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Big Changes for Discovery Express

If this issue of Discovery Express was delivered to you via the United States Post Office, this is the final “hard copy” issue. If you’ve been receiving your newsletter via email, that delivery method will continue. Earlier this year, as the search of a new editor/publisher continued, decisions were made by the DOAI Board of Directors to separate the two tasks editor and publisher; to utilize an outside vendor to create the newsletter from submitted edited copy; and to publish in digital format only. These decisions were made for financial reasons, as well as the lack of a member volunteer who would both edit and publish Discovery Express.

If you haven’t already done so, please make sure Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley has your email address on file (doaimembership@discoveryowners.com). Your address will be kept confidential; DOAI does not share members’ email addresses with any individual or business outside DOAI with the exception of Prepared Publications, the publisher of Discovery Express. That company will maintain your privacy at all costs.

When the January 2017 edition of this newsletter is published, it will be emailed to you. The immediate benefit of the digital edition is that it will reach you as close to the beginning of January as possible; you won’t have to wait until the middle of the month for the Post Office to deliver it. Another benefit: because it will be in digital format, you’ll be able to also read it on your digital reader or pad or cell phone; that means you can carry Discovery Express with you wherever you go.

As in the past, every issue of Discovery Express will continue to be on the DOAI website, and it can be read there and/or downloaded to your computer. ❖

Quarterly Question contest

What's the last name of the NFL starting quarterback with the most regular season wins?

Choices:

- (a) Brady
- (b) Elway
- (c) Manning
- (d) Montana



See page 13 for details on submitting your answer.

We had thirteen correct responses to the question, and all 13 names were put into the Contest Hat. A third party drew the name of the lucky winner of a year's free membership in DOAI for submitting the correct answer for July (1910): Bill and Elaine Holley. Congratulations! Given that Elaine is our club's Membership Coordinator, I believe she will find it a most welcome task to extend their membership one more year. ❖

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Ron Wacker

President's report

Hi everyone, I would like to start by thanking John Scarbrough for stepping up and taking over the editor's position on the Discovery Express newsletter. I know you will do a fantastic job. The newsletter is one of the vital parts of DOAI. Thank you John.

Summer has come and gone and fall is now here. I hope everyone had a great summer and was able to visit that special location that you enjoy the most or you have wanted to see forever. Talking about where to go in the summer, Mark and Jorie Salomon have been after us for the last three years to buy an RV lot by their cabin in the mountains. So Donna and I finally purchased an RV lot in Linville Land Harbor, North Carolina (elevation about 4000 ft). The weather was great, in the 70's during the day and low 60's at night when many other places were in the 100's. We spent a great deal of our time fixing up the lot, so we didn't get to enjoy the area as much as we wanted to this year. We are going back there this month and enjoy the fall colors. Now Mark and Jorie have us as neighbors. They can see Grandfather Mountain from their back deck which also overlooks a beautiful golf course.

With the fall leaves out it is a good time to take in the beautiful fall colors. Isn't it nice to have a motor home and be able to visit all the fantastic places?

The presidential elections are coming up and I hope all of you will vote. It sure has been a different kind of campaign this year. I can't wait to see the outcome.

The National Rally in Bath, NY was a really good, fun-filled rally with lots to see and do. I want to thank the board members for all their hard work hosting the rally. I especially want to thank MaryAnn Crowell, national rally master, for all her planning and hard work.

We hope to see everyone in January at the Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays. If you have not attended one of the major rallies, you don't know what you are missing. They are lots of fun and you can make and meet so many nice friends.

I will close for now. Stay healthy and have safe travels. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Member Care report

Please keep the following DOAI members in your thoughts and prayers:

- * **Judy Curtis**, whose husband, John, died last June.
- * **Jeff Daly**, undergoing treatment for primary cerebral lymphoma.
- * **Bob Deal**, who fell in July and broke his hip. Reports are that he will need a hip replacement.
- * **Charlie Harvell**, undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
- * **Kerry Pinkerton**, diagnosed with prostate cancer, will begin treatment in October.
- * **Don Watkins**, whose younger brother died from cancer last July.

Please contact Member Care Coordinator Nina Soltwedel at nina.soltwedel@gmail.com, or call 303-570-2736, when a DOAI member is ill or hospitalized, or when someone in a DOAI member's family has died.

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John Scarbrough

Meet DOAI’s new Editor, John Scarbrough

John was born and raised in the deep south; born in Alabama and raised in Mississippi. In addition to these two states, he has lived in Texas, Florida, Hawaii, and New Mexico. As a lifelong student, John has earned: a Bachelor’s in Music Performance, a Bachelor’s in Physical Therapy, an Associate’s degree in Nursing, a Master’s in Nursing Education, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. Yes, he really is Doctor Nurse John!

John and his spouse, Kevin, have been together for 18 years, and married for the past three years. They have three rescue dogs – Angus, Buddy, and Moo-Shu (none of the dogs know they are not people). John and Kevin currently live in Silver City, N. M., where John is Associate Dean for the School of Nursing at Western New Mexico University. He also teaches online for the New Mexico State University School of Nursing graduate programs in Las Cruces, N.M.

John and Kevin have enjoyed RVing since 2000 with their first old Class C rig (just to see if they liked it). Since then, they have moved through a series of motor homes, ending with their current (and favorite to date) a 2002 Discovery 37T.

Kevin retired this past August; John plans to continue working at least three or four more years before doing the same. After John retires, they plan to join in more travels, rallies, etc. John says, “The administrative academic world is a busy one, and time away for lengthy trips can be a challenge, although we do like to get away for short trips as often as we can.” ❖



Monty Campbell

Meet DOAI’s new Publisher, Monty Campbell and Prepared Publications, Inc.

