



From the President



Dick Tracy

It was great to see and share our RVing fun times again with everyone who attended our National *Discovering the Blue Ridge Mountains* Rally at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville last month! A great time was had by all as we finally resumed our DOAI Rally activities following COVID-19 imposed hiatus. **A special Big Thank You to the Blue Ridge Chapter for their superb job hosting the rally.** Also, thanks to all the members who continued to practice appropriate COVID safety measures of masking and social distancing!

It's time now to submit your registrations for the SE Regional Camp Discovery Rally to be held again in 2022 at [Lazydays RV Campground](#) in Seffner, FL, just east of Tampa. The rally starts 31 January and ends with departure Sunday, 6 February. For many of you this is an annual event, especially those who “Snowbird” in Florida. For those who may be new members or have never attended this rally, I cannot recommend enough that you attend if possible. The technical information offered throughout the week is priceless and has saved numerous DOAI members many dollars, and the comradery with your fellow DOAI members is fantastic. There is a writeup elsewhere in this newsletter about it and of course on your DOAI Web Site www.DiscoveryOwners.com. At the bottom of the front/home page there is information followed by the registration form. Remember that you need to make your reservations directly with Lazydays (800) 905-6627 **AND** with DOAI using the registration form. This rally is always a great event and I look forward to seeing you there!

In other news, Linda Griffith and Le Brightman volunteered for, and each has been appointed as a DOAI Membership Coordinator. These appointments are in accordance with the change to DOAI Standing Rule 15 which now allows for multiple Membership Coordinators. The change fulfills our need to ensure back up capability for processing the many new and renewal actions, dues processing, and the membership function which was discussed in last quarter's Discovery Express. I personally want to thank them both for stepping up ensuring the continuity of this vital service to our organization. I know that John Baker, your Vice President for Development, who had temporarily taken on the Membership Coordinator duties following the death of Elaine Holley, is greatly relieved to have these two well qualified ladies on board and taking over.

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It is critical that everyone assist your Membership Team by making timely payment of your DOAI member dues, and by remembering to update your DOAI membership information whenever you have any change to your email address or phone numbers. Also, all DOAI members are encouraged to take advantage of the on-line PayPal method for making your dues payment.

It's DOAI Board Election season. In this issue, **beginning on this page**, is an introduction to the candidates for all available offices. Voting this year will again be entirely online during the month of December 2021. **Please take the time to vote.** Even though there may be only one candidate listed, a write in vote is always available. Each candidate must be voted in even if their position is uncontested. This ensures the integrity of the election process and it also shows your support of the volunteers willing to step up and take on the challenge of running this great organization. Our DOAI Web Master, Robert Orr will be emailing out the ballot information in November.

Election Report

In our home locations, we elect folks to serve in various positions in their communities, cities, counties, states, up to the federal level. At my home, this means some kind of election happens every few months. DOAI elects its officers every two years and that will happen in December 2021 for folks who will serve 2022-2023. Those who have stepped up for this cycle are noted below and we owe our thanks to them.

Each of us needs to begin thinking about where we can serve in the following years. What is missing from this announcement? There is no paper ballot because the Board of Directors approved conducting elections electronically. You will be notified when and how to cast your vote. Voting season will run the month of December 2021. Regular members in good standing as of 1 November will be eligible to vote. **Reminder—you can vote only for the VP in your own region.**

The proposed slate recommends one person for each position. However, there will be an option for you to write in an alternate candidate of your choice. By voting, you are demonstrating support for the volunteers; it is a way of saying, “Thank you for serving.” Every action and decision it takes to keep our organization moving and strong is accomplished by volunteers. We have no paid staff, so these folks do it all for us and they deserve our support. Please be sure to **CAST YOUR VOTE.**

OFFICE	CANDIDATE
President	Dick Tracy
Exec VP	John Ricciardi
Past President	Ron Wacker
Development	John Baker
Secretary	Cindy Welch
Treasurer	Linda Culbertson
Rally Master	Fred Jecks
VPNE	Russ Baldwin
VPNW	Glenn Magnuson
VPNC	Gary Klemmer
VPSC	Harry Bruton
VPSE	Frank Miller
VPSW	Bruce Plumb

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Office	Candidate	Bio	Photo
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President

Dick Tracy



Dick Tracy

I have been a DOAI member since 2007. I am a member of the Mason-Dixon Chapter, the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter and the Noreaster Discovery Chapter. I am a past president of the Mason-Dixons. I served as National Treasurer for DOAI for four years from 2014-2017 and was the DOAI Merchandise Director for 6 years. I am a retired Navy Officer, a Captain in the Navy Supply Corps, which is the business and logistical area of the Navy. I served 11 years active duty and 19 years in the Naval Reserve. I am also retired from an electric utility holding company, General Public Utilities (GPU), which has since been bought out by First Energy.

