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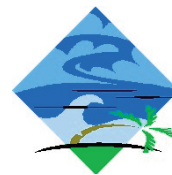
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Discovery Express continues with the Fall 2017 Issue

Another summer passes all too quickly, and the Fall season approaches (or is upon us) depending on location.

With this issue, we turn our thoughts to the cooling temperatures as well as the troubling weather events related to hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and to all of those affected. While damage to the mainland US is significant, the damage experienced by some of our neighbors in the Caribbean, including the US territory of Puerto Rico, should grant us all a moment to pause and reflect. Please keep all of those living in the aftermath of both Harvey and Irma in your thoughts as the rebuilding begins.



Members again are reminded of the resources and information available through the group website at <http://www.discoveryowners.com> as well as the new message board at <http://groups.io>. Classified Ads remain on the primary website, for those interested in buying or selling 'D'-related Fleetwood coaches, as well as parts, toads, and accessories.

The DOAI board of directors and staff hope that everyone enjoys a safe, happy, and healthy Fall season as well as safe voyages for those able to continue with travels be they large or small. ❖

Quarterly Question Contest

What was the late, great B. B. King's first name?

Choices: (a) Ben (b) Riley (c) George (d) Buford



Read through this issue of Discovery Express, find the answer, and send in your entry. Please read the complete rules on page 11. Contest is open now and closes at 11:59pm December 31, 2017. Good luck!

Results of the July contest: Congratulations to **Jerry Barnes**, winner of a year's membership in DOAI. His name was selected from the fourteen correct responses to the Quarterly Question in the July 2017 edition. The country which gave the Statue of Liberty to America was France. A bit of history: The copper statue commemorated the alliance of France and the United States during the American Revolution. It was designed by French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and built by Gustave Eiffel. The statue, a figure of a robed woman representing Libertas, a Roman goddess, was dedicated on October 28, 1886. ❖

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Ron Wacker

President's report

Everyone, Donna and I pray for the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I just can't imagine what some of these people affected by these Hurricanes are going through. It is amazing the wrath Mother Nature can dish out. Hopefully we can all help them out in our own way, but please at least pray for them. It has been so great to see how all levels of our government have worked together both before the storms and after the storms. The good part coming out of such devastating events is the people helping people. Strangers have risked their lives and spent their own time, money and assets (boats and high-water vehicles) to rescue people and animals. Donna and I want to offer our heart-felt thanks to all the individuals, National Guardsmen, and government people that are working to help the victims of these two hurricanes.

In a follow-up to the emails that Elaine Holley sent out for DOAI to our members in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Georgia, as of September 14, I have only heard back from 86 of 221 possible Harvey victims and 26 of 200 possible Irma victims. So far, only a few members have shared that they received significant damage, and those that have had damage reported that they are doing okay and don't need help or assistance at this time. I have left the door open in the event that they need help or assistance in the future. If you did not receive our email and you did receive damage from these hurricanes and need help or assistance please, contact me with your needs.

On a lighter note, Donna and I enjoyed a 3-week rolling rally with 3 other motorhomes from Florida, travelling to Linville, North Carolina. We sure had a lot of fun and were able to visit lots of interesting places. We have been spending the rest of the summer on our lot in Linville Land Harbor, North Carolina. Right now it has been like winter in Florida up here, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s at night and 60s and 70s during the day. It has been very refreshing.

Please be sure to attend the National Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The clubs hosting the rally have put a lot of work into the rally to make it a very memorable event. It seems like two of the main reasons people attend our national rallies are 1) Meeting up with old friends and making new ones, and 2) Technical seminars where they learn about their coach. I would like to add a third one and that is having lots of fun. So please fill out an application if you haven't already and attend and enjoy the national rally. Until next time, best wishes for safe and happy travels to everyone. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Member Care report

Please keep Pat Tracy in your prayers. She was very ill this past summer, but is slowly improving. Also, Felesa Baker had a second back surgery in August to lengthen the spinal fusing in a previous operation. Felesa is also slowly improving. Prayers are being said for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey. May you find relief from the devastation, and experience brighter days to come.

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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MaryAnn Crowell

National Rally Master's report

Well, by the time you read this report the 2017 National Rally will be over. Did you miss a great rally? I hope not, because the South Central chapters worked hard to give you a great rally experience. Judy Bruton did a wonderful job as rally master, bringing all of the aspects of the rally together. Thanks to Judy and her whole team.

