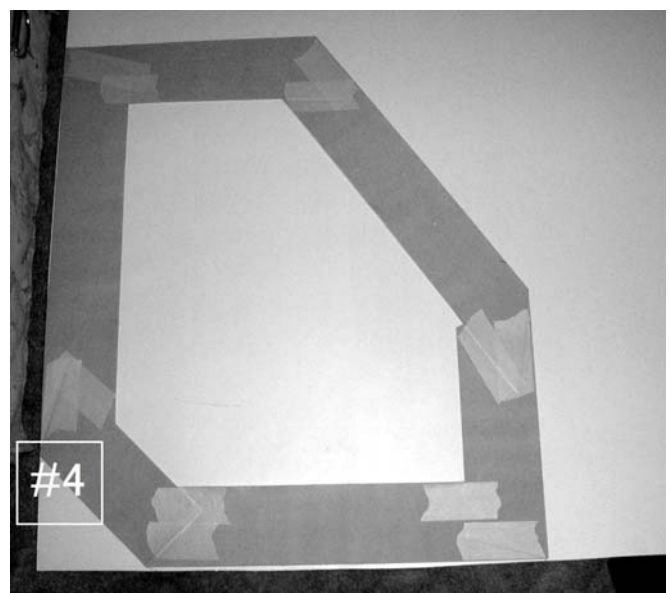


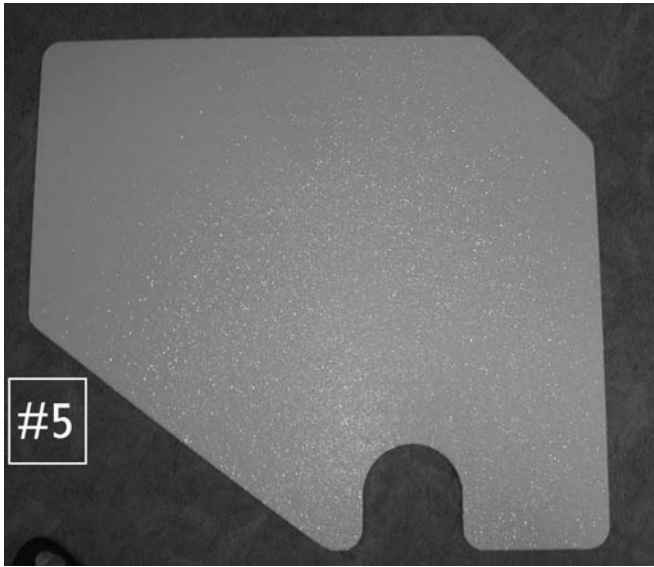
Photo 4 shows the template laid upside down on the bottom surface of FRP panel, and the panel marked for cutting.





**SHOWER, CONTINUED**

Photo 5 shows the finished FRP panel.



Using the panel as a guide, the shower was marked for the cuts that would allow removal of the existing shower floor. As shown below, these cuts were inside the perimeter of the FRP panel by 2" all around. This allowed for the FRP panel to cover the cut lines after the original shower floor was put back into place. To make the cuts, I used a Dremel with a fiberglass cutting wheel. I set it at a high speed and used a firm plunging pressure while cutting. If you go slowly, the floor material will just melt, with melt piling up behind the wheel and resealing the cut!

Here is when I discovered that the shower floor is made from un-reinforced plastic, about 1/8" thick. Unlike the FRP panel discussed above, the shower floor is pure plastic with no fiberglass (or other) reinforcement at all. Basically the same stuff that plastic models are made of. When stressed repeatedly, un-reinforced plastic **will** crack. It's only a matter of time.