At the time of my retirement in 2000 from GPU, I was Audit Manager in the Internal Auditing function for the holding company and its three Electric Utility subsidiaries. I am also retired from the County of Berks in Reading, Pennsylvania, where I was the Deputy Controller for Internal Auditing from 2000 to mid-2005. I have a Bachelor's degree in business from the University of Idaho and a Master's Degree in Business from Pepperdine University. My wife Pat and I have driven our 99 36T Discovery in all the lower 48 states, and made two trips to Alaska and many of the Canadian provinces. We have attended every National Rally and Southeast Region rally since joining DOAI and strongly encourage rally participation. If elected as President of DOAI, I will serve our membership to guide, develop, support and promote the activities of DOAI. I will work with the other officers and the membership to ensure the continued success and growth of DOAI. I am a strong believer that membership and participation in DOAI Chapters is to be encouraged and will work to promote chapter membership.

Executive VP John Ricciardi



I have been a member of DOAI since 2004. Having helped in the development of the Mason-Dixon Discoverys Chapter, I have served as the chapter's Vice President and President several times. I have assisted wherever needed when the Mason-Dixon Discoverys hosted Camp Discovery at the Southeast Region Rally. On a national level, I have served as Southeast Region Vice President, and am currently serving as Vice President for Development.

Past President Ron Wacker



I have lived most of my life in Florida, and began RVing with my family about 1960. In my professional life, I worked for a major computer firm for 22 years as a systems programmer and project manager. I started my own computer consulting company in 1999, and now am (for the most part) retired - albeit I dabble with some websites and small networks. I and my wife Donna were among those who formed the Florida Discovery Sunshiners Chapter in 2011, where I served as president for the first four years. During that same time, I was the key coordinator for three highly successful southeast region rallies at Lazydays in Tampa, FL.

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Election Report (Continued)

VP for Development **John Baker**



John is currently serving as Past President for both DOAI and the Discovery Texans Chapter. He has faithfully served as a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years. He is a frequent contributor to the DOAI-E-group, offering his life experiences from operating his D for 20 years. He recently developed the current slate of officers for your consideration. In his professional life, John retired from SBC, the corporate predecessor of the new AT&T, after managing various accounting and customer billing operations for 35 years. His last position was Associate Director of Finance Operations, where he was responsible for developing and controlling the budgets for SBC's national payment processing operations. In retirement, he serves several leadership roles in his church and participates in a number of civic endeavors. His newest volunteer function is serving as Vice President of the Municipal Utility District which provides water, sewer and drainage (quite important in flat Southeast Texas) to his community. He says the "water business" is extremely interesting and quite different from the "communication business." John and Felesa, a retired elementary classroom teacher, have been married 53 years. Their daughter and son-in-law live two doors away and have blessed the Bakers with five wonderful grandchildren.

Secretary **Cindy Welch**



Cindy was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She met Al, her husband of 41 years, at a bus stop in 1979 and took him along to Texas a year later. Cindy had a career in Occupational Health Nursing until retirement in June 2014 from Cytec Industries. There she had world-wide health and wellness responsibilities as Senior Medical Manager of the Engineered Materials Business Unit. In May 2013, Al and Cindy purchased their first and only RV, an '08 40-X, joining DOAI almost immediately. Shortly after that, they were pursued by Leroy Churchill to join the Discovery Texans. After enjoying their first Discovery Texan Rally in November 2013, they have participated in nearly all chapter rallies. They've also attended four national and three SE Region (Camp Discovery) rallies. Cindy was active in the Rockwall Texas, community serving as President of Soroptimist International and Treasurer of the South-Central Region. She also served on the Boards of several community non-profit organizations. They have been happy full-time RVers since August 2014 and plan to be for many years to come.