Monty Campbell is the founder and president of Prepared Publications. He has lived in the greater Houston area since 1991. Prior to moving to Houston, Monty lived in Monroe, La., where he obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from Northeast Louisiana University. In his spare time, Monty enjoys hiking, backpacking, fishing, and watching movies.

Prepared Publications is a full service communications and marketing company based in Houston, Tex. For the last ten years, the firm has been helping large and small organizations communicate more effectively via printed and electronic newsletters, direct marketing and with engaging websites.

Their competencies include graphic design, full service printing and timely distribution of both printed and electronic material. The firm’s motto is “Your Inspiration, Our Preparation. We help you get your message across.” Monty says, “Prepared Publications and I are excited about the opportunity to publish the Discovery Express newsletter, and we look forward to working with the organization’s members.” ❖

Membership sponsors

DOAI is grateful to these RV dealers for supporting our club by paying for a year’s membership for each purchaser of a new or used Discovery motor home: Sponsorship details are available from DOAI Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley at 888.594.6818 or doaimembership@discoveryowners.com.

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Dick Tracy

Treasurer's report

I want to take a minute to explain and outline an ongoing DOAI effort to change the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Exemption status of the DOAI national organization from that of an **Individual** organization exemption to that of a **Group Exemption**. There has been considerable correspondence between the Treasurer and the various chapters as well as selected DOAI officers regarding this potential change.

As background information, DOAI is a Tax Exempt Social organization under IRS Section 501(c)(7). This means that we do not have to pay taxes on dues and most activity revenue. This type of tax exemption does not mean that we are an organization to which persons may make donations and use those donations as deductions for personal tax purposes.

When DOAI was formed, it applied for and obtained an individual Tax Exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and so did most early chapters. This was a straightforward process that did not have much fee cost associated with it. Unfortunately, the funding situation has changed and there is now a \$500 fee just to apply for such individual exemption status. By having DOAI reapply to the IRS and obtain a Group Exemption, all individual chapters of DOAI who are new chapters or have not already obtained their own exempt status would be able to use the DOAI Group exemption and would not have to pay application fees individually.

In order to obtain a Group Exemption status, there are a substantial number of requirements that DOAI must meet and documents to be submitted to the IRS. As Treasurer I am the focal point for obtaining and preparing the request to seek this Group Exemption. Individual chapters have been contacted and I am awaiting some remaining chapter input before proceeding further with this application. Chapters will be notified when the IRS response to DOAI's Group Exemption request is received. ❖



Bob Cook

Introducing: Discovery Friends

Traveling in our D's...what a wonderful feeling of freedom to go whenever and wherever we please. But, sometimes we need help with a mechanical problem, sometimes we need info about a new area, sometimes we just need...a friend. Wouldn't it be great if you could locate a fellow DOAI member nearby that could offer advice or help, but how do you find them? That is where Discovery Friends comes in.

Discovery Friends is a voluntary list of DOAI members, their contact information, and what help or information they can provide. The list is available by State and by Name, and there is also a map to help locate members while traveling. Each member's location is depicted by a pin on the map, and clicking on the pin reveals the member's name. Note that for security reasons, the map pin is only located to the nearest town of the member's, not his actual location. You will need to contact the member for that.

You can access the Discovery Friends list from the DOAI home page by one of the following:

1. Clicking the link on the home page.
2. From the Left (blue) menu column, click Forums->DOAI Friends.
3. From the Left (blue) menu, click Info->Members and click the DOAI Friends link on that page.
4. The direct link is www.discoveryowners.com/doaifriends.asp.

This will take you to a page with more information about DOAI Friends including instructions, how to add your information to the list and how to save both the list and the map for offline use. This page, and also the DOAI Friends list and map, is only accessible by DOAI members so you will need to log in to view it using your DOAI member number and password (your last name).

The success of Discovery Friends ultimately depends on the number of people that sign up to be included on the list. Please consider adding your name to DOAI Friends! ❖

What's your region?

If you aren't sure what region is associated with your membership, you can find this information on page 10. The vice president for each region is listed. Following his or her name is the two-letter designation of the region, as well as a list of each state and province (if applicable) within that region. ❖



MaryAnn Crowell

National Rally Master's report

Hello, everyone! As I write this article, it's the first day in the past week that we can open windows and turn the A/C off. Upstate New York, along with much of the East Coast, is experiencing a hot and dry summer. But it's summer, so it's supposed to be hot ... right?

As of this writing, the national rally in Bath has not begun, but the T's are crossed and all the I's are dotted, and I'm in the "hold my breath" time frame to make sure everything goes as planned. This is a jam-packed rally, along with being in a great part of the USA. I hope you were among the attendees. You will hear more about the rally in the next Discovery Express.

Are you ready for a Beach Party? It's time to think about the 2017 Camp Discovery, so mark your calendars for January 22–27 (depart January 28), in Seffner, FL at the Lazydays RV Campground. Registration forms are on the DOAI website and in this issue of Discovery Express. I know that the Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter members are planning a great rally. Marshall Godwin and Gary Osburn will be leading you through the many aspects of your Discovery. This is the most informative rally you will ever attend, so make your reservations now! I'll see you there.

The National Rally 2017 information is not ready for release for this edition, but I hope that we can let you know soon. Also in the works is the big 20th Anniversary of Discovery Owners Association, Inc. National Rally coming up in 2018. Again, I hope to give you more updates on both the future rallies soon. No matter where you are or where you are going, travel safely and enjoy. ❖



John Baker

Past President's report

What an exciting change and update for DOAI...the very first issue of the Discovery Express developed and provided all-electronically! It came directly to your inbox and if you haven't been receiving the electronic version previously you will see it almost a month earlier than before! You can see it on any device that handles email for youDiscovery Express wherever you go!