Our next rally. . . well it's not really just a rally. . . it is a **20 Year Anniversary Celebration!** Can you believe that the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. (DOAI) has been in existence for 20 years? The very first rally was November 2nd thru 5th, 1998, in Perris, California. . . and here we are now getting ready for a 20 year celebration!

For the 20 Year Anniversary Rally, get your maps and GPS pointed to Goshen, Indiana and the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds. Save the dates of Monday, September 10, 2018 thru Saturday, September 15th, 2018, with early arrival dates of Friday-Sunday, September 7th-9th, 2018.

The rally is in the heart of Amish and Motor Home Country. Attendees should plan on arriving early and spending some time traveling off-the-beaten-paths through the vibrant communities of Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, Bristol, Wakarusa and Shipshewana.

We are working with our major vendors, and will have more news about their participation in the next newsletter; I have already been contacted by some already, so we are looking for a good line-up of vendors and seminars.

The venue and caterer have been chosen and we have some of our members in place to tackle various positions BUT we need MORE! So would **you** please consider volunteering to help? It's not all work, and it will give you a good sense of how these rallies are put together.

We are planning some special activities and events, and I also would like to hear from each and every one of you as to what you would like to see and do. This is YOUR 20 year celebration, too. Please don't wait too long to volunteer, however; if you want good entertainment and tours, we need to be looking and hearing from you now.

Anyone interested or willing is asked to please contact me at 254-644-6225 or macrowell979@gmail.com. The Rally registration form will be online soon, so start marking your calendar and get those trip planners working. We want a fantastic turnout for our **20 Year Celebration**.

While the excitement builds for the 2018 celebration, don't forget about Camp Discovery at Lazydays RV Resort in Tampa, Florida earlier in the year. The Mason-Dixon's are the planning chapter and they have some exciting things already planned. The rally will be the kick off for our 20 Year Celebration, so if you have not already registered, start making plans now for Camp Discovery. The rally dates are January 28th – February 2nd, departing on February 3rd, and the registration form is available online at www.discoveryowners.com.

Future rally plans include the possibility a national rally for 2019 in the southwest region, and 2020 in the southeast. Anyone with ideas or suggestions as to where you would like to see a national rally, please let me know and I will investigate and begin the national rally planning process. ❖

Quick Tip from Mark Polk - Don't Forget Water Weight

Water weighs 8.3 pounds per gallon. A forty-gallon fresh water holding tank full of water adds 332 pounds of weight to your RV. Depending on the type and size of RV, you have the added weight and the movement of the water, and when you're traveling, this can be a concern. You should only take the amount of water that will be required to get to your destination and refill as required. Don't forget your gray and black tanks, too. Try not to travel with full holding tanks, if at all possible.



© Reprinted with permission. RV expert **Mark Polk** owns RV Education 101, a North Carolina based company that produces and sells educational videos, DVDs and ebooks on how to use RVs. **Mark** has more than 30 years of experience in RV maintenance. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1996 as a chief warrant officer three, specializing in wheeled and track vehicle fleet maintenance operations. He and his wife, **Dawn**, started RV Education 101 in 1999. They travel with their two sons in a 35 foot Class A motor home.



John Baker

Time to Vote...

While we participate in national elections in even-numbered years, DOAI elections take place in odd-numbered ones. This is when we select our leadership for the following two years. The process has evolved over the 19 years of our organization and undoubtedly it will change more in the future.

The following folks have agreed to serve for the next two years. The Board of Directors sought out highly-qualified folks to fill each office and are proud to present the following slate of candidates:

President	Ron Wacker
Executive Vice President	Marshall Godwin
Vice President for Development	Keith Lindholm
Secretary	Nina Soltwedel
Treasurer	Ricky Keen
National Rally Master	MaryAnn Crowell
North Central Region Vice President	Bruce Plumb
Northeast Region Vice President	Jeff Daly
Northwest Region Vice President	Becky Hazen
South Central Region Vice President	Gary Osburn
Southeast Region Vice President	Kerry Pinkerton
Southwest Region Vice President	Jim Sullivan

Get acquainted with them by reviewing their brief bios starting on the next page. Thanks to each of them for agreeing to serve DOAI in leadership positions.

An official ballot is included on page 16, but you don't really need it because on-line balloting is again available to us. It will active beginning October 1, 2017 and will run through December 1, 2017. During that timeframe, go to <http://www.discoveryowners.com/voting.asp> and follow the instructions.

