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On the road again

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On the road again

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We're the best of friends  
Insisting that the world keep turning our way  
and our way is to the national in Iowa!

*with apologies to Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash*

2015 DOAI National Rally  
September 21-26  
*Amana Colonies, Iowa*  
*"The Handcrafted Escape"*  
*Willkommen!*

The time is getting short ... the 2015 DOAI national rally is getting closer ... and we don't want you to miss the wonderful time that's in store for you at Amana Colonies in Iowa in September! There'll be lots to see and do, good food to tempt your palate, entertainment to tickle your fancy, and the opportunity to greet old friends and make new friends.

The registration form is inside the back cover and online at our club's website. Don't miss out! It'll be a grand way to put a cherry on the top of your summertime travelin' sundae! ❖

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John Baker

## President's report

Ah, yes, as **George Gershwin** so melodically stated, it is “summertime and the living is easy”! I hope you have already put some miles under the D and are enjoying the warm weather.

Even though we live where we are able to use the D year-round, **Felesa** and I had only one trip during the winter, due to medical issues. We both had major surgery, but are well on the road to recovery. We hope to be on the move by the time you read this and want to thank our DOAI family for your prayers and encouragement.

### National rally getting close!

Things are really hopping as your board of directors plan for the 2015 national rally to be held at Amana Colonies, Iowa. Rally Master **MaryAnn Crowell** is leading the charge and getting everyone organized. Since there is not a sponsoring chapter to provide bodies for all the daily tasks, we are depending on **you** to step up and help out. If everyone does just one or two tasks, it will be perfect! I know we can depend on you. Since Iowa is so centrally located, we hope to have a great turnout from all parts of the U.S. and Canada. Read more about it on **page 3** and check out the registration form on **page 19** (inside back cover). You can register electronically, too! Go to [www.discoveryowners.com/2015NATIONALRALLY.htm](http://www.discoveryowners.com/2015NATIONALRALLY.htm).



### Looking for leaders

This is the year for election of officers to serve the next two years. Past President **Marshall Godwin** is heading up the nominations committee and is searching for those willing to serve. Be sure to contact **Marshall** or your region vice president to express interest in serving on the board. It is very rewarding and actually takes very little time; most issues are handled via email throughout the year. Wishing everyone safe travels! ❖

## Caring for our DOAI family

**Garrison Keillor**, in his NPR program, *Prairie Home Companion*, says “It’s been a quiet week...” Along those lines, it’s been a quiet quarter in the “member care” department of DOAI. It is hoped that all DOAI members are enjoying good health and trouble-free journeys in their Discovery coaches. Our short list of those needing thoughts and prayers includes:

- ...**John and Felesa Baker**, both recovering from major surgery
- ...**Bob Soltwedel**, recovering from a serious abdominal blood clot
- ...**Bob Angus**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- ...**Tony Mane**, whose wife, **Lisa**, passed away in May

If you or a member of your family, or another DOAI member you know, is or has recently been in the hospital, please let **Nina Soltwedel** know so that DOAI can send a ‘get well’ card. If you have lost a family member, do the same so that DOAI can express its sympathies to you and your family. Contact **Nina** at [doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaiexpress@discoveryowners.com). ❖

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2015 national rally master MaryAnn Crowell

## 2015 DOAI national rally update

The Amana Rally Team is on the move, all heading toward a great rally in Iowa

We have great meals, seminars, and tours ready for your enjoyment, so if you have not registered yet, don't wait. I'm also hoping that the fall colors will be at their peak during our stay in mid-America. Iowa is one of the most central states, so from the east or west, plan on

your trip to the 2015 national rally. Let me answer the two most-asked questions so far:

- ❁ Your registration fee covers your full hookup for the six nights of the rally, a continental breakfast every morning, the welcome party, and two catered dinners and entertainment.

- ❁ Yes, the RV park is pet friendly.

Please give me a call (254.644.6225) or send an email (macrowell979@gmail.com) if you have a question.

While we have chosen some great catered meals for you, the best will be the one **you** make for the covered dish dinner on Friday night. We will have sign-up sheets at registration for your gourmet choice. Chefs – we will give you time in the afternoon to make your selection to perfection. Are you wondering how much to make? Need enough so that a lot of us can have a taste of your hard work, but you are not providing the whole meal, for everyone. So we are leaving this up to our chefs. I'm sure there will be enough from our ever best cooks: **YOU**.

Ladies – our own **Bonnie Larson**, who is a native Iowan and from the Amana area, is working on some time just for us, so plan on attending the “ladies only” event on Saturday afternoon. More information on this will be in your welcome package and there will be a sign-up sheet at registration.

Because we will be at “The Handcraft Escape”, we will not be having a member's craft sale time. If, however, you would like to have a table in our vendor area, please contact me. Our vendors will be open on Thursday, September 24; Friday, September 25; and Saturday, September 26 (until early afternoon).

We are already starting to assign parking sites; we will attempt to park you with your chapter. Don't forget to let us know if you need special parking.

Keep your eyes open for updates and more information that will be posted on the DOAI website and also sent to those members who have an email address on file. We will let you know the chosen 50/50 recipient charity, the food pantry choice, as well as the vendor list, and entertainment.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Iowa. Plan on a great rally. ❖



Quilt leader Freddie Perry

## The quilters are working their magic!

Once again, the DOAI quilting ladies will be presenting a beautiful handmade quilt to some lucky winner at this year's rally in Iowa. The 2015 quilt started out with a proud eagle as the center medallion. Each quilter then added a border of her own choosing to enhance the centerpiece. The quilt has traveled from Nevada, to and around Texas, to Arizona, and back to Texas. Then it will ultimately travel to Iowa. Since the quilt is still on its travels around the country, we don't know what its completed size will be – queen or king.

This year's quilters include **Judy Jo Bruton, Gwen Churchill, Lucy Lewis, Freddie Perry, Melissa Plowman, Della Quinn, Lovetta Simpson, Doris Smith** and **Carol Sturm**.



All materials and labor are donated for these projects, so 100 percent of all monies collected will go to a charity local to the Amana area. The quilt will be on display throughout the rally, and tickets will be available for purchase at \$1 each or six for \$5. ❖





Webmaster  
Bob Cook

## Have you heard of the DOAI eGroup?

The DOAI eGroup is a private Yahoo Group that allows members to easily communicate with all members of the group via email and also share files and pictures via the web. It is a great way to get quick answers about your D or just RV'ing in general. Need help with your steps not working or a good place to camp? Just ask the eGroup! Since everyone is a DOAI member, you get answers from D owners, for D owners.

Since this is a private group, you can only join by sending an email request to [webmaster@discoveryowners.com](mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com), along with your name and member number. You will then receive an invitation and you simply follow the instructions in the invitation to join. You will need a free Yahoo account to take advantage of all the features. When you join, you can choose to receive *individual eGroup messages* (you get a new email every time someone posts to the eGroup), a *Daily Digest* (a daily summary of all posts), *Special Notices only* (limited to infrequent, very important messages) or you can choose *No Email* (you can read the messages online at [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com)). You can change your delivery method any time from your Profile page. This is very handy if you want to temporarily stop eGroup email.