Also, it is the very first one under the direction of our new Editor, John Scarbrough. John, you are aware that Nina established the term of office to be a minimum of 12 years, right? Seriously, thank you for volunteering to accept this important leadership role. We do look forward to getting to know you better and being the beneficiaries of your work here.

Another exciting new announcement is being made elsewhere in this issue; the development of "Discovery Friends". Be sure to read Bob Cook's article that explains this great new tool to help us communicate with those DOAI members who are located around us. Have you ever wondered who lives wherever you might be? Use this tool to reach another member who has volunteered to help you, provide you with local tips and directions, or just meet you for lunch. Be sure to sign up to allow others to call on you. This should be helpful and fun!

By the time this reaches you our rally at Bath, N.Y. will be another entry in our fond memory bank. We met with friends, both old and new for a week of fun and information. Many are on their way from there to enjoy New England in the Fall, to visit with family and friends along their way, or back to their sticks-and-bricks locations. Wherever you are I hope you are having a wonderful and safe trip. Hopefully we will meet again at Seffner in January.

Wishing you fun and safe travels. ❖

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Nina Soltwedel

Secretary's report

In addition to the Board of Directors' (BOD) action reported on page 1 of this issue, other BOD actions are reflected in changes to the DOAI Standing Rules, approved by electronic ballots on June 29 and July 15, 2016, and a new Standing Rule, adopted by electronic ballot on May 11, 2016. The changes and addition are listed below; the latest complete version of the DOAI Standing Rules is posted online at www.discoveryowners.com/DOAIstandingrules.pdf.

STANDING RULE #4 – Revised 7-15-16

DOAI Region Boundaries (Title of Standing Rule changed from “National Region Boundaries” to “DOAI Region Boundaries” to reflect that the northern tier of regions also includes provinces of Canada.)

STANDING RULE #7 – Revised 7-15-16

Formation of Chapters (Item 6 changed to reflect dates by which lists of chapter officers are to be provided. New item 7 lists dates by which membership lists are to be provided.)

6. Chapters shall provide an initial list of officers to the DOAI Secretary, as well as by February 15 of each year. Chapters shall also provide a list of officers to the DOAI Secretary whenever a change in leadership takes place.
7. By February 15 of each year, Chapters shall provide a complete current membership listing, including membership numbers, to the Membership Coordinator.

STANDING RULE #9 – Revised 7-15-16

Discovery Express Newsletter (The entire Standing Rule rewritten to reflect the newsletter changes.)

A. Discovery Express is the official DOAI newsletter which shall be published electronically quarterly.

1. The newsletter shall be published in color by an outside vendor approved by the DOAI Board of Directors. It shall be emailed to all members, as well as to non-DOAI members who have supplied an article for the current issue. A copy shall also be emailed to the DOAI Webmaster for posting on the DOAI website.
2. A Newsletter Editor shall be designated to receive input articles and information from members, chapters, officers, and coordinators. The Newsletter Editor shall edit all inputs for transmittal to the outside publisher.
3. The newsletter shall contain articles and information of general interest to the members; e.g., member activities and events, chapter rallies and activities, major rallies events and photos, Board of Director contacts, etc., as well as any other special articles as directed by the Board of Directors.
4. A “Member Care” column shall be included to inform of members’ serious illness, hospitalization or death, including death in a member’s family.
5. Each chapter shall identify a contact who is authorized to submit chapter news by the deadlines established by the Newsletter Editor.
6. An article advising the membership of Board of Director actions shall be included.
7. Information on elections of DOAI officers shall be included as directed by the President or Nominating Committee Chairman. This may include information on candidates, ballots, voting schedules, instructions, etc.

B. The Newsletter Editor shall screen newsletter inputs for suitability, appropriateness of content, tastefulness, etc., and edit material as needed. Questionable articles shall be referred to the DOAI President for determinations on whether to include them.

STANDING RULE #13 – Revised 6-29-16

Auditors (The entire Standing Rule rewritten to reflect current auditing practices.)

- A. Each year, the President and the Board of Directors shall appoint two DOAI members (who are not members of the Board of Directors) as Auditors. The appointees shall be persons who are knowledgeable about financial matters.
- B. The appointees shall conduct the audit during the annual national rally.
- C. The function of the Auditors shall be to audit the expense and income records to assure accurate reporting, and to make any other recommendations they deem fit concerning the reporting and management of finances.

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Secretary's report, continued

STANDING RULE #15 – Revised 7-15-16

Duties of Non-Voting Directors (Item C rewritten to reflect change in duties of Newsletter Editor; Item E rewritten to correspond with other items in this Standing Rule.)

C. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for editing the quarterly DOAI newsletter, Discovery Express. Editor works closely with Chapter Presidents, Officers and DOAI Directors, and individual members to ensure a quality publication. Editor transmits edited input to outside publishing vendor in accordance with established deadlines. Editor reports to the President.

E. Historian. The Historian is responsible for gathering and preserving the history of DOAI including, but not limited to, National Rallies, Officers and Board of Directors members and significant issues. Such history is to be preserved and presented in printed and/or electronic formats. Historian reports to the President.

STANDING RULE #18 - Adopted 5-11-16

Maintaining Members' Privacy

A. The security of our members is of utmost importance. Therefore, certain sections of the DOAI website will continue to be password protected.