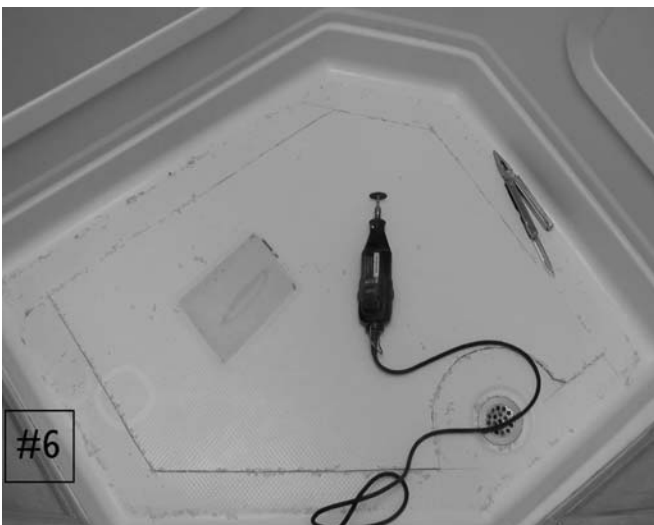


Photo 7 below shows the support structure under the shower floor. This is a molded plastic structure, the sides of which wrap up the sides of the shower floor to also serve as the shower catch-pan. This is the part that you can see when you remove the inspection plate under the shower door.

The strips you see are double-sided mounting tape, about 1/8" thick. This stuff contributes to the unsupported floor you feel, because it prevents the floor from seating firmly against the support structure. This structure is very flimsy; firm around the edges of the "pillows," but very soft in the center of the pillows. I pressed the center of one pillow and measured a 1/4" depression, made just with the pressure of one thumb! This is why your shower floor feels so soft.

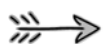
Using an un-reinforced plastic shower floor would be adequate if the floor is firmly supported. But with the flimsy support shown below, it's a recipe for failure.

Note the water in the troughs of the pan. About 1/4" of water was in the pan, most likely originating from the first crack I patched a year ago, and the new crack I didn't know I had. Once water gets in the pan, it has nowhere to go. The pan fits too snugly around the shower floor sides for evaporation to take place.



I thought long and hard about how these pillows could be firmed up. No easy solution presented itself, so I cut out the entire support structure (seen in photo 8) with the intent of replacing it with a **solid** structure. Photo 8 (next page) also shows:

- Evidence of water leakage in four places. It turns out that the support structure also had stress cracks.
- Where the wooden supports are that support the plywood shower pedestal (shown with the X's).
- Where I intended to put additional wooden supports under the plywood to add further support to the pedestal. I never did add these additional supports. For my coach, I didn't think they were needed.



## SHOWER, CONTINUED

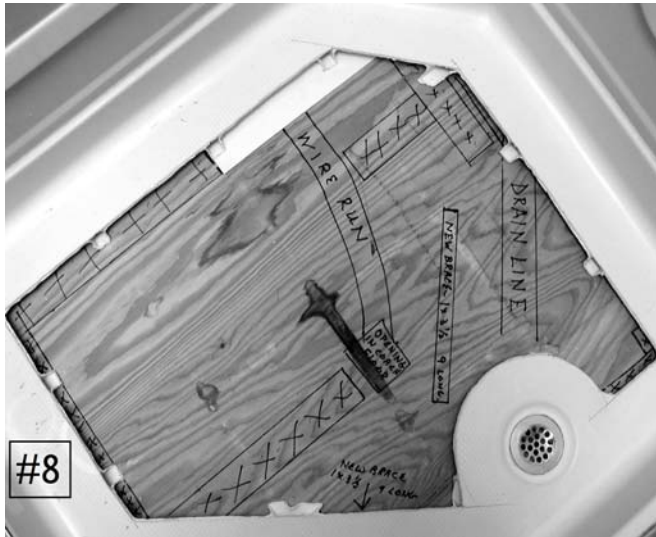


Photo 9 is shot looking forward. It shows that the plywood support pedestal is short by about 3". The forward 3" of the shower floor is completely unsupported.