### Message posting/replying

Email messages are grouped by subject (also called threads) to make reading easier.

To post a **new** message, send an email to [discoveryownersassociation@yahoogroups.com](mailto:discoveryownersassociation@yahoogroups.com) with your new subject. If you are **replying** to a message, just use the reply function of your email client.

### Important details

There are a few very important items:

- First, sign your name **and** the year and model of your D, along with the chassis and engine. This will help diagnose your question because D's can vary drastically from year to year. D's were built on either a Freightliner or Spartan chassis and either a Cummins or Cat engine, so it is good to include that information, too. Some like to add their toad, spouse and pets, but that part is up to you!
- Second, don't "hijack" a thread by replying to it and introducing a new subject (send a new email as explained above with the new subject).
- Third, don't assume the webmaster (or anyone else) reads every eGroup message. If you have a comment for someone, please send them a private email to be sure they see it.

The eGroup is kept private based on the email address(es) in your profile. This means that you can only post using a "From" email address that is in your member profile. As an example, if you signed up with your home email address and wanted to post from your work email address, you would need to add your work email address to your user profile.

### More help and information

There is more information about the eGroup on the DOAI website ([www.discoveryowners.com/egrouphelp.asp](http://www.discoveryowners.com/egrouphelp.asp)), but you can always get help by sending an email to [webmaster@discoveryowners.com](mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com). There are also several YouTube videos on Yahoo Groups for general information. ❖

## DOAI shade tree repair shop

A column saluting those who, through stubbornness and innate intelligence, concoct solutions to repair problems connected with their Discoverys, or who come up with creative solutions to challenging situations to make life better.

– DOAI Dictionary

A recent discussion on the DOAI eGroup focused on the question: "What tips do eGroup participants have to help us remember to lower the antenna before departing the campground?"

One member suggested putting a tag on the handle as a reminder, and another member responded that Camping World has a tag designed for this purpose. **Herb Petersen** commented, "The tag is a good idea, but after a while, you may forget the tag. I found a failsafe method that I use: Pick up an ignition key blank, but don't have it cut. Leave it

blank. Attach the "Antenna Up" tag to it, along with the spring clip it comes with. Whenever you raise the antenna, put that blank key in the ignition, along with the tag.

"Now, when you are ready to go and 'forget' about the antenna and you attempt to start the coach, it won't ... an immediate reminder to lower the antenna. When the antenna is lowered, attach the key and tag to the crank on the antenna. That way, when you go to raise the antenna next time, you'll remember to put the key in the ignition." ❖





Portia Williams

## Membership Coordinator's report

We welcome the following new members and welcome back members who have been reinstated. We know you will enjoy your membership in DOAI. Please visit our website ([www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com)) where you will find hints and tips, upcoming rally dates, and forums (eGroup, bulletin board, chat room). You may also read the DOAI bylaws, standing rules, and view the member list.

If or when you decide to upgrade your Discovery, we encourage you to support the dealers who sponsor memberships in DOAI. The dealers are listed on **page 11**.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2015 DOAI national rally in Amana Colonies, Iowa. ❖

James/Mary Ellen Adams, Sanger TX  
 Jeffrey/Cheryl Allison, Rockwall TX  
 William/Sheryl Amatucci, Canton MI  
 Gerald/Bonita Anderson, Apple Valley MN  
 Edward Avila /Debbie Flint, Rio Linda CA  
 Thomas Bache, Dallas TX  
 Thomas/Betty Baughn, Brookshire TX  
 John/Marcia Beroset, Southport NC  
 Jonathan Blincoe, Partlow VA  
 Raymond Briggs, Ormond Beach FL  
 David Broshous, Thornton CO  
 Vic/Leanne Bunn, Oroville WA  
 Danny/Lynn Butler, Boise ID  
 Michael Cokenakes, Mays Landing NJ  
 Randy/Mary Conklen, New Holland IL  
 Holly/John Daye, Naples FL  
 David/Mary Delacerda, Silsbee TX  
 Bryan Doubek, Merritt Island FL  
 Terry/Delores Durham, Kuttawa KY  
 James Dyche /Lana Hamilton, Sioux Falls SD  
 Stuart/Rhonda Engen, Cheyenne WY  
 Al/Ruth Fatzinger, New Tripoli PA  
 Courtland/Janice Fingers, Palmdale CA  
 Lance Fitzpatrick, Covington LA

Larry Frattalone, Waller TX  
 Norman/Patricia Freeman, Las Vegas NV  
 Andrew/Wendy Gatzke, Menifee CA  
 Gary/Lindy Goodale, Mountlake Terrace WA  
 Pete/Annette Graefing, Conroe TX  
 Jim/Jackie Guggia, Santa Maria CA  
 Rich Harris, Orange CA  
 Bryan/Dionne Hodgson, Lakeland FL  
 Ronald/Sharon Johnson, Bunnell FL  
 Mark/ Jones, Loveland OH  
 Gary/Susan Kaster, McConnelsville OH  
 Mark/Lyn Kritlow, Franklin NH  
 Gregory/Connie Lewis, Winchester IL  
 Fred/ Moran, Dayville CT  
 Brian/Kim Morgan, Antelope CA  
 William/Berta Moss, Memphis TN  
 Joe/Donna Murphy, Crestview FL  
 Derek/Charlene Nelson, Ashcroft BC  
 Teresa/Jimmy Newsom, Strong AR  
 Robert O'Donel, Seabrook TX  
 Julio/Maria Perez, Emmitsburg MD  
 Mel/Clara Price, Valley View TX  
 Jerry/Debra Pruyne, Suffolk VA

Benny/Georgia Ray, Cheney KS  
 Steve/Debbie Riley, Yorba Linda CA  
 Angel/Teresa Rodriguez, Poinciana FL  
 Richard/Diane Ruck, Worthington OH  
 Josh/Sheila Sieber, Norman OK  
 Michael Siemsen, Cloverdale CA  
 Jack/Livette Sims, Cordova TN  
 Steve Slaubaugh, Fincastle VA  
 Douglas Smith, Stratford CT  
 William/Penny Smith, Tampa FL  
 Gary/Susan Snyder, Bradenton FL  
 Doug Stacy, Oklahoma City OK  
 Paul/Cheryl Stein, Newbury Park CA  
 David/Gail Summerhill, Tracy CA  
 Dave Taylor, Zephyr Cove NV  
 Marcus/Kristy Tidey, Plant City FL  
 Len/Heather Trovero, Bloomington IL  
 Jon/Barbara Trumble, Vero Beach FL  
 Jonathan Tucker, Brutus MI  
 Leilani/James Ulrich, Old Forge NY  
 Sean Victorino, Huntington Beach CA  
 Don/Marilyn Weaver, Weaverville NC  
 Michale/Joanne Werneth, Magnolia Springs AL  
 Todd Zeiller, Avon CO



DOAI badges are available and are a great way to show your support of the best RV club in the country! The color is "French blue" and the size is 3 inches wide by 1.25 inches high.