If you prefer to print the ballot, follow the instructions on it, buy a postage stamp and put it in the mail. You may do that. It must, however, be **received** no later than December 1, 2017.

A third available option is to mark a printed ballot that will be available at the national rally and deposit it in the ballot box.

Remember: use only one method and only one vote per COACH is valid, not one per PERSON. This is not a route selection; it is a time for pilots and copilots to agree!

"But wait", you say, "there is only one candidate for each office?" That is right because we were simply unable to find more qualified candidates to present. Vote anyway to demonstrate your support of these fine members for the work they have agreed to do for DOAI. There is also opportunity for write-ins if you choose. We have had a Vice President elected via write-in, so it can happen! Just be sure that if you write someone in, verify first that they will agree to serve. ❖







Dick Tracy

Treasurer's report

This will be my last note to all as Treasurer as I complete my two terms in the job. I thank you for allowing me to serve, and I look forward to turning the books over to your new Treasurer, Ricky Keen. Ricky is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) whom I know will do a great job in serving all of DOAI. He has been the DOAI auditor for several years and is very familiar with the books and procedures. In fact, Ricky has provided me his greatly appreciated professional assistance with our records on several occasions.



DOAI has been and remains in the very fortunate position of being in outstanding fiscal shape with a treasury that should continue to meet our ongoing fiscal needs for the foreseeable future without a need to increase our annual dues. Our National and Regional rallies have operated with fiscal restraint, and we should give thanks to our rally masters and to the sponsoring chapters for their excellent budgeting for those events while delivering great events at the same time. ❖

Election Candidates October 2017

Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
President	Ron Wacker	<p>Ron has lived most of his life in Florida, and began RVing with his family around 1960. In his professional life, he worked for a major computer firm for 22 years as a systems programmer and project manager. He started his own computer consulting company in 1999, and now is (for the most part) retired - albeit he dabbles with some websites and small networks. Ron and his wife Donna were among those who formed the Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter in 2011, where Ron served as president for the first four years. During that same time, he was the key coordinator for three highly successful southeast region rallies at Lazydays in Tampa, FL.</p>	
Vice President	Marshall Godwin	<p>Marshall has served DOAI as vice president for development (2006-2007), as president (2008-2011), as past president (2012-2015), and was elected vice president for development for 2016-2017. He resigned that position later in 2016 to accept the appointment to his current office when then-executive vice president Jay Keneson sold his Discovery. He is now eligible to be elected to his first two-year term. Marshall and his wife, Becky, reside in King George, Va.</p>	
Vice President for development	Keith Lindholm	<p>Keith was appointed vice president for development in 2016 to fill out the unexpired term of Marshall Godwin, when Marshall accepted the appointment as executive vice president. Keith is now eligible to be elected to his first two-year term as vice president for development.</p>	
Secretary	Nina Soltwedel	<p>Nina and her hubby, Bob, bought their first Discovery in 1998, and joined DOAI the following year. They purchased their second Discovery, a 2005 39L, in 2004. Since joining DOAI, Nina has served in variety of capacities, among them Rally Registrar for seven national rallies (2001, 2004, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016), and Editor/Publisher of Discovery Express for twelve years (January 2004 through July 2016). She and Bob were charter members and officers of Discovery Pioneers chapter (DOAI's first Chapter) as well as charter members of D'Zonas chapter. Currently, they are members of the Northwest Adventurers chapter. In 2016, Nina was appointed to fill out the term of DOAI Secretary, left vacant when then-Secretary Freddie Perry sold her Discovery.</p>	




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Election Candidates October 2017, continued