1. No one may disseminate any portion of any DOAI mailing list nor any portion of any member's information, nor any other password-protected information to any non-DOAI person, company, or group.
2. The only exception to item 1 of this Rule shall be if the information is to be used exclusively for DOAI purposes previously approved by the Board of Directors (example: mailing of Discovery Express). ❖

Feeding the RVer

Easy Crock Pot Potato Soup

Ingredients:

1 30 oz. bag of frozen diced hash browns	3 oz bacon bits
1 32 oz box of chicken broth	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 can of cream of chicken soup (10 oz)	Salt and pepper to taste
1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz, not fat free)	



Directions: Put the potatoes in the crockpot. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and half of the bacon bits. Add a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook on low for 8 hours or until potatoes are tender. An hour before serving, cut the cream cheese into small cubes. Place the cubes in the crock pot. Mix a few times throughout the hour before serving. Once the cream cheese is completely mixed in, it's ready to serve. Top with cheddar cheese and some additional bacon bits. ❖

Taco Soup

This crock-pot recipe is great when you are tired of making chili to warm up on a chilly day!

Ingredients:

1-1/2 lb ground beef, browned	1 14-1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained
1 onion, chopped	1 4 oz can green chiles, chopped
1 can kidney beans, undrained	1 pkg. ranch salad dressing mix
1 can chili beans, undrained	1 pkg. taco seasoning
1 can whole kernel corn, undrained	1-1/2 cups water
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes, undrained	



Directions: Combine all ingredients in a crock pot and cook for 2 - 6 hours. Serve topped with Fritos and shredded cheese. ❖

Region and Chapter reports



Chapter prez
Jim Sullivan

Discovery California chapter

I want to start out my column with a little preaching (so to speak) of the need of having the co – pilots learning to operate behind the wheel of their Discovery. In the past nine months, I have been witness to two women who

have had to jump behind the wheel when their spouses became unable to drive. It does happen, and we need to be prepared for the eventuality of situations that do happen when we least expect them.

Most recently, one of our newer members (while attending the FMA Rally in Yuma) availed herself of the opportunity to practice driving, parking, and basically learning how to drive her Discovery just in case. While on a trip to the Pacific Northwest, Mike Phipps blew out his knee so badly that he was unable to drive. Not being able to be the pilot in command of his D was pretty unsettling for Mike, who has over 40 years' experience as a retired pilot. His wife, Mary Lou, had to step in with her limited training to get them back home to Chula Vista, CA (Below San Diego on the Mexican Border for those geographically challenged). This may not seem like a big deal for some, but for those of us who travel Hwy 5 from Eugene, OR to Redding, CA there are 7 summits that require a down shift to 4th gear going uphill, while dodging the ever-present slow trucks and the long steep declines with the "Runaway Truck Ramps". During their journey, Mary Lou kept Discovery California apprised of their progress and asked for suggestions as to where to stay. Mike and Mary Lou got lots of help and goodwill. . . and needless to say they made it home safe and sound. From all indications, Mike is progressing just fine. Great job, Mary Lou!

Discovery California will be holding its very first election this fall, and our Election Committee is being managed by Bill Pardini and Mary Lou Phipps. If you are a member of Discovery California and have a yearning to help, please do run for office.

Al and Donna Anderson will be hosting the Sugar Barge Rally September 30-October 2, 2016. This rally is in the heart of the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta on Bethel Island.

As we look forward to 2017, we are beginning to plan our events. We would like to start out in January with an informal rally in Quartzsite, AZ. The tentative dates that we are looking at are January 15-22, 2017. This event will not include any event fees, because attendees can come anytime and go anytime. Quartzsite includes many activities such as: lots of shopping, off-road driving, campfires, and the 30th Annual Bluegrass Festival in Blythe, CA from January 20-22, 2017. We also are solic-

iting ideas and thoughts from the membership for additional rallies for the Spring and Fall of 2017.

Another rally in the planning stage is a Rolling Rally to the National DOAI Rally in 2017. It is our thought to start the Rolling Rally in Laughlin, NV. Leaving Laughlin, we will roll along to Winslow, AZ (Yes, we will stand on the corner), onward to Santa Rosa, NM to see the "Blue Hole", then Amarillo, TX to visit the Cadillac Ranch and watch someone try to eat a 72-ounce steak, and end up at the DOAI Rally in Bath, NY (Finger Lakes region). Depending on the dates of the Rolling Rally, we also would like to include the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM on the return trip home.

Bill and Linda Johnson again will be hosting the FMA rally in Yuma, AZ in which Discovery California and D'Zonas participate on April 4-9, 2017. This year, the rally will be extended by one day, and Randy and his crew from Fleetwood will be there to make repairs. Bill has let us know that FMA is holding their 2017 National Rally June 6-11, 2017 in Shawnee, OK.

More on Fleetwood / Allied Recreational Group (ARG)...After having my Roadmaster towbar fail and cause my jeep to run in to the back of my D, I needed to have some body work done. I thought that I would try the new Fleetwood facility in Alvarado, TX, on my upcoming trip east. After sending photos and numerous phone calls, it was Manning evident that we were going to be sitting and twiddling our thumbs while waiting for a repair time slot; I decided to cancel and to try our luck elsewhere. On a trip to visit our son's family, we stopped in Coburg, OR at the ARG Repair Facility for a quote (just a quote). We were given what I felt was a fair quote, but the best part was their offer to accommodate us right then, since their body shop business was slow. I countered with "How about next week on our return?" Bottom line...John Hurd's team did an excellent job and could not have been more accommodating. I also learned that the lease at the Coburg facility has a year remaining and is renewable; however, they have outgrown the space and desperately need a bigger facility. They are looking along the I-5 corridor. We have also learned that ARG has opened a facility in Riverside, CA. This facility is (for the most part) "under the radar" and has not been publicized by ARG for some reason.