- Badge w/pin back (with or without two holes)\* . . . . . \$5.00
- Badge w/magnet back (with or without two holes)\* . . . . . \$6.75
- Bolo tie (specify black or white) . . . . . \$3.50
- Job bar (for officers or chairmen) with rings . . . . . \$3.50
- Shipping (up to two badges or two job bars) . . . . . \$3.00

**\*Note:** When ordering, specify if you want two holes in bottom two corners for job bar(s). If you don't specify, the badge will come without corner holes. If you are ordering more than two badges or more than two job bars, call 407.365.3722 for shipping charge information (or email [signman@signman.net](mailto:signman@signman.net)).

**To order:**

- 1) Print order list; 2) write check for total amount of order; 3) print your name and your ship-to address. Send list, check, and your information to: *The Sign Man, PO Box 622143, Oviedo FL 32762-2143*. Allow two weeks from receipt of order to delivery of items.



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## 2016 southeast region rally – a taste of what'll happen!

Start planning now! DOAI's 2016 southeast region rally – **Ahoy, Discoverys!** – will take place at Lazydays in Seffner, Fla., January 24-29. The Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter members will once again host the rally, and that means a lot of interesting and fun events are being planned. The event's timing occurs during Tampa's annual celebration of the infamous Spanish pirate, **José Gaspar**, known as the "last of the Buccaneers." That means there will be more than the rally going on in the area, and you can spend a few extra days enjoying the "Gasparilla Pirate Fest."



The primary focus of rally's education events will be *Camp Discovery* led by **Marshall Godwin** and **Gary Osburn**. For those not familiar with it, *Camp Discovery* covers most of the technical, electrical, and mechanical items specific to our Discovery coaches **in depth**. This is your opportunity to learn about the different systems on your coach, and there is a notebook available for purchase (\$17) that's full of documentation of all the seminars. This is great reference material to have available for you, or for someone out on

the road trying to help you with a problem.

The interesting and fun events will include round-table discussions, crafts, outside activities, as well as presentations never before offered at a DOAI rally. For the thirsty and hungry, there will be happy hours, four dinners, a covered-dish dinner, free breakfasts and lunches, and even an ice cream social! Golfing is on the agenda, and there will be four nights of excellent entertainment, including the DOAI version of "Family Feud." That's a game not to be missed! Not only that, you will have an opportunity to show off your furry, four-legged traveling companion/s in the pet parade.

If you are new to DOAI, or have never attended a southeast region rally in the past, you can get a taste of what it's like by looking through the reports and photos contained in the April 2015 edition of this newsletter, beginning on **page 14**. The fun never stops, the education is worth the "price of admission," the strawberries at Plant City will be the best you've ever tasted, and you'll make a lot of new friends. What better way is there to spend some winter time than in the sunshine of Florida?

The registration form is on **page 18** of this issue, as well as online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com). Fill it out and send it in soon, then plan your "Ahoy, Discoverys!" voyage to Florida next January. ❖

## General membership meeting



DOAI Secretary  
Freddie Perry

This is a synopsis of the general membership meeting held last January 29 in Seffner, Fla. If you would like to see a detailed copy of this record, please contact DOAI Secretary **Freddie Perry** (see contact information on page 10). We extend thanks to **MaryAnn Crowell** for recording the proceedings in **Freddie's** absence.

- ✍ DOAI President **John Baker** called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, including board members **MaryAnn Crowell, Dick Tracy, Larry Weinberg, Bob Deal, Jay Keneson, Bev Kaiser, Jack Romeyk, Marshall Godwin**. Board members introduced themselves and told about their position on the board.
- ✍ Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter was thanked for a great rally.
- ✍ Past President **Marshall** talked about the election of DOAI officers taking place later this year. He reminded all that they are qualified to serve as an officer.
- ✍ Treasurer **Dick** gave a financial report, and noted the final report for 2014 would be published in the April issue of *Discovery Express*.
- ✍ President **John** presented the proposed bylaw and standing rule changes that had been detailed in the October 2014 issue of *Discovery Express*. **Dick** explained that the committee worked to clarify ambiguous wording, codify processes already being used, reallocate certain items from one set of documents to another, etc. The motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws. There was no discussion or questions from the floor. The motion was adopted unanimously and the newly-revised bylaws and standing rules are now in effect. ❖

## Reports of regions and chapters

### Southeast Region



VP Bob Deal

As of this writing (May 20 – our 24th night on the road), **Elizabeth** and I are in the middle of our trip across the USA. We're having a great time visiting this beautiful country. We have seen so many amazing things, including a number of national parks, parks so spectacular, that a photo, our only mode of information until now, cannot do them justice. So far, we have driven our Discovery 2,908 miles. I have no idea how many we've driven the Saturn, and we are not half-way through yet. A lot more fun to go.

From what I hear, all the DOAI chapters in the southeast have had fun rallies so far, and a nice schedule planned for the year. We hope to attend one or two as time permits.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our national rally in Iowa. Happy travels! ❖

### Southwest Region



VP Mike Scott

The Southwest Region is alive and well. We now have three solid chapters and all are very active. Our newest chapter, California Discovery, has been growing its membership and is holding many rallies across the state. I congratulate the leadership on making this chapter such a success.

The Desert Rats out of Nevada and the D'Zonas from Arizona are also doing well. Everyone is looking forward the national this year, and the Southwest Region hopes to make a good showing at the rally– see you all there. We also hope to be able to hold some joint rallies in the Southwest in the future and invite any DOAI members to join us if you are in the area. Happy trails! ❖

### Louisiana Mudbugs Chapter



Chapter prez  
Don Burgess

The Louisiana Mudbugs had a rocky beginning of 2015 with two of our rallies cancelled, but it then became crawfish time! This was our second annual crawfish boil. It all began more than a year ago, with the ladies deciding that since we were the Mudbugs, we needed a crawfish boil.

I don't know if Northerners know about crawfish – just think of them as baby lobsters. They are grown mostly in the bayous and ponds of Louisiana, and during the crawfish season, many parties are centered around the crawfish pot.

The gathering was held at **Fred Reid's** home in Alexandria on May 2. It started about two weeks earlier

with the ordering of the crawfish from a supplier about 30 miles away in Avoyelles Parish (that would be “county” for those who don't know about Louisiana). On Saturday, the morning of the boil, **Donald and Emily Burgess** arrived early to start setting up for the event. Shortly thereafter, **Ricky and Debbie Keene** arrived, after having spent a few days at a FMCA rally in Shreveport. **Joe and Sandra Mire** followed closely behind, having come from the Hammond area.



L to R: Debbie Keene, Beth Campbell, Donald Caldwell, Frankie Caldwell, Emily Burgess, LaNell Berithaupt, Carolyn Barnes, Betty Miller, Sandra Mire. Photo by Fred Reid

The four men decided to load into **Joe's** pickup truck and drive to Avoyelles Parish to get the crawfish which had been growing for the previous two weeks. The owner of the ponds had closed the ponds for two weeks prior to the weekend that we picked up the crawfish, to allow them to grow. We arrived at noon and there was already someone there to pick up his sack of crustaceans. We ordered two sacks, which was about 70-80 pounds.