<p>Treasurer</p>	<p>Ricky Keen</p>	<p>Ricky and his wife Debbie are full-timers and have been DOAI members since 2010. They are among the founding members of the Ozarks Discovery Chapter, serving as chapter treasurer and Ricky has chaired the DOAI Audit Committee since 2012.</p> <p>Ricky was a partner in a local CPA firm based out of Little Rock, Arkansas for 33 years before retiring in 2012. He and Debbie have been married for 49 years and have one son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. Ricky has served as his church's treasurer for 35 years and they are still active in their church when not traveling.</p>	
<p>National Rally Master</p>	<p>MaryAnn Crowell</p>	<p>MaryAnn and her husband Don live in Westphalia - a small central Texas town. They now have their second Discovery, which is a 2012 40X. They have been full-timers for the last five years, but still own (but rent out) their home in Texas.</p> <p>MaryAnn and Don are members of the Texas Discovery Roadrunners, where MaryAnn has served in the past as vice president and newsletter editor. When she is home, she is active in the altar society, the Westphalia Senior Citizens group, and the Westphalia Historical Society.</p> <p>MaryAnn and Don are also members of Good Sams, FMCA, FMA and FCOC; they try to get to as many of those rallies as possible. Since joining DOAI in 1999, MaryAnn served as DOAI membership director from (2001 – 2004), national secretary (2010-2013), and vice president of development (2014-2015). MaryAnn has also accepted the job of the first DOAI Historian.</p> <p>MaryAnn has developed a good list of vendors for us to use at future rallies as one result of being in charge of finding and working with various vendors for our national rallies. In January 2014 she was asked to help out the then-current National Rally Master by surveying possible sites for the 2015 National Rally in the North Central US. This experience then led to becoming Rally Master for our 2015 National Rally in Amana, IA and the 2016 National Rally at Bath, NY. She is currently working with the South Central region on the 2017 National Rally in Shawnee, OK, plus looking ahead to our 20 Year Celebration in 2018.</p> <p>MaryAnn & Don have found the DOAI experience a rewarding venture, and she would like to continue to serve DOAI as the National Rally Master.</p>	



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Election Candidates October 2017, continued

<p>North Central Vice President</p>	<p>Bruce Plumb</p>	<p>Bruce grew up in Texas and Kansas, lived in small communities and loves rural America. He found his bride Nancy (better known in these circles as Mrs. Plumb) when he landed in Coldwater, KS in the 8th grade. He earned a degree in engineering and spent most of his career in Salinas, CA working for Dole Food Company as Director of Engineering. During his 25 year career at Dole, he designed vegetable harvesting and processing equipment and physical plants. He has also owned and operated several small businesses.</p> <p>Bruce and Nancy obtained their first motorcoach in 1988 and their Discovery in 2008. They camped often with their children, and for the past 12 years have been taking their grand kids on “See America Tours” for 2 weeks each summer. Bruce still works 8 months per year and Nancy and he travel the other 4 months.</p> <p>Their first national rally was in Shawnee, OK in 2011. In April 2012, they formed a new DOAI Chapter in Branson, MO; the Ozarks Discovery Chapter, where Bruce has served as president since inception. The chapter currently has 15 member families.</p>	
<p>Northeast Vice President</p>	<p>Jeff Daly</p>	<p>Jeff was born and raised in Queens, NY. He and his wife Karen have been married for 47 years and have 3 children as well as 8 grandchildren. A Vietnam veteran, Jeff retired in 2002 from Verizon after 35 years as a Communications Technician. Since that time, he has worked for 5 years as a contractor on various Federal communications systems. Jeff and Karen purchased a 2003 D 39S from a prior DOAI member, who recommended that he join DOAI. After contacts with Capt. Jack and Marshall Godwin regarding issues with the coach, he knew that becoming a DOAI member was the correct thing to do. Jeff and Karen have enjoyed the rallies and events, and anticipate future travels, adding that “We are newer to motorcoaching, but glad we’re involved.”</p>	
<p>Northwest Vice President</p>	<p>Becky Hazen</p>	<p>Becky, an active member of Northwest Adventurers chapter, has been secretary/treasurer of the chapter for several years, and has attended national rallies over the past years.</p>	

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Election Candidates October 2017, continued

<p>South Central Vice President</p>	<p>Gary Osburn</p>	<p>Gary and his wife, Debby, began RVing in 1982 which they determined was the only motor home in the market that suited their needs. Gary and Debby were full-timers for five years and then decided to purchase a “stick” home. At the same time (2005), Gary decided to attend an RV tech school and became a certified master RV tech. Gary has provided excellent RV-related advice to many DOAI members via the eGroup and at rallies.</p>	
<p>Southeast Vice President</p>	<p>Kerry Pinkerton</p>	<p>Kerry Pinkerton and his patient wife Carolyn have been married for 46 years, and they have two sons and three grandchildren. Kerry has a BS and MS from the University of Alabama (but is an Auburn fan). An Army veteran, he worked as a TV reporter and banker before completing his degrees and moving into the computer arena in the mid 70’s. As a senior manager with Hewlett-Packard Consulting, Kerry traveled extensively in the US and abroad, leaving Carolyn to do much of the raising of their two sons. He retired from HP in 2001.</p> <p>Kerry and Carolyn built their current home outside of Huntsville, Alabama in 1985, doing 95% of the work themselves.</p> <p>While relatively new to their Discovery motorhome, Kerry has been a life-long ‘gear head’ and has restored many cars from the ground up. An interest in shaping sheet metal led to a retirement business building metal shaping tools called English Wheels. He also teaches metal shaping and does projects for other companies, including three large-scale art-architectural projects in Indiana.</p> <p>In addition to the never-ending project of their ’03 Discovery, Kerry is building from scratch an aluminum bodied Art Deco roadster and an art project named Monique. Other than singing in their church choir, Kerry is usually found in his shop, getting his hands dirty building, fixing, or breaking something.</p>	