I did stop at the Roadmaster facility in Vancouver, WA to try and get them to pay for the damages to my D. They would only pay for the tow bar and to replace the Tow Defender. They assumed no responsibility for the failure of their towbar, saying that they couldn't explain how or why it happened, and that I should contact my insurance company for the body damage. Be safe out there, have fun, and (after all), it is an adventure! ❖

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Region and Chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Melissa Plowman

Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter

Our last rally took place in Kerrville, Tex. along the beautiful Guadalupe River. We took in the sights like the Museum of Western Art, The Coming King Scripture Prayer Garden and a little golf . . . along with some of the locally owned restaurants like Pint and Plow, Rails and Grape Juice.

After the heat of summer, a few in our group are looking forward to the National Rally to enjoy cooler temperatures and the beauty of upstate New York. Plans are in the works for the Alpine/Terlingua, Texas Rally November 7-12. Activities for the November rally will include some museums, golf, light hiking and, of course, eating. Scott is reserving space for 10 coaches. Save the dates and let us know if you're interested in attending. Complete information will be sent out in early October. ❖



Chapter prez
John Ricciardi

Mason-Dixons chapter

The Mason-Dixons had a great rally in August at the Cross Country Campground in Denver, N.C. Our guests of honor were Southeast VP Bob Deal and his wife Elizabeth. As most of you know, Bob had a stroke last year and was just getting ready to get the "D" on the road when he broke his hip in July. It was just

fantastic to see them at the rally.

Although this was a great rally, attended by nine Mason-Dixon coaches and two guests from the Blue Ridge group, it didn't go off without testing our abilities, attitude and stamina.

It started with our campground (which I chose). Cross Country Campground is a nice campground, but an older campground. The interior roads are a little tight, especially for the larger "D's". Let's just say that the

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Helpful contacts for Discovery owners

- Allison Transmission, GM Corp. 800.252.5283
- Atwood Mobile Products 800.825.4328
- Caterpillar RV engine support 877.777.3126
- Carefree of Colorado 800.621.2617
- Carriage Carpets (Shaw Flooring) 877.706.3054
- CCI Controls 800.521.5228
- Cummins, Inc. 800.343.7357
- Denso (call Fleetwood) 800.322.8216
- Discovery parts:
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- Fan-Tastic Vent 800.521.0298
- Fleetwood RV, Inc. 800.322.8216
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- Magnadyne 800.638.3600
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Region and chapter reports, continued



Alice Ricciardi had a monkey on her back part of the time at the NC Racing Hall of Fame.

driving ability of our pilots was tested and some of our co-pilots had their eyes closed.

Then there was the rally hall which had everything you would want in a rally hall; a lot of space, sinks to wash everything, restrooms in the building, etc. The only thing lacking in the rally hall was air conditioning. When I found out, I let everyone know and it seems like all of our members brought fans. Although it was a little warm, no one complained.

We had many good times and we took advantage of the many attractions in the area. Several of the men played golf, some attendees went to the Billy Graham Library, and most went to the North Carolina Racing Hall of Fame where we had an excellent tour guided by “Larry and Bob” who had a tremendous knowledge of the sport and the artifacts in the museum. Some of our attendees also went on a boat tour of Lake Norman. The highlight of the rally was our ice cream social with homemade ice cream prepared by Bob and Elizabeth Deal.

Even with the issues we faced, the rally was great. The camaraderie was fantastic, the food good, and the fellowship and friendship could not have been better.

“We had many good times and we took advantage of the many attractions in the area”.



The start of NASCAR. The moonshine truck carried the moonshine made in the still.



Glenda and Bob Angus, Helen and Sonny Blackwell, Ginny and Don Ethier, Pat and Dick Tracy, Zane and Sue Murphy, Bill Humphry, Debra and Jerry Pruyne, Martha and Tom Hundley, Alice and John Ricciardi, Jean and Richard Money and Elizabeth and Bob Deal.



Chapter prez
Judy Jo Bruton

Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans do not have rallies during the summer months ... way too HOT in Texas. We resume our schedule in the Fall. We would like to announce that **John & Ruth Pettijohn** joined our chapter. We hope to meet and greet them if not at the national rally then at a rally real soon. *Welcome!!!*

Our rallies are planned for Wednesday through Saturday, departing on Sunday. We will be attending our last chapter rally for 2016 November 9-12 (depart 13th) at American RV Park, Corsicana, TX. At that time, we will elect our Officers (Rally Master, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2017-2018 terms. So far in 2017, we have scheduled (watch for us on the DOAI website):

January: 11 - 14 (depart 15th)
Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA, Montgomery, TX

March: 15 - 18 (depart 19th)
TBD

May: 17 - 20 (depart 21st)
Johnson Creek RV Resort, Ingram, TX

November: 8 - 11 (depart 12th)
TBD

Hope to see y'all in the near future. Safe travels everyone. *Submitted by Elaine Holley, Secretary.*

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Region and Chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Bev Kaiser

Heartland chapter

The Heartland group met in June at Shipshewana, IN and enjoyed breakfast made by the Krauders, followed by flea market shopping, and dinners out. There were 7 coaches that attended.

We then traveled on to Goshen, IN for the FMCA rally where we enjoyed many vendors, dinners and

entertainment.

By the time that this is printed, there are two coaches that will have been to Mackinaw City, Michigan to walk the bridge on Labor Day. This is a 5-mile bridge walk which happens every year.

Some of us are headed to the national DOAI rally in Bath NY in September 2016 where we will meet up with our many friends from around the country.

Our next official rally will be held at Lazydays in January 2017 for our annual southeast rally, and we will meet for a picnic on Sunday January 22, 2017 at the Kaiser's site at noon.