As we departed down the dusty road on our way back to Alexandria, there was a steady stream of cars arriving to get their sacks of crawfish. We could tell there was going to be a good time in Louisiana that weekend.

When we got back to Alexandria, **Lee and LaNell Breithaupt, Keith and Carolyn Barnes, Donald and Frankie Caldwell, Howard and Beth Campbell**, along with **Betty Miller** had arrived. **Betty's** husband, **Alfred**, had to work the voting polls in Lake Charles and could not be there.

The weather could not have been better for the event. With as much rain that we have had in Louisiana this winter and spring, God was looking out for us.

After the crustaceans were consumed, the active club members present held a club meeting and the following positions were filled for the coming year. **Donald Burgess**, president; **Joe Mire**, vice president; **Frankie Caldwell**, treasurer; and **Fred Reid**, secretary.

The club decided that the number of rallies would be reduced from the usual five per year to only three per year, with one of them planned around a crawfish boil. ❖  
*Report submitted by Fred Reid.*

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## Reports of regions and chapters, continued



Chapter prez  
Jim Sullivan

### Discovery California Chapter

In early March, Discovery California had seven rigs, with two new participants, attending our rally at Cachuma Lake, Calif. Saturday, there was lunch and wine tasting, along with a walking tour of Los Olivos. On Sunday, we had an interesting lunch at Cold Springs Tavern, a local favorite with the hundreds and hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts who make this tavern a favorite weekend destination in the Santa Barbara mountains. A *Facebook* page for just Discovery California members was started by **Mike Randazzo** to facilitate the sharing of photos and other communication between members.

In April, we had seven rigs journeying to the FMA rally in Yuma to support two of our members who were the rally masters, **Bill and Linda Johnson**. Discovery California helped FMA raise \$1,000 for the FMA rally charity, Yuma Community Food Bank. **Fonda Petronzino's** superior salesmanship skills brought out the generosity of the rally participants. Her husband, **Frank Petronzino**, was Mr. Lucky – **Frank and Fonda**, partnering with the Desert Rats **Gary and Patti Velasquez**, won the top prize at the golf tournament. **Frank** also won, hands down, the Texas Hold'Em tournament. The only thing he didn't win at the rally was the 50/50 drawing. We were able to meet up with **Gary** and the Desert Rats at the FMA rally. They are a fun group, playing pickle ball in the dark, keeping everyone awake with their boisterous gaiety.

The Desert Rats liked the idea of our upcoming rally at Pismo Coast Village in Pismo Beach, Calif. So, it looks like we will be having a joint rally September 11-13. Should be a fun time for all. Right after our Pismo Beach rally, four rigs have expressed interest in traveling east to the DOAI national rally at Amana Colonies in Iowa.

Halloween weekend, October 30-November 1, we will be having a rally in California Gold Country at the Jackson Rancheria Casino RV Park in Jackson, Calif. This rally will include wine tasting, seafood buffet, and a haunted house.

November 20-22, we will be having a rally at Palm Canyon RV Resort in the magnificence of the Anza Borrego Desert. Just east of San Diego, Calif., we are looking forward to the star-filled skies, sculptures of Galleta Meadows, and miles of trails.

January 2016, Discovery California will be heading out to Quartzsite, Ariz. **Al Anderson** will be hosting an informal dry camping rally that everyone at DOAI is welcome to join, or you can stop by if you are in the neighborhood. Last year, **Al** had five rigs, and we think

that this year there will be a few more including **Susan and Jim Sullivan**. We will publish the time and location in the next newsletter. ❖



Chapter prez  
Jim Pellow

### Discovery Texans Chapter

We held two rallies since the last newsletter. In April we were at Wilderness Lakes RV Resort in Mathis, Tex. We enjoyed our hosts', **Leroy and Gwen Churchill** and **Elliott and Susan Smith**, breakfasts and dinners Friday and Saturday. We received much needed rain, and had 12 coaches signed up; one cancelled and one was delayed at Freightliner. Our group went to BBQ dinner at Smoilk's Smokehouse in Mathis the first night, and had salad potluck Thursday night. Many of us checked out the Corpus Christi area. Some of us went to Picklesmith Inc., in Taft – very interesting! Went across the street to the museum – very good. We enjoyed playing games: Bunko, Dummy Bridge, and Jokers & Marbles.

In May, we were at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Tex. with hosts **Jim and Kathy Pellow** and **Bill and Elaine Holley**. We again saw a lot of rain. We had 11 coaches signed up this time; one cancelled due to a death in the family, and one had flooding in their area. Did I mention we've had RAIN?!

If you are in the area, LaVita Italian and Bayou restaurants were good. We enjoyed wonderful hamburgers and especially granny's homemade pie at the Green Pickle. So good – many of us went back the next day for more pie. Some of us went into Granbury to check out the shops on the square. Many of us enjoyed the Paluxy River Bluegrass monthly jam sessions at Oakdale Park Friday and Saturday nights. The pickin' and grinnin' provided great musical fun. We thank and congratulate our hosts and rally master again for very good rallies!

Our rallies are planned to be Wednesday through Saturday, departing on Sunday. Our next rallies are (2015) October 28-31 (depart November 1) at Canyon Trail RV Resort, San Marcos, Tex.; (2016) February 3-6 (depart February 7) at Whispering Pines RV & Cabin Resort, Tyler, Tex.; March 30-April 2 (depart April 3) at Red Oak Ranch, Hempstead, Tex.; May 18-21 (depart May 22) at Peach Country RV Park, Stonewall, Tex.; and November 9-12 (depart November 13) at Canyon Trail RV Resort, San Marcos, Tex.

We hope to see y'all in the near future. Safe travels, everyone. ❖

*Report submitted by Elaine Holley*

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## Rally opportunities

We invite you to attend any of the following rallies. Contact chapter president for details (see **page 10**). See also the consolidated rally schedule at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com). It is updated between issues of this newsletter.

### September 2015 –

- 11-13 Discovery California/Desert Rats, Pismo Coast Village, Calif.
- 12-18 Midwest Discoverers, Butler/Shipshewana, Ind.
- 14-17 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Granbury, Tex.
- 18-20 Texas Discovery Road Runners, rolling rally to national rally in Iowa
- 21-26 **DOAI national rally, Amana Colonies, Ia.**

### October 2015 –

- 28-31 Discovery Texans, San Marcos, Tex.
- 29/11-2 Texas Discovery Road Runners, Canton, Tex.
- 30/11-1 Discovery California, Jackson Rancheria, Calif.
- T/B/A Florida Discovery Sunshiners, T/B/A

### November 2015 –

- 6-8 D'Zonas, Tombstone, Ariz.
- 6-13 Florida Discovery Sunshiners, Fort Pierce, Fla.
- 20-22 Discovery California, Borrego Springs, Calif.
- T/B/A Desert Rats, T/B/A

### December 2015 –

- 2-8 Florida Discovery Sunshiners, Seffner, Fla.
- 30/1-2 Florida Discovery Sunshiners, Seffner, Fla.