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Avoid Holiday Weight Gain

The holidays are right around the corner. Here are three tips to help avoid the holiday weight gain:

Hydrate - Load up on water and vegetables before going to a party where food is the main attraction. Water can help you feel full, and vegetables contain good amounts of fiber—helping you fill up. Downsize - Using smaller plates keeps the Riley portions smaller—helping you eat less food. Think before you drink - Alcohol is loaded with empty calories and can increase the potential for chowing down.

Election Candidates October 2017, continued

Southwest Vice President	Jim Sullivan	<p>Jim joined DOAI in 2013 after trading in his 2008 Discovery for a new 2013 Discovery. He went to Camp Discovery in 2014, where John Baker encouraged Jim and his wife Susan to start up a new chapter in California.</p> <p>As a result, Jim and Susan are founding members of Discovery California. In January 2015, Jim was appointed President by Mike Scott who was then the DOAI Southwest Regional VP. Jim continues to serve in that role today with Susan as Secretary for Discovery California.</p> <p>Although Jim and Susan have only been RVing since 2010, they have traveled extensively throughout the US and Canada. Their original 2008 Discovery (which they bought right after Susan retired from teaching) only had 6500 miles on it. When they traded it in 2013, it had close to 75000 miles. Their current 2013 Discovery now has 92000 miles on the odometer.</p> <p>Jim took an early retirement from Hewlett Packard after almost 30 years with the company, and then started a manufacturing consulting company which evolved into part ownership in a third company that refurbishes personal computers. Jim then managed the company's manufacturing operation in Juarez, Mexico that employed over 400 workers. Although Jim is mostly retired currently, he is occasionally called upon to meet with customers and to consult over issues that arise within the company.</p>	
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Sweet Potato And Peanut Stew

A tasty and hearty vegetarian dish with tomatoes, warm spices, and a touch of peanut butter. Easy to make, and perfect for chilly evenings. Ingredients:

- 3 medium sweet potatoes
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 2 cans garbanzo beans
- 1 can vegetable broth (1 3/4 cups)
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ c. creamy peanut butter
- ⅓ tsp. crushed red pepper (or chili powder, to taste)
- 2 cloves garlic
- ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ c. fresh cilantro leaves

Directions: Place potatoes in 2 1/2-quart microwave-safe dish. Cover dish and microwave on high about 8 minutes or until fork-tender. Meanwhile, in 5-quart to 6-quart saucepot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic, cumin, salt, cinnamon, and crushed red pepper, and cook 30 seconds, stirring. Stir in beans, broth, tomatoes, and peanut butter until blended; heat to boiling and cook 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium-low; add sweet potatoes to bean mixture and simmer 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in cilantro. Serve hot and enjoy.



Bob Cook

Making Your D “Smart”

A couple of years ago, Amazon introduced the Echo. The Echo is a “smart” device that opens many great capabilities just by talking to it. Around my house, the Echo has become the hub of my home automation system allowing me control and monitoring of the HVAC, lights, garage and front doors and security cameras. Echo can give me news briefings, play a song by title or artist, by playlist of songs, and also play almost any radio station or podcast. It can read a book or article to me and even play games with the grandkids . . .all just by my talking to it. The Echo by Amazon adds more than convenience; it adds simplicity. It is much easier for my wife to tell the Echo “Watch the last episode of Deadliest Catch”, “Watch Fox” or “Watch War for the Planet of the Apes” than it is for her to try to figure out which button to push on the Home Theater system.