Chapter prez
Larry Hawkins

D'Zonas chapter

The D'Zonas have been on summer break since our last rally in Puerto Penasco, and the Arizona summer has left D'Zonas members scattered from Alaska to the Atlantic shores. Some are enroute to the DOAI Rally in Bath, NY.

The D'Zonas have an active schedule planned for Arizona's milder season. Rallies include a Hot Air Balloon Festival and a trip South of the Border. For more information you can check the D'Zonas page on the DOAI website for a tentative schedule of rallies. As soon as I get more information and confirmations, the site will be updated. As always, if anyone has questions or needs to contact me, my information is on the DOAI website.

We would like to thank John Scarbrough for taking on the task of Editor/Reporter/Copyboy of the DOAI Express Newsletter. Thank you John... the newsletter is an important and necessary element of the DOAI organization.

Cathy and I are currently in Baltimore, MD working our way to the DOAI Rally. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Hope to see you there.



Region VP
Gary Osburn

South Central region

Summertime isn't exactly the prime time for chapter rallies in the South Central region, so there haven't been any recently. Many members travel to cooler climates and the rest of us try to stay in the shade.

Debby and I made a trip to Shenandoah National Park this summer where we met some D owners

who hadn't even heard of DOAI. How can that be? I passed out some Newsletters and hopefully recruited a few new members.

Skyline Drive in Shenandoah Park is a CCC Camp project from the 1930's and the views are incredible as it follows the ridgeline. There are many pull-outs that are big enough even for a D with a toad, but one place we had to be careful to avoid is Mary's Rock Tunnel at about mile 31 (counting from the north - unlike interstate highways which count from the south or west). The clearance is said to be 12 foot 8 inches and our D stands 12 foot 10 inches. We stayed at Big Meadows campground, approaching from the south to avoid Mary and did most of our sightseeing with the toad. I actually hiked one of trails, even if it was the shortest and easiest in the park. Big Meadow has hundreds of campsites, but most will not accommodate a large motorhome; it's a popular place on weekends. Most of the campsites can be reserved online; reservation.gov has pretty good information on the sites. Insider info: I walked around the park and found some good, large sites in the "F Loop" (Sites 200, 201, 203) and in "G Loop" (Sites 205, 207, 208, 209 and 210) all are pull-through. Sites E195 and E196 are held back for handicapped access. We stayed in A97, which also is a handicap-access site that cannot be reserved (it's what they call walk-up. . . meaning first come, first served). A further insider tip is that the handicap sites have electric service available in an otherwise no-utility park, but they will only unlock the power post if there is a medical need such as a CPAP or an oxygen generator.

It's with sadness that I must report to the membership the passing of DOAI member John Curtis. John was a past president of the Road Runners chapter, a past DOAI board member and my friend. John's presence will be missed at our chapter, regional, and national rallies.

We are looking forward to the fall season and a break in the weather when Debby and I will be visiting the chapters in the region, and also hope to see a good crowd at Camp Discovery this winter!

Did you know? Going forward, *Discovery Express* will be published in digital format only. If you have not listed a personal email address with DOAI, please contact Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley at the following email: doaimembership@discoveryowners.com.

Photos from Midwest chapter rally



Members of the Midwest chapter enjoying themselves at the SOO Locks during their group rally in June.

Quarterly Question Contest

Would YOU like to win a year's free membership in DOAI? You might, if you carefully read this issue in order to find the answer to the question (see front page for question). The answer is printed somewhere within these pages. Find the answer and submit the response. All correct responses will be placed in the Contest Hat from which one response will be drawn. The winner will receive a year's free membership in DOAI. The details follow:



1. A box on the front page will announce the question. The answer to each quarter's question will be a word or a year. It will not be highlighted in any way except that, if the answer is a proper noun, it will be capitalized. It will be contained somewhere within the newsletter.
2. Entries must contain the member's name and contact information, the answer, and the page where the answer is found and must quote the complete sentence in which the answer is contained. Email the response to nina.soltwedel@gmail.com, or snail mail to Nina Soltwedel, 4736 Harwich St., Boulder CO 80301-4217. Do not post answer on the DOAI eGroup.
3. All DOAI members are eligible to participate. A member is a coach, thus one entry per coach per quarter. A member is limited to one win each calendar year.
4. The contest will open the first day of the month of that issue and close the fifteenth day of the succeeding month of that quarter. Entries may not be submitted until the first day of a quarter, and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter.
5. One winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries.
6. The succeeding issue will name the previous quarter's winner and announce the new question.
7. The Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time.

If you have questions about the contest, contact Nina (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com).

Are you ready for a Beach Party Rally?

DOAI Southeast Region Rally starts January 22nd. See page 19 for details!





Elaine Holley

Membership Coordinator's report

Since our last issue of Discovery Express, please *“Welcome”* our new and reinstated members listed here. Please make them feel at home in DOAI, encourage them to get involved, and introduce them to our many chapters. It is still the best place to meet and make new friends. We continue to ask members to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, after three referrals, you will receive a one-year free membership.

Congratulations and a free year's membership goes out this quarter to: **John & Felesa Baker, Marshall & Becky Godwin, and Dennis & Barbara Taylor.** ❖

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Welcome Cami! (and a definite “First” for the DOAI family)

All, I know this is not a Discovery issue, but she was born in our Discovery. We will never have a child in the hospital again. Home birth (with a midwife) is the way to go. Camilyn (Cami) Danielle Lively was born 14 Aug 2016, at 8:29PM, 7lbs 10ozs, 20 1/4 inches. Mother, father, and daughter are all doing fine. I just wanted to share with my DOAI family.

God bless!
 Don



Rally opportunities

You are invited to attend the following rallies. Contact chapter president for details (**see page 10**). See also the consolidated rally schedule at www.discoveryowners.com. It is updated periodically.