### January 2016 –

- 24-29 Southeast Region rally, Seffner, Fla.
- T/B/A Discovery California, Quartzsite, Ariz.

### February 2016 –

- 3-6 Discovery Texans, Tyler, Tex.

### March 2016 –

- 30/4-2 Discovery Texans, Hempstead, Tex.

### May 2016 –

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## Reports of regions and chapters, continued



Chapter prez  
Doc Simpson

### Texas Discovery Road Runners Chapter

At the southeast region rally at Lazydays, four coaches from our chapter were in attendance. We have updated our rally schedule, and our first rally for 2015 was at Pioneer Beach Resort in Port Aransa, Tex., April 6-10, with six chapter coaches present and one coach from the Discovery Texans.

As usual, a potluck dinner was on Monday evening, with the meat and dessert provided by the club. After a continental breakfast on Tuesday, we caravanned to the UT Marine Science Education Center. We had lunch at the Seafood & Spaghetti Works. Wednesday was a free day; members took walks on the beach, visited Rockport and Corpus Christi, and shopped. We enjoyed eating leftovers for dinner. On Thursday, after the continental breakfast, the group traveled to Rockport to visit the Texas Maritime Museum. The museum had many displays depicting the excavation of the La Belle. There were also many artifacts displayed. The group next went to visit the Fulton Mansion; however, the mansion could not be visited because of restoration work, but the new visitor center was open and we enjoyed a slide show with two docents explaining the history of the family and the construction details of the home. We had lunch at Charlotte Plummers, one of the best seafood restaurants in the area. Some members returned to the RV park and a few visited the Bay Education Center to see the Science on a Sphere Program. Each evening, games were played in the clubhouse. This included Left-Right Center and Mexican Train. No matter what was played, one group just could not win, but we all had fun, including the men.

Our second rally for this year took place in June at the Amarillo Ranch RV Park in Amarillo, Tex., and we will report on that in the October issue of *Discovery Express*.

Our third rally for the year will be September 14-17 at Bennett's RV Ranch in Granbury, Tex. Rally hosts will be **Melissa and Scott Plowman** and you can contact them for full details (daamommy@aol.com or parkwayg@aol.com). Make your reservations directly with the park (call **Freda** at 817.279.7500 or register electronically at resranch@bennettsrvranch.com). Be sure to tell them you are with the Texas Discovery Road Runners so you get the rally rate (\$30/night) and so we can all park together. Also email **Melissa** that you have made reservations. Gals...bring your husband's money ... there is a lot of shopping in the area!

At the close of this rally, on September 18, we will have a rolling rally to the national rally in Iowa! **Barry Cummings** will be the rolling rally host, and the route will be planned during the time we are at Bennett's RV

Ranch in Granbury.

Our last rally for 2015 will be October 29-November 2 at the Whispering Pines RV Park, Tyler, Tex., with host **John Curtis**. Make your own reservation at 903.858.2405 and be sure to mention that you are with the Texas Discovery Road Runners so you get the \$30/night rate and so we can all park together. Then email **John** (jacurtis3@satx.com) that you have made reservations. Save up your spending money ... Canton Trade Days will be happening! ❖



Chapter prez  
Fred Jecks

### Florida Discovery Sunshiners Chapter

The Sunshiners have a rally every month from October through May, and you last saw them at Seffner for the southeast region rally. They continued their partying in February at the FMCA rally in Sarasota, and quickly joined the fun events, participating in the parade, setting up a welcome booth, and totally enjoying the

good times with old and new friends.

In March the group experienced a bit of colder weather for their rally in Orange City, Fla., hosted by **Fred Jecks and Betty Guthardt**, but that didn't stop the fun. They shivered through a boat ride on the river, and they moved on to join "Bike Week" (leather optional) in Deland, Fla., where row upon row of Harleys, etc., lined the streets and inspired a bit of envy. Overheard comment: "That's just the one I wanted, but..." And this was the rally that the group theme song was raucously endorsed as it was taught by **Jim Dykes**.



L to R: Ira Minor, Lee Minor, Jorie Salomon, Jody Bruce, Mark Salomon, Fred Jecks, Bruce Bruce, Betty Guthardt, Jim Dykes, Karin Dykes, Jon Phillips, Linda Phillips, Richard Smith, Penny Smith, Ron Wacker, Donna Wacker, Wendy Williams, Lenny Williams, Sandy Krieger, Gary Krieger

**Marcy and Bill Ryan** hosted the April rally in Arcadia, Fla., near their home on the intercostal waterway where they gathered us for drinks on the first night. The "Magical Punta Gorda Mystery Tour" began in earnest the next day, with a tour of the bird sanctuary, shopping and eating at Fisherman's Wharf, eating again at the Navigator, a unique spot on the water, and the highlight, the Hypnotist Show, where our very own **Bruce Bruce** became the entertainment star of the

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evening. He even “rapped” in Chinese. We should book him for the Seffner rally.



L to R: Ron Wacker, Donna Wacker, Jorie Salomon, Fred Jecks, Jody Bruce, Bill Ryan, Marcy Ryan, Mark Salomon, Betty Guthardt, Bruce Bruce, Penny Smith, Jean Hoffman, Richard Smith, Howard Hoffman, Dotti Rogers, Greg Rogers

The chapter finished out the spring rally season with a rally in May at Clearwater RV Resort, hosted by **Bruce and Jody Bruce**. Friday night, we were welcomed by our hosts who had prepared a May Day dinner, followed by a premier showing of **Bruce Bruce** under hypnosis. Saturday was a pancake breakfast, followed by crafts and the beginning preparations for the southeast region rally next January. Dinner was at Bellini’s, followed by “The Red Neck Wedding” at the community theater in Dunedin. Sunday, the group visited the Clearwater Aquarium which houses “Winter” from the movie, “Dolphin Tale.” The men snuck in a muscle car exhibit up in Tarpon Springs, Fla., while the women shopped. Our last evening together, we enjoyed a wonderful sunset with great food at Frenchy’s at Clearwater Beach, Fla.



L to R: Carolyn Furniss, Jody Bruce, Karin Dykes, Jim Dykes, Jean Hoffman, Howard Hoffman, Ron Wacker, Penny Smith, Richard Smith, Jorie Salomon, Mark Salomon

The Sunshiners look forward to a great summer of traveling this wonderful country of ours. Many of us plan on hooking up here and there as we cross the plains, deserts, and mountains. And we all look forward to our rallies resuming in October and every month thereafter until summer looms once again.