Smaller (and much less expensive) versions of the original Amazon Echo – the Dot, Tap, and Wand – recently have joined the Echo lineup. Most currently, the Amazon Show joined the Echo family, incorporating a video display which works great with my video doorbell or for video chats with family and friends.

All that being said, the Dot is what this article is all about. It is inexpensive at only \$50.00 (\$40.00 on sale) and it is USB powered. Coupled with its small size (about the same size as a hockey puck), it can go anywhere and can do everything that the original Echo can do. When the Dot came out I just had to have one. Then, I had to have another one. . . and another one...until I had four of them - which just goes to show how useful it is. Having Dots scattered throughout the house allows its use as an intercom as well as the ability to play music throughout the house. Having the Dot system in place was so much handier than having to carry a smartphone to turn on lights, answer the doorbell, or listen to something.

And then it struck me. In the D, while driving or stopped we use our phone to listen to Old Time Radio shows, podcasts and several stations scattered around the country. What a hassle it is to set this up and adjust the volume and change the program selection on the cell phone, especially when driving. I could just put a Dot in the D and just talk to it, which would be much simpler and safer. I now have two Dots in my D, one in the bedroom and one on the dash.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

1) You will obviously need an Echo Dot and a way to power it; the Dot comes with an AC adapter, but you can also plug it into a cell phone cigar lighter plug or into your computer or charging station.

2) You will need an Internet connection. I tether the Dot via WIFI to my smartphone, but the ATT Mobley hotspot is a good alternative if you need to tether more than a couple devices at the same time.

3) (Optional) Although the Dot has a decent speaker, you may want to connect the Dot to an external speaker. The Dot has a 3.5mm audio jack and it also has Bluetooth. If your D's radio doesn't have Bluetooth, does it have an audio input jack? If not, the easiest way to connect an external speaker is to use a stand-alone Bluetooth speaker.

Now that you have everything, you just have to connect the Dot with your WIFI, and then ‘pair’ the Dot with your Bluetooth device (or use the audio jack to connect to your D’s radio or the Dot's internal speaker). Next, use your cell phone to add free Alexa “skills” to your Dot to play radio stations, songs, podcasts, etc and you are good to go. As of 7/1/2017, there are over 12,000 skills available to do almost anything you need. Fortunately, the skills are aggregated by function and you can also search among the functions. I use the TuneIn, iHeart and AnyPod, Kindle and Pandora skills along with various skills for specific radio shows (Gunsmoke, Dragnet, etc). Just search for whatever you want to do and you can probably find a skill for it.

This is SO convenient that I added a Dot to my toad! It takes the Dot about half a minute to boot up and auto-connect via Bluetooth to the radio in the toad. By the time we are all buckled up and ready to go, so is the Dot. Nothing required on my part.

Now my D and my toad are “smart”! ❖

Flu Vaccine Reminder

It's time for flu shots again – the USFDA has announced guidelines for the 2017-2018 flu season. More details at:



www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/PostMarketActivities/LotReleases/ucm567865.htm

Quarterly Question Contest Rules

Each issue of Discovery Express will feature a question on the front page, and the answer will appear somewhere within. Find the answer and submit the response. A drawing from all correct responses will be made, and the winner will receive a year's free membership in DOAI.

Contest Details

1. The quarterly question will appear on the front page of Discovery Express. 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 are to be emailed to Nina Soltwedel (nina.soltwedel@gmail.com) and must contain:

- a. The member's name and contact information
- b. The page number where the answer is found
- c. The complete sentence in which the answer is contained.

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.

5. 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 (January, April, July, October), and must be received by Nina no later than 11:59pm the fifteenth day of the second month of a quarter (February, May, August, November). Responses received before the opening date will be disqualified.

6. The receipt of an entry will be acknowledged via email. One winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries.

7. The succeeding issue will name the previous quarter's winner and announce the new question.

8. The DOAI Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time.

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

RV Humor "Famous Frank"

An RVer drops his coach off for service and walks out to the highway and flags down a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, 'Perfect timing. You're just like Frank.' RV Passenger: 'Who?' Cabbie: 'Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time.' RV Passenger: 'There are always a few clouds over everybody.' Cabbie: 'Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy.' RV Passenger: 'Sounds like he was something really special.' Cabbie: 'There's more... He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right.' RV Passenger: 'Wow, some guy then.' Cabbie: 'Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; He was the perfect man!' RV Passenger: 'An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?' Cabbie: 'Well, I never actually met Frank, he died. I married his widow.'