November 2016 –

4-6 D’Zonas, Tubac, Ariz.
 9-12 Discovery Texans, Corsicana, Tex.
 T/B/A Texas Discovery Road Runners, Alpine, Tex.

January 2017 –

11-14 Discovery Texans, Montgomery, Tex.
 12-14 D’Zonas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
 22-27 Southeast region rally, Seffner, Fla.

February 2017 –

8-12 D’Zonas, Tubac, Ariz.
 15-22 D’Zonas, Puerto Penasco, Mex.

March 2017 –

15-18 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A

April 2017 –

5-10 D’Zonas, Sedona/Jerome, Ariz.

May, 2017 –

17-20 Discovery Texans, Ingram, Tex.

November 2017 –

8-11 Discovery Texans, location T/B/A
2017 - DOAI national rally in South Central region
2018 - DOAI national rally in North Central region
2019 - DOAI national rally in Southwest region

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Extreme temperatures call for extreme measures

By Gary Osburn



Region VP
Gary Osburn

An overheating CAT engine caught me off guard when our first D, a 2001.5 model, was only a year old. Back then, this issue hadn't been discussed much among D owners, as the forum was in its infancy and the eGroup wasn't here yet. Heck, email itself was barely here. It seemed that there wasn't much air coming through the radiator, so I attempted to clean it. The more I did, the more I found that I needed to do. I ended up using a degreaser named Purple Power or something like that in a small sprayer intended for killing bugs, and then rinsing with lots of water.



I started at the back, but that didn't seem to be accomplishing the job. . . so I went after it from under the bed and that helped some. . . but there seemed to be more to do. I ended up under the coach, and that's when I started doing some good. I even found remnants of a black trash bag caught in radiator. As it turns out, the only part accessible through the back is the radiator. I learned that on the front side (closest to the engine) there is something called a Charge Air Cooler (CAC), and it's there to cool off air compressed by the turbo charger. The radiator and CAC are sandwiched together in one housing with a small gap between. Add to that an over-filled crankcase (CAT has since reduced the recommended oil-fill quantity from 22 quarts to 19 quarts) along with a crankcase breather tube that dumps crankcase fumes in front of the radiator fan, and it's a recipe for clogging the radiator and overheating.

I got kinda dirty and Debby wouldn't allow me back in the coach until I used half a tube of waterless hand cleaner on my hands and arms and left most of my clothes in a pile by the steps. She wouldn't even allow them in the washer. My clothes, shoes, and socks all went in the trash. At least she let me keep my boxers on until I got to the shower.

To address the situation, I lengthened the crankcase breather tube so that it went past the radiator fan, and made cleaning the radiator and CAC a regular practice. I learned from DOAI members that Simple Green works well for this.

Then came the trip to Las Vegas in August.

It wasn't my idea, but a long-time friend was getting married there. It was 115 in the shade. . . but there wasn't any shade that I could see. I was going up hills at 35 mph in 3rd gear at 2300 rpm or so and still had to stop twice to let the engine cool down. Once we were stopped, the engine cooled quickly but once we got going again, it also heated up quickly. When the ambient air is that hot, it just can't absorb much heat from the radiator, no matter how clean it is.

Water, though, can absorb a lot of heat and "use the heat up" turning to steam or even just evaporating into water vapor; it doesn't take a lot of water to make a lot of difference. Since the water heater is close to the engine on that D, I came up with a "desert cooler" that overwhelmed any overheating issue.

Here's what I did:

Tap into the cold water line coming to the water heater with a Tee and route a small hose to an ice maker solenoid valve. Attach a 1/4" hose from the output of the solenoid and put a short piece of copper tube on the end so it can be pinched down to a spray which can be directed at the engine cooling fan, making sure it's held securely in place with zip ties.

Since a 12-volt solenoid is impossible to find, use a regular 120-volt type from an appliance store, and operate it with power from the water heater's electric element. (Remember to keep the wiring connection safely housed in a junction box, and turn off the breaker before wiring anything with 120 volts.) To operate the "desert cooler", the generator has to be on - but that's no problem since the roof AC's need to be on. On early D's, the water heater element has to be switched on, while later models have 120-volt power at all times available at the back of the water heater. If your water heater has a single wiring harness on the front with just four wires, it's the early type that needs to be switched on.

To control the solenoid, use a common four-pole relay. The 120-volt neutral wire isn't on a switch - it can be routed directly from the junction box to one solenoid wire. The 120-volt hot wire goes from the junction box to terminal 30 on the relay; terminal 87 is attached to the other solenoid wire. From a switch mounted where it's reachable

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Extreme temperatures call for extreme measures, continued

from the driver’s seat, run a fused wire to terminal 85. Finally, attach a wire from terminal 86 to ground.

The solenoid, relay, and junction box all fit in a little area next to the water heater that seemed to be made to hold only a tiny water heater bypass switch.

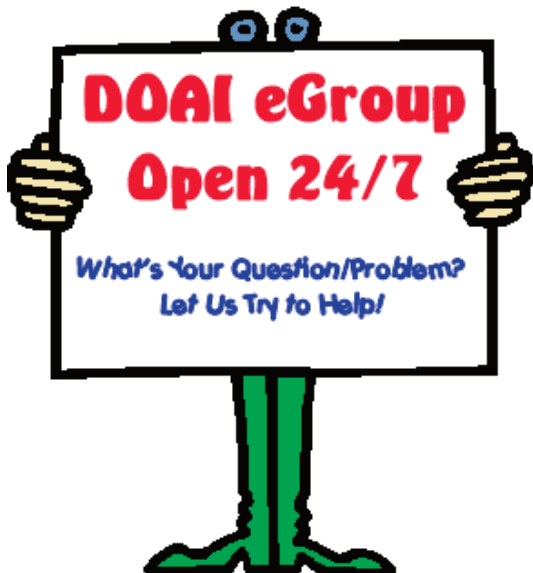
Now, with the flip of a switch, you can spray some water when it’s needed. A full fresh-water tank provides plenty if it is used only when needed. Overheating becomes a thing of the past. I think my total outlay was less than \$35.00.