If you attended the region rally in January, you know this is a group that likes to have fun and welcomes all. Join us for a rally when you visit Florida next winter, or if you live in the southeast, join the group as often as you

can; we welcome new members and cannot wait to make new friends. ❖



Chapter prez  
John Ricciardi

### Mason-Dixon Discoverys Chapter

The Mason-Dixons have held their first rally of the year at the South Forty RV Resort in Petersburg, Va. This area of Virginia is in the midst of many historical events and sites. Our intimate group (seven Discoverys) visited a Civil War battlefield, museums and historic downtown Petersburg. When not visiting the historic sites, we visited with each other at the evening campfires. We seemed to do a lot of visiting each other at the dinner table, as well. With the small group, it was an easy task to have us all at one table.

Our newly-elected co-rally masters, **Linda and Louis Zilinski**, proved to be very capable of holding this position. They did an outstanding job and needed very little help from the group. **Linda** even found time to teach the ladies how to make beautiful scarves.



L to R: Sonny and Helen Blackwell, Toni Calzone, Tom and Martha Hundley, Louis and Linda Zilinski, John and Alice Ricciardi, Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg, and Jerry and Debra Pruyne

Although our group was small, we did have a quorum of officers, so we held a business meeting and discussed various issues and future rally locations.

We are eagerly anticipating what our next rally will be like at Old Mill Stream Campground in Lancaster, Pa., August 5-8 (depart August 9). If you are going to be in the area, drop by. You can contact me for more info.

We welcome new chapter members **Jerry and Debra Pruyne, Jack and Livette Sims, and Julio and Maria Perez**. **Jerry and Debra** purchased **Marshall and Louise Mauck’s D**, and were given expert tutelage by our own **Toni Calzone**. Safe travels to all. ❖

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Chapter prez  
Gary Valesquez

### Desert Rats Chapter

The Desert Rats chapter recently staged their April rally to coincide with the Fleetwood Motorhome Association rally in Yuma, Ariz. We were joined by many other DOAI members, including members from the new Discovery California chapter. We congratulate that chapter's president, **Jim Sullivan**, and his wife, **Susan Sullivan**, for their efforts in starting the chapter.



L to R: Bill Fedewa, Joyce Fedewa, Patty Velasquez, Becky Guilliams, Jerry Timberlake, Shirley Bujnovsky, John Bujnovsky

The Rats enjoyed the planned events and meals staged by the FMA, as well as a side trip to Los Algodones, Mex., for a day of shopping that included lunch and margaritas. The Rats' next planned rally is for September 11-13 at the Coast Village RV Resort in Pismo Beach, Calif. Many of our Rat members will be joining the Discovery California members for a co-rally. Currently, one additional Rat rally is to be announced for November, at a site to be determined. Until then, here's wishing our fellow members happy and safe travels. ❖



Chapter prez  
Jerry Call

### Midwest Discoverers Chapter

Hello all from Midwest Discoverers! As I write this, we are planning a spring rally in Ohio and it looks like we will have a large turn out for this rally.

Our fall rally, September 12-18, will be a two-part rally starting at our farm in Indiana and then to Shipshewana, Ind., with stops at the Fleetwood plant, Blue Light dinner theater, RV museum, and the Studebaker Mansion. There is more information on the DOAI webpage. The fall rally should be well attended and we will see a lot and eat a lot, as all Midwest rallies do.

As we were coming home from Okeechobee, Fla., April 2, we had problems with our 2008 D, and 46 days and counting later, we still do not have the coach fixed. We stopped at W T Standard in Atlanta. Ga. (nine days in their parking lot) and found them to be the nicest

people you could ever meet. We were invited to their home for dinner, had dinner carried in for us, and a lot more. We cannot say enough about them, but they were unable to fix the D. We dropped a valve and now a new engine is in the making, as we try to get Cummins and the extended warranty people to make up their minds ... and we still have no coach. What a deal. ❖



Chapter prez  
Mike Scott

### D'Zonas Chapter

Summer is here and we are feeling the temperatures rise. This also means that our chapter goes dormant for a while, since many of our members head out to escape the summer heat.

We had a nice event in April, however. Several of us got together for a great steak dinner in Tucson. We took advantage of a few folks being in the neighborhood to catch up with one another and have a great meal as well.



L to R: Larry Hawkins, Mike Scott, Paul Smith, Judy Scott, Doris Smith, Cathy Hawkins.

Right now, we only have one more event scheduled for the remainder of the year, but may add more later on. We'll be gathering at the Tombstone RV Park and Campground, November 6-8, at a cost of \$35 per night. Come visit the town "too tough to die." We will also plan a day trip down to Bisbee for sightseeing.

We invite everyone to any of our events. We would love to have you. Happy trails! ❖



Chuck Woodbury

## Traveling America's back roads Goldfield, Nevada, and U.S. 95

I've been exploring the back roads of America now for a few decades. In all those years, with hundreds of thousands of miles under my belt, I have traveled many highways. People I meet sometimes ask, "Don't you get tired of driving the same roads over and over?"

Well, first of all, no human could travel every road in America in a lifetime. I bet I have driven far less than one percent of them. But as for traveling the same roads more than once – my answer is, "No, I never tire of driving a road again."

This photo is of U.S. Highway 95 south of Goldfield, Nev. It's a lonely stretch of two lanes that some people might consider boring. I've driven it at least a dozen times. It passes through desert, with a tiny town here and there, and one barren mountain range after another. Sometimes, if I'm lucky, I will see native wildflowers in bloom. But that doesn't happen very often.



But look how Highway 95 appeared the other day. Look at those clouds! Aren't they gorgeous? I think this is just about as pretty a scene as you could see anywhere – whether by the ocean, in the mountains, or by a lake.

So, no, I never tire of driving a road again and again. Every time you travel a road, it's different. Drive it one direction, then the other direction, and it will be like two different roads. Drive it in the spring and then drive it in the fall – two different roads. Drive it in the early morning and then in the late afternoon in the rich sunlight. Drive it when the sky is spitting snow and then again on a hot summer day. Each time, different. ❖

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Pete Shaffer

## One man's life Leaving home

While you are enjoying traveling in your Discovery for weeks or months at a time, don't forget about the sticks-and-bricks house. I created this list that we use whenever we hit the road. It may come in handy for you. Before you leave, check off these items, and add other items that are specific to your situation. (If you do add items, send them to Editor **Nina** for an update in future editions of this newsletter.)

1. Flush all toilets, add a tablespoon of vegetable oil and lower lids to retard evaporation.
2. Add a teaspoon of vegetable oil to sink drains.
3. Turn off the water to the house.
4. Leave the refrigerator on, or turn it off with door propped open.
5. Set the central A/C at 80° to keep indoor humidity levels down in summer, or set furnace at 50° in winter to keep pipes from freezing.
6. Turn off water heater.
7. Leave some lights on timers.
8. Notify the local law enforcement that you will be gone and who is authorized to be on the property.
9. Stop mail, newspaper, and trash pickup.
10. Arrange for someone to water indoor plants, or install automatic watering system (in which case, this could conflict with #2).
11. Take the last of the trash to a dumpster as you leave.
12. Do the laundry and make sure the hamper is empty.
13. Vacuum the carpets and install a new vacuum cleaner bag.
14. Get someone to keep the grass cut.
15. Run the garbage disposal to clear any last minute food.
16. Set or arm the security system.
17. Make arrangements for bills that come while you are away.
18. **Do not post** on *Facebook* that you are going to be away! ❖



Mark Polk

## How to avoid being a crime victim while RVing

For one minute, try to think the way a criminal would think. If you were at a rest stop looking for your next target or victim, what would you look for?