Now that I had gotten to the bottom of the problem, so to speak, it was time to fabricate a **solid** support structure for the shower floor. Instead of the plastic pillows of the original structure, I decided to build up the space with wood. These wooden pieces were sized to come within 1/8" to 1/4" of where the bottom of the shower floor now sits after being bonded back in place. The remaining 1/4" or so of space is filled with an epoxy filler material. An epoxy-based filler was selected because it has several features that are desirable for this repair:

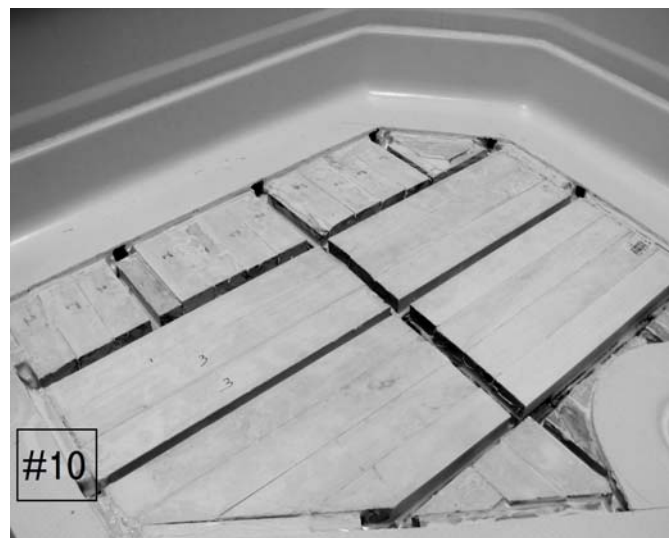
- It is impervious to water. Wood coated with this material also becomes impervious to water.
- It cures via a chemical reaction, not by evaporation of solvents. In this application I would be sealing the material in enclosed areas. A conventional solvent-based material would never fully harden in this situation, but epoxy will cure in an enclosed area. It will even cure under water.

- This material cures with virtually no shrinkage. Because of this I could fill the void under the shower floor, set the floor into place, and be assured that the floor wouldn't be displaced by material shrinkage.
- This material is a relatively thin, fiberglass laminating epoxy. Used "straight," it works very well in wetting out fiberglass. Better yet, it can be mixed with a variety of dry fillers to make materials ranging from a lightweight sandable filler to an extremely hard, dense, reinforced filler with seemingly the strength properties of granite, but without the weight. Very versatile stuff!

I'll discuss the materials used in more detail at the end of part 2 of this article (Spring 2007 issue).

Photo 10 shows the wooden pieces I used to build up the floor support. Three wood thicknesses were required because the shower floor slants toward the drain. Three-quarter-inch-thick pieces were used for opposite the drain, 5/8"-thick pieces were used in the center, and 1/2"-thick pieces were used in the area of the drain. Note that 2"-wide wooden pieces were fitted under the rim of the shower floor, with any voids filled with an epoxy/glass bubble mixture. The wooden pieces along the upper left perimeter (where the plywood pedestal was cut 3" too short) extend 3" under the floor area to provide the missing support. All wooden pieces were bonded to the plywood floor and to each other with a mixture of epoxy resin and glass bubbles. Glass bubbles were mixed with the premixed two-part epoxy to get the consistency of honey.

In the photo you can see that I attempted to approximate the channels in the original support structure, so that if any leak occurred, the water would have a place to go. This idea didn't turn out so well, as you'll see later.



*Editor's Note: This is the end of the first part. Part 2 (final part) will appear in the Spring 2007 issue. Stet's entire article is on the DOAI Web site ([www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com)) and includes color photos. For a copy of the entire article (b/w), send the editor a stamped (63¢ postage) self-addressed envelope (#10 size).* ❖

**A NEW DISCOVERY REVEALED!**

*by Nina Lee Soltwedel*

At the national rally in San Antonio, rally-goers were given a real treat: the opportunity to tour through and give feedback on a revolutionary new Discovery, the 2007 40X. It's a 41-foot-long beauty with lots of bells and whistles. Stan Sassmann, brand manager for the Discovery, was in attendance in the 40X, accompanied by his delightful wife, Cindy. The gracious couple provided snacks and good conversation to all the D owners who took time to stop by and see this prototype Discovery.

The biggest bell, from this writer's viewpoint, is the switcheroo...the galley and dining area greet you as you enter the rig, followed by a most inviting, comfortable living area which features a large entertainment center with a large-screen LCD TV. What a great concept! In our homes, we usually enter the kitchen via an entry from the garage, eliminating the necessity of traipsing through the livingroom to get to the kitchen. The layout of the 40X builds on this; when you enter the RV, you can immediately place groceries in the galley, and then proceed to the living area to relax.