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Here's just some of what awaits you at the National Rally: Meeting up with old friends and making new ones, technical seminars and having lots of fun! Fill out an application if you haven't already!



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: **Bill & Anne Humphrey**.

Two reminders to our members: (1) If you have changed your email address and not sure if you let us know, please confirm your subscribed email address is correct as shown when you first login to the DOAI website. If it is not correct, please send me an email at doaimembership@discoveryowners.com. Please remember that email is our major means of communication and is required in order to receive our Discovery Express newsletter each quarter.

(2) Also, we continue to encourage all our members to share information about DOAI in your travels. For every three referrals, members will receive one year of free membership. The same goes for winners of the Quarterly Question Contest. ❖

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Region and Chapter reports



Chapter prez
Jim Sullivan

Discovery California chapter

Our chapter continues to grow with 3 additional members this month; Troy and Lois Thompson, Bill and Catherine Sanders, and Jim and Janet Lamphere. There are DOAI members in California who are not yet members of California Discovery who we would like to invite to any of our rallies. Who knows - they might enjoy this fun-seeking and informative group.

We had a delightful impromptu invitation from Frank and Fonda Petronzio on Tuesday, August 15 to join them in Idaho to view the solar eclipse. The Petronzios were leaving on Wednesday, and Susan said "Why not"? We cancelled appointments, packed up the Discovery, and left the following morning for a drive to Rigby, Idaho - roughly 1100 miles. Our destination was a freshly-cut hayfield where we were in a perfect spot to see the eclipse. Fonda and Frank took lots of photos and posted them on the Discovery California's Facebook page. We found out that we were not the only ones from Discovery California that journeyed to watch the Eclipse; the Zantos were in Wyoming, the Andersons in Washington, the Jones in Montana, and the Rickelmans journeyed to Oregon. Prior to the invitation from Frank and Fonda, I had not given the eclipse much thought, but I was extremely pleased with the road trip and viewing the total eclipse. Had I known that there was so much interest, we could have planned a rally in Mitch's hayfield. So now that we know the next Solar Eclipse is going to be in 2024, we can start making plans for a rally somewhere in Texas. . hopefully in the hill county.

Coming up, the plan for Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Rolling Rally has continued to surprise us with the reception from our club. There are now 12 rigs signed up. Our journey will start in Laughlin, NV and will travel for 14 days - on to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta - and ending up in Wickenburg, AZ. We will have stops in Sedona, Las Cruces, and in the old west town of Tombstone, AZ. We are not sure how the rolling rally is going to work out exactly, but we thought that we would give it a try. We thought we would give it an opportunity and if it works, we may plan one for 2018 up to Astoria, Oregon.

After the Balloon Fiesta Rally, Discovery California is having a Turkey Feast in the fabulous wine country of Paso Robles on November 10-12, 2017. The board members will be hosting this event and are planning a great fun-filled weekend. The hosts even arranged a gathering at the Eberle Winery for a special tour of their wine caves and a private tasting of their wines. In the Paso Robles/SLO wine region there are more than 300 wineries to visit if one has the time and inclination. After the turkey

feast, we also will be conducting our annual membership meeting. Nestled in the wine country of Paso Robles is the Vines RV Resort that offers fantastic luxury accommodations and amenities that are sure to impress. Come and join us for some great BBQ turkey!

The board also is working on ideas for rallies for 2018. One thought is a rally up near Monterey, CA at the old Fort Ord site. We are also thinking of a rally on the site of the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo in Santa Maria, CA in May. Other ideas include the possibility of a rolling rally to the Nationals (wherever that maybe).

While we were on our Eclipse road trip, Larry Hawkins of the D'Zonas invited our chapter to join them down Mexico way at Puerto Penasco - or as they say in Arizona, Rocky Point. He has 10 rigs going and maybe a few more from Discovery California. This rally is planned for early February.

Discovery California hopes to see some (or all) of you at an upcoming rally. ❖



Chapter prez
Judy Jo Bruton

Discovery Texans chapter

The Discovery Texans do not have rallies during the summer months...it's just way too HOT in Texas. We will begin or scheduled fall rallies in November 2017.

Our chapter is happily growing with two new memberships; Mel and Becky Pless of Houston, Texas and Ed and Madolyn Tomlin of Lake Kiowa, Texas. Welcome!!!!