Let's pretend for a moment that you were going to target a vehicle. Which would be more appealing: a car whose owner stopped for a quick bathroom break or an expensive looking Class A motor home whose owners are out walking their dogs? I don't have the mind of a criminal, but this is an easy choice. That expensive looking RV probably has expensive contents inside like jewelry, cameras, and a laptop computer.

Okay, we have come to the conclusion that in that instance, we, the RVers, are the prime target for the criminal mind. So, what can we do to protect ourselves? That's what this RV security checklist is for

– to provide some ideas about how to protect yourself and your personal belongings when traveling in your RV.

✖✖ Don't stay overnight at a rest stop. Rest stops attract criminals. If you stop at a rest stop, it should only be for a short break and then back on the road. Lock the RV and take turns using the facilities, always leaving someone in or close to the RV. Always be on the look out for anything or anyone that looks suspicious. Keep your cell phone handy in case you need it and don't open the door for anybody, unless you know who it is.

✖✖ Rest stops aren't the only place you need to be concerned about. Every time you stop to refuel, there are certain precautions you need to take. It's easy to be vulnerable to a thief at a gas station or a truck stop. I have a bad habit of leaving my wallet on the console of our Class A motor home. The door isn't locked and your spouse is taking advantage of the time to walk the dogs. This is how quickly it can happen. Get in the habit of locking the doors whenever you or someone else is not physically in the RV.

✖✖ Most robberies occur at night and most travel-related robberies occur at rest stops, gas stations, convenience stores and ATM machines. Try to schedule most of your stops during daylight hours, and whenever you stop, be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't look right, leave.

✖✖ Walmart or other parking lots where you might stop to get a few hours of sleep can present security problems, too. You should always park in a well-lit area and the entry door of the RV should be facing where

most of the activity is. A thief prefers to work where it is dark and where it is least likely to draw any attention. Close your curtains or blinds so it's not possible for someone to look inside. Don't open the door for anybody unless you know who it is.

✖✖ As much as we would like to believe that campgrounds are 100 percent safe and secure, don't let your guard down. You don't need to be paranoid, just use common sense. Don't leave expensive equipment lying around unsecured. Vehicle tow bars, hitches, bicycles and other items need to be under lock and key.

✖✖ Keep valuables inside the RV, secured and out of sight. It's a good idea to purchase a small fireproof safe to store valuables and important paperwork. The safe might protect your valuables from the hazards of a fire, but it will still need to be stored in a secure, out-of-the-way place, inside the RV.

✖✖ Always lock the RV when you're not physically at the campsite. Do not store valuable equipment in outside storage compartments. Believe it or not, a vast majority of RVs use the same exact key as yours for outside storage compartments. If you store valuables like golf clubs, fishing gear or tools in the outside compartments, you may want to have the locks changed.

✖✖ Before you leave on a trip, make sure your Emergency Roadside Service Plan is current. In the unfortunate event that you break down on the road, try to pull off in as safe a place as possible and call for help immediately. Stay with the RV until help arrives.

It's unfortunate that we live in a day and age where we need to take these added measures to protect ourselves. I don't want you to feel like everybody you meet during your travels is a thief or has bad intentions. Just use common sense and be aware of what is going on around you.

Plan your trip, travel safe and enjoy your RV experiences. Remember, getting there is half the fun. ❖

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## Camping first aid kit essentials

A well-equipped first aid kit is an essential item to pack for any camping road trip. You can easily make up your own, especially if you already have a lot of the basics, or you can buy pre-packaged ones that

come with many of the essentials. Here is a list of items to consider including in your first aid kit:

### Bandages and dressings

- ◆ Elastic bandages, adhesive bandages (for everyday cuts and scratches)
- ◆ Adhesive and butterfly bandages (effective for use in the closure of a deep cut or wound)
- ◆ Roll bandages (when moderate compression is needed)
- ◆ Triangular bandages (for head or appendage, as a handy arm sling, or even as a tourniquet)
- ◆ Sterile gauze pads/non-adhesive dressings (ideal for cleansing and covering larger cuts, scrapes and minor burns because they are highly absorbent)
- ◆ Large wound dressings
- ◆ Blister dressing (particularly useful if you plan to do a lot of walking)
- ◆ Adhesive tape cloth-based (can be used to hold bandages and dressings in place)
- ◆ An ice pack (to cool and reduce swelling)
- ◆ Splinting materials (to provide support to an injured area to stop it moving)

### Miscellaneous essentials

- ◆ Safety pins (to secure bandages)
- ◆ Scissors (to trim bandages and other uses)
- ◆ Tweezers and needles (to remove splinters or ticks)
- ◆ Antiseptic wipes/alcohol pads (used to clean wounds, cuts and scrapes and help prevent infection)
- ◆ Cotton swabs/cotton wool (used to apply ointments)
- ◆ Thermometer (for taking your temperature, useful if you have a fever or are not feeling well)
- ◆ Non-latex gloves (help prevent the spread of infection into an open wound from the hands of someone cleaning/treating it)
- ◆ Large plastic bag (for soiled bandages and other used medical items)

### Medications

- ◆ Topical antibiotic cream (such as Neosporin)
- ◆ Oral antihistamine (such as Benadryl)

- ◆ Medications for pain or fever (such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen)
- ◆ Hydrocortisone cream (1%) (for insect bites)
- ◆ Diarrhea/vomiting medication (such as Imodium or Compro)
- ◆ Antacids (such as Tums or Rolaids)
- ◆ Eye drops (soothe irritated eyes)
- ◆ Travel/motion sickness medication (Dramamine)
- ◆ Personal medications (if you or anyone in your group suffers from any illnesses)
- ◆ Anti-inflammatory medication (such as Aleve)

### Other medications to consider, depending on the time of year and where you're going

- ◆ Bee sting kit (such as Sawyer's Extractor)
- ◆ Snake bit kit (such as Sawyer's Extractor)
- ◆ Poison ivy cream/cleansers (such as Zanfel, TechNu or Band-Aid)
- ◆ Aloe vera gel or other moisturizer (for sunburn)
- ◆ Sinus medications (if it's allergy season and you know you suffer badly, such as Claritin)

### Some final tips

- ◆ Replenish your first aid kit if any items are used and check medications for use-by dates.
- ◆ Pack your first aid kit in a well-labeled waterproof container. Make sure everyone in your party knows where it is kept.
- ◆ Keep your kit as compact as possible, consider removing tubes of cream or ointments and strips of pills from their cardboard box and simply cut out the instructions. Keep them together with an elastic band.
- ◆ Know how to use the items in your first aid kit; familiarize yourself with everything that's in it, especially if it's a pre-packaged one.
- ◆ Tailor your first aid kit to the kind of trip you're taking, the time of year, and your own or your family's personal medical needs.
- ◆ Bring a first aid manual if you are unfamiliar with basic first aid.
- ◆ Consider taking a first aid class if you do not have any basic first aid knowledge, particularly if you have children. Classes can be arranged through the American Red Cross. ❖





**Discovery Owners Association, Inc.  
2016 Southeast Region Rally**



**Ahoy, Discoverys!**

Lazydays RV Campground, Seffner, Florida (800.905.6627)

JANUARY 24-29; DEPART JANUARY 30

Complete both parts of this registration form.