Remembering to winterize my little invention was the next issue. . .

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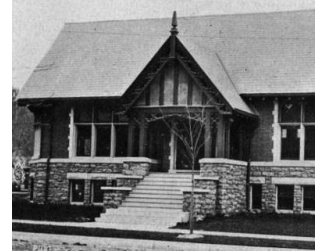
Reflections on Going Home

By Nina Soltwedel



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Thomas Wolfe's book, 'You Can't Go Home Again,' has resonated with generations since it hit the book stores back in 1940. Webber, the lead character, realizes: "You can't go back home to your family, back home to your childhood . . . back home to a young man's dreams of glory and of fame . . . back home to places in the country, back home to the old forms and systems of things which once seemed everlasting but which are changing all the time – back home to the escapes of Time and Memory."



Not long ago, I went back home . . . home is the town in which I was born and raised and in which I have not lived since the age of 18 – 61 years ago. It's a small town, definitely rural in nature, with many good qualities, although those who have grown up in large metropolitan areas may not fully appreciate them. I was brought to the realization that my memories are clouded by time: then, the houses were larger, the streets were wider, the trees more prolific, and time seemed to pass more slowly. Now, the house in which I grew up looks small, almost shrunken with age – I had not expected to have that reaction. And the streets! When did they become so narrow? And what happened to all those lovely trees? And why do the houses now appear to be crowded together when I remember big side yards and generous front lawns on which to play games? And when did that big hill, down which we sledded during the winters, shrink?

This was not my first trip home; we have returned many times over the years, first as a young wedded couple, then as a mom and a dad with kids. The 40-plus years in which we have lived almost 1,000 miles away were the years in which we would load up the kids in the car (later the Discovery) and make the annual summer trip to visit the grandparents and siblings. Our visits were filled with family gatherings, picnics at the park, and everything always seemed to remain static. We weren't concerned very much with what used to be nor minor changes we might notice.

Thus, while we would go home again and again, it was never with the realization that those times were fleeting; it felt as if Mom and Dad would always be there; the high school would always be a half-block away; the swimming pool at the city park would always resonate with the sounds of kids laughing and playing; the Carnegie library would always be a quiet, cool place to spend an hour or two with a good book; and the favored café would always be filled with post-football game or basketball game revelers.

They're all gone.

The treasured high school of our memories, with its squeaky, timeworn maple floors, its locker rooms, its teachers who had been on staff since our elder siblings were there, its gymnasium that hosted games and dances and concerts, is gone and the block is now a parking lot. The new high school has been erected out toward the city limits with lots of parking spaces and open playing fields. The Carnegie library, with its cork floors, walls filled with books, and story hour on Saturdays for the little ones, was demolished years ago and where it stood is also a parking lot. The new library resides in another part of town; it's spacious and attractive, but it doesn't hold the ambience nor memories of that beloved space we knew as kids. The wonderful old swimming pool with its sand bottom, diving boards, short and tall water slides, is history. In its place is a sterile, rectangular concrete pool with none of the trees around it that the old place sported. The beloved café is now a tax preparer's office.

Wolfe recognized our innermost yearnings to return to a time and place in which we felt protected and loved and which was familiar and safe. I treasure my memories; I give thanks I was blessed to have been able to grow up in a less hurried time. I give thanks for this time . . . the present . . . which is where I must live, always looking forward, because I cannot return to the home that was.

To be fair to the home that is now, the town has many positive things going for it: a renewed effort to bring back to life one of its treasured historical buildings originally designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; a growing number of people who are willing to share their memories and memorabilia of the town's history so future generations will know who we were; the creation of a comprehensive multi-faceted military display honoring and naming county men and women who have served their country from Revolutionary times to present day; the infusion of young people with the establishment of a branch of the state university; a popular Facebook page that helps many of us feel a connection to the place of our youth; and so much more. The home that was then is locked in my heart; the home that is now is appreciated.



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Lazydays RV Campground, Seffner, Florida (800.905.6627)

JANUARY 22-27; DEPART JANUARY 28

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Discovery Owners Association Rally — January 22-27, 2017 (Depart January 28)

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 22, 2016.** 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.

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Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____

Co-Pilot Name: Last _____ First _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email/s _____

Street/City/State/Zip+4 _____

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First DOAI region 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 DOAI \$ _____

Mail form and your check to Bob Zumwalt, 2969 Gavin Pl, Duluth GA 30096-5847. **Registration must be received by January 7, 2017.** After that date, contact Bob at 770.595.3886 or bz2@me.com.

→ If not already a DOAI member, contact Elaine Holley at doaimembership@discoveryowners.com. ←

→ If you are a golfer, you will be able to sign up and pay upon arrival at Lazydays. ←

→ Wear your best beach boy (or girl) gear! ←

From the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, including older people, very young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.



The upcoming season's flu vaccine will protect against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the season. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and one or two influenza B viruses, depending on the flu vaccine.

To find a location for the flu shot in your area, type in the following website URL – but replace the last 5 digits with the Postal Code for the area in which you would like to search:

<http://flushot.healthmap.org/?address=96801>

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Questions? Call DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free 888.594.6818

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Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Business Name, if joining as Commercial Member _____

Address _____

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Home Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

Email Address (for newsletter notifications) _____

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