Discovery Texan rallies are all planned to follow a schedule of Wednesday through Saturday, departing on Sunday. We will be attending our last chapter rally for 2017 on Wednesday, November 8 - 11 (depart 12th) at Coffee Creek RV Resort and Cabins in Santo, Texas. During this rally we will be electing our incoming officers (President and Vice President) for the 2018-2019 terms.

Our scheduled 2018 rallies are as follows:

January 10-13 (depart January 14) Bushman's RV Park, Bullard, TX

March 21-24 (depart March 25) Skyline Ranch RV Park, Bandera, TX

May 16 -19 (depart May 20) American RV Park, Corsicana, TX

November TBD

If you would like to join us, you will find our guest registration form on the DOAI website. We love to have guests. (<http://discoveryowners.com/DTEXGUEST.pdf>) Hope to see y'all in the near future. Safe travels everyone. Submitted by Susan Smith, Secretary. ❖

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Melissa Plowman

Texas Discovery Road Runners chapter

#TexasStrong is wishing the best to all our coastal neighbors as they work to rebuild. Port Aransas' Pioneer RV park (our favorite) didn't fare well tangling with Harvey, but I have heard that they will be working to be better than ever. Here's wishing them Godspeed.

Now that fall is getting closer, we are looking forward to spending more time in the D and heading out across this great country. Our national rally is being held in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in a beautiful area with lots of history. Many of us with Texas roots can also claim roots to the state to our North. My husband's grandfather was born in OK the year it became a state, so he was christened Fred "Oklahoma" Ikard.

We presently are just down the road from the National Rally on the Red River border, so I will attest that the weather in this part of the country is wonderful in October! I hope to see many of you at the National Rally in Shawnee.

Later this year, the Texas Discovery Road Runners will be visiting San Angelo for Christmas at Old Fort Concho, 12/1-12/5/2017. If you're interested, please let me know and I will keep you in our club loop. We love making new friends.

We hope to hit Galveston 3/28- 4/2/2018.
Laugh. Make Memories. Tell Stories. ❖



Johnson's Creek RV Resort in Ingram, TX



L to R: Pam & Terry Shoemaker and
Michael & Peggy Bingham



Chapter prez
Richard Money

Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

The Blue Ridge Discovery's have enjoyed a wonderful hibernation since our last rally in April at Cape Hatteras, NC. It is now the season to get together and enjoy our RV'ing friends again.

In a couple of weeks we will meet in Orange Park, AL for our fall rally. Included is a visit to the US Naval Air Museum at Pensacola, FL. A contingent of Blue Ridgers are scheduled to caravan from Orange Park to the National DOAI Rally in Shawnee, OK.

The club will then take time off for the holidays and start up again in 2018 with FMA and Southeast Regional at Lazydays. Make sure to make your reservations if you have not done so yet.

Plans for our first club rally of 2018 are progressing well for April at Savannah, GA. We will have available lots of local food opportunities and loads of time for touring Savannah and the surrounding region.

Please keep in mind all of our members who are ill and on the mend from their surgeries.

Safe travels until we gather again. ❖

Voting Instructions for 2017 DOAI elections

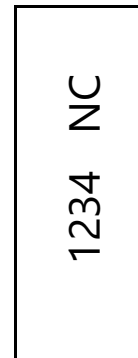
1. Print this page and then mark your ballot.
2. Vote for one person for each office. If you vote for a write-in candidate, please **print** the name so there is no misunderstanding.
3. **Vote ONLY for your region’s candidate for region vice president.** If you vote for more than one region vice president, no region vice president vote will be counted for your ballot.
4. Mark your boxes clearly. ☒
5. After voting, place in envelope and mail to John Baker, 8419 Clover Leaf Dr, Richmond TX 77469-4867.
6. **IMPORTANT:** Place your membership number and two-letter region in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. If you do not remember your membership number, contact DOAI Membership Coordinator Elaine Holley at doaimembership@discoveryowners.com. You can determine your region by looking at the list of officers in this issue. The region vice presidents’ coverage is listed by each name.
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8. When your ballot is received, the information in that upper left-hand corner will be used to make sure your membership number coincides with the correct region (no name on the region list, just numbers). If the number is of a current member, the envelope is opened and the ballot is checked that a region vote is for the correct region. No one will know how you voted. Only one ballot per coach.
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10. **IF YOU VOTE AT THE NATIONAL RALLY, OR VOTE ELECTRONICALLY, DO NOT USE THIS BALLOT.**

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