**Send Part 1 to Lazydays RV Campground/Part 2 to DOAI rally registrar**

**PART 1. CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND, OR CALL 800.905.6627**

**Discovery Owners Association Rally — January 24-29, 2016 (Depart January 30)**

Pilot Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Camping/Food/Entertainment Fee:

**\$400.00** for coach with **two** people / **\$338.36** for coach with **one** person . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of additional nights **→ Call Lazydays for rates ←** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests at **\$62.91 per guest** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total . . . . . Make check payable to LAZYDAYS RV CAMPGROUND . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail this form and your check to Lazydays RV Campground, 6210 County Road 579, Seffner FL 33584-3004.

**Deadline to register with Lazydays RV Campground is December 27, 2015.** *Lazydays RV Campground cancellation policy: Prior to 72 hours, no charge; 72 to 24 hours, one-day charge; less than 24 hours or no show, no refund.*

**PART 2: CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION TO RALLY REGISTRAR FRED JECKS**

Pilot Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email/s \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

DOAI # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

First major DOAI rally? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ Nat'l officer? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ Discovery Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Member Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Position \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees: **\$15.00** per coach for **two** people / **\$7.50** for **one** person . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$17.00** for notebook with printed copy of all technical seminars . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$7.50** for each additional guest . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name/s and Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Total . . . . . Make check payable to FLORIDA DISCOVERY SUNSHINERS . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail form and your check to Fred Jecks, 840 N Atmore Cir, Deltona FL 32725-3341. **Registration must be received by January 9, 2016.** After that date, contact Fred at 386.801.1256 or fred.jecks@gmail.com

- If not already a DOAI member, contact Portia Williams at [doaimembership@discoveryowners.com](mailto:doaimembership@discoveryowners.com) ←**
- If you are a golfer, you will be able to sign up and pay upon arrival at Lazydays. ←**
- Wear your pirate clothes to help celebrate Tampa's Gasparilla Fest! ←**



# 2015 DOAI National Rally

## The Handcrafted Escape

September 21 through 26 (depart September 27)  
 Amana Colonies RV Park, 3890 C St, Amana, Iowa 52203-8228  
 Latitude 41.810555000 - Longitude -91.881452000

### REGISTRATION FORM

Enter information as you want it to appear on your rally name badge

Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Pilot's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact/s \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOAI # \_\_\_\_\_ DOAI Region \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter to be parked with \_\_\_\_\_  
 Need handicap parking?  Yes  No First DOAI national rally?  Yes  No  
 Guest/s Name, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the campground being fully booked before our rally, NO EARLY ARRIVALS will be accepted. If late departure is desired (some spaces may be available with departure no later than September 30), contact the park for availability (319.622.7630 or 800.471.7616).

#### REGISTRATION:

\$375.00 per coach with two adults ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$315.00 per coach with one adult ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$75.00 each additional person/child × \_\_\_\_ person/s = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### OPTIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, TOUR, THEATRE:

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – **Golf Tournament** (includes golf cart) ..... \$55.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday, Sept. 23 – **Hoover Site/Kalona Tour** (transportation only) .. \$22.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday, Sept. 25 – **Old Creamery Theatre - "Barnum"** (ticket) ..... \$22.00 × \_\_\_\_ person/s = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **DOAI** ..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Freddie Perry, Registrar, 9732 Pyramid Way #338, Sparks NV 89441-6258  
 Questions? Contact Freddie Perry; 530.249.1842; rallyregistrar@discoveryowners.com or  
 MaryAnn Crowell, Rally Master; 254.644.6225; macrowell979@gmail.com

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015**

Full refund cancellation may be made up to August 31, 2015 – AFTER AUGUST 31 – NO REFUND

➔ ➔ ➔ **KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS** ← ← ←

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email.

## Lubricating RV and other locks



**Russ and Tiña DeMaris** are RV bloggers, and a recent post about lubrication might be of interest to DOAI members who have had trouble with their Discovery locks:

“One area often overlooked for RV maintenance – and pretty much every RV has one or more to overlook – are locks. Door locks, compartment locks, locks on hitches, locks on toolboxes. Where’s Dr. Seuss when you need him? He’s probably stuck in a locked compartment.

“In your grandpappy’s day, the lubricant of choice for locks was graphite powder. Of course, he probably swore by horse liniment for all that ailed you, too. But even among locksmiths, there’s plenty of controversy over what’s best to use to lubricate those security devices. But lock yourself out of your motor home, or can’t

get the padlock loose from your spare tire carrier while freeway traffic whizzes by, you’ll be sorry you ignored the situation.

“One thing is clear: Graphite is out. This powdery stuff can absorb moisture and gum up the lockworks. So what’s that leave? The schools divide: Some say, ‘Shoot it with WD-40!’ Others say, ‘Take the hangups away with gun oil!’ What’s a feller to do? Well, lacking any direct information from your lock manufacturer, a common thread seems to emerge from the profession: Teflon. But how do you get Teflon in a lock? Well, there are some spray lubricants with added Teflon. Our favorite locksmith says that Teflon is less attractive to dirt, lasts longer, and just generally keeps lock mechanisms happier.

“When shopping for Teflon lube, look for a can with a long nose nozzle that allows you to insert the nozzle assembly in the lock and give it a **brief** squirt. Better to **under** lube than over lube. Wipe off any excess, put your key in the lock, and work it back and forth several times. Then consider adding lock lubrication to your 6-month RV maintenance routine.” ❖



## Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

**Discovery Owners Association, Inc.** is a non-profit organization, established to foster social opportunities and information exchange among all members.

### Membership classifications:

**Regular** - a private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** for the first year (includes one-time **\$4** administrative fee); **\$16** for one-year renewal; **\$45** (**\$49** new members) for three years; **\$75** (**\$79** new members) for five years.

**Commercial** - Discovery dealer, RV campground/resort, or an RV-related for-profit business. **Dues** (payable in U.S. funds only): **\$20** per year, or **\$75** for five years.

**Questions?** Call DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free 888.594.6818

**Mail** the form below with your check payable to *Discovery Owners Association, Inc.* to: **Portia Williams, Membership Coordinator, PO Box 95, St. George UT 84771-0095.** You may also join/renew online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name, if joining as Commercial Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Prov., ZIP+4/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address (*check box on right for electronic newsletter*) \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Year/Model, if joining as Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_

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

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