The layout graphic here gives you a good idea of all the other amenities, including a very large bathroom with the toilet, sink, shower, washer/dryer, and generous storage cabinet in one convenient setting. The bedroom is roomy and the floor is flat, eliminating the necessity of stepping up in order to access the closet. The bed lifts up (with three "lifters") to expose an extremely large storage area. This area is big enough to store card tables and chairs, and more!

The Euro-Recliners in the living area (standard in this edition) are exceptionally comfortable. Those who had the opportunity to sit in the chairs were reluctant to leave!

An option in the 2007 Discovery is a side-by-side refrigerator with an exterior water spigot. Another option has been around for a while, but I recently realized how nice it would be to have: the free-standing credenza/dining table. I saw this as an after-market add-on in a friend's Discovery; to see it being offered by Fleetwood is a real step forward, in my book.

Outside, the pull-out grill and kitchenette was on display, and Stan even prepared food for visitors on this exterior goody.

The 40X also sported a new interior decor, *Blue Topaz*, which is exceptionally lovely. Other decors are *Satin Steel* and *Café Milan*. Interior wood finishes retain the *Plantation Cherry* and *Windsor Birch*; *Summit Ash* is new for 2007. A new exterior color is *Pacific Blue*. Other exterior colors are *Iron* and *Stone*.

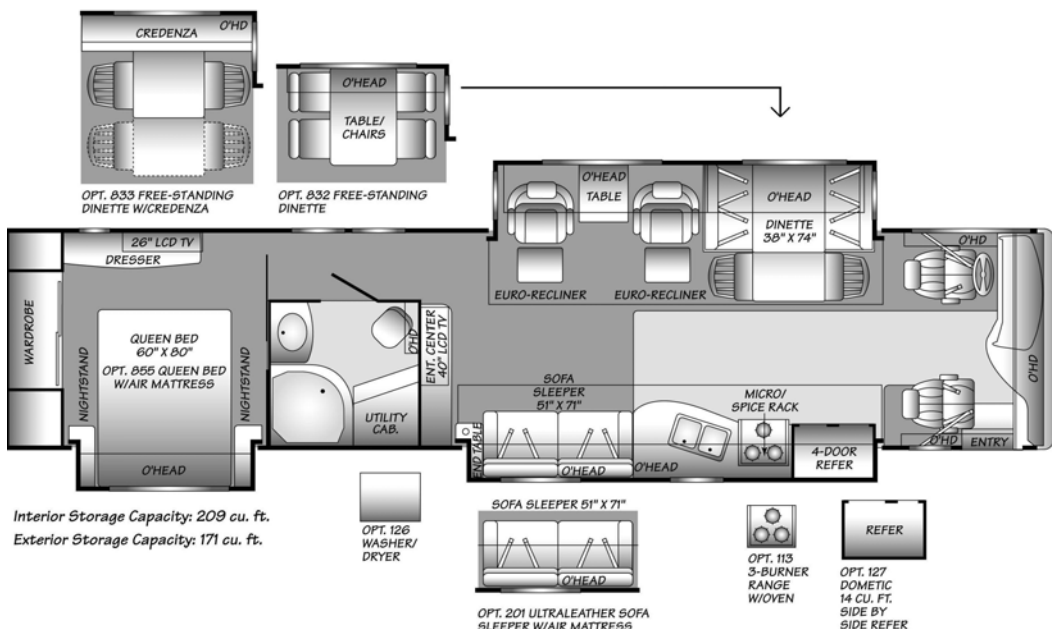
Be sure to visit your Fleetwood Discovery dealer soon to check out the 2007 models ... and if you are really lucky, you may even get to see the 40X! ❖



At front, looking toward livingroom; hallway to bedroom on right



In livingroom, looking toward front; co-pilot seat back visible





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The clubhouse

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The Red Hat ladies had a fine tea



Helen Martin was a saucy French serving maid ... and she had her name tag, too!



Jay and his transportation



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Several youngsters were registered attendees. Here's one of them.



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