Treasurer **Linda Culbertson**



Linda and Gale Culbertson have been married since 1972. They have three adult children and six grandchildren. They began their married lives in Yakima, Washington, moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, for Gale's work in the nuclear industry, where they lived for eight years. All three children were born there. They returned to Yakima in 1981, and Gale taught at Perry Tech, his alma mater. In 1986 the family (including the dog) moved to Saudi Arabia for three years and in 1989 (surprise?) returned to Yakima. With the children in school full-time, Linda went to work in the Yakima Valley College Registration Department, followed by a year and a half as a teller at US Bank. In 1994 Linda began substituting in the Yakima School District in various positions. She filled long-term substitute positions as office manager and administrative assistant, managing the State-mandated attendance truancy office, followed by 10 years as office manager for an elementary school with over fifty staff members. Linda was responsible for timesheets, payroll, supplemental teacher contracts, materials and equipment procurement, and preparing and managing 15 budgets. In 2018 the Culbertson's bought their 2007 Discovery 39L, immediately joined DOAI, and have been full-timers since July 2019. Gale continues remote part-time employment with his employer of over twenty years. They are wintering in Yuma, Arizona, and split time traveling and staying in Yakima to enjoy family times.

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Election Report (Continued)

Rally Master **Fred Jecks**



Fred's lust for travel began as a child as he grew up with RVing parents. Fred had already been to almost all of the states before graduating high school and having a career in the Air Force. His life's dream was to be able to quit work fairly early, buy a motorhome, and travel North America. He joined DOAI right after buying a brand-new 2013 Discovery and has been an active member with the Florida Discovery Sunshiners since. He even served as President of the Sunshiners for two years and helped plan two of the Southeastern Region Rallies at Lazydays, including being the Registrar. He loves the camaraderie and shared knowledge that the club brings to its members.

VPNE **Russel "Russ" Baldwin**



Russ and his wife of 44 years, Pat, live in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Since retiring in 2012 they have been enjoying family and traveling. They have twin daughters and two grandchildren who they continually spoil. After spending 40 years as a Mechanical Engineer in the military electronics field, Russ ended his professional career as part owner of an engineering firm. Russ is a lifelong camper, a habit his parents began when he was six months old with a tent camping trip. His experiences progressed to tent campers, then trailers and, after he and Pat retired early to enjoy a less hectic life, they purchased a Discovery. After buying their Discovery and visiting the Decatur Factory Service Center they became aware of, and joined DOAI in 2013. Their first rally was in Urbana, Virginia, and after the generous welcome from other members and the wealth of information from the seminars, they were hooked. Over the years they have attended many Southeast and National rallies, now spending 6 – 9 months a year exploring the country. They enjoy traveling the USA and Canada, watching wildlife, and soaking up history while visiting numerous museums, battlefields and the National Parks System.

VPNW **Glenn Magnuson**



My name is Glenn Magnuson. My wife, Terri, and I live an hour north of Seattle, in Marysville, Washington. We have a blended family of five children, all grown, and, presently, four grandchildren. I retired from Boeing Company in March 2017, after a 28-year career in commercial aircraft production and quality assurance. I have done volunteer work for a festival in Seattle Seafair, for the past 23 years. It consists of unlimited and other classes of hydroplane races, along with a very large air show, including the Blue Angels team. Our responsibility for the past seven years has been to transport the Blue Angels ground crew on our boat out to a host boat for their show. We bought our first Discovery, a 1998 36T in 2016, and we recently purchased a 2008 39R. My wife and I spend a lot of time on our 28-foot boat in the San Juan Islands here in Washington catching Dungeness crab, and sightseeing

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Election Report (Continued)

VPNC

Gary Klemmer



Gary was born and raised in Port Huron, Michigan, on Lake Huron at the border of Canada. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Organic Chemistry and Microbiology from Ferris State University.

Gary worked for almost 10 years for Morton Salt Company as a chemist, then for 2 years as the Director of Michigan Sugar/Croswell's lab. Subsequently, he took his chemistry experience to Acheson Colloids beginning as a chemist, then into sales and finally into "New Business Development" in their Printed Electronics Division. Gary worked on the development of devices for customers like NASA's Space program, Coke's touchpad pop dispenser, Nike's heated and sensor tennis shoes, TBT's electronic band aid using a cellphone phone app, electronic adult diapers and many other devices that are still covered by Non Disclosure Agreements. Gary ended his career with Acheson Colloids after 34 years, 15 of which were after it was purchased by Henkel Loctite. Thru Gary's 28 years of work travel, he has visited all the lower 48 states, and now Nancy and Gary's goals are to visit these states again using their coach instead of by plane.

Gary started his camping experiences at a young age while being active in the Boy Scouts of America. He married Nancy, whom he met while attending a local community college, in 1978. They have two grown boys and 5 grandkids; sad to say they all live in the southern states. Gary and his wife began their love for camping in a tent when their first son was one year old and then a number of years later they moved to a pop-up camper, returning to tent camping and finally to a fifth wheel as they began planning for retirement. On one trip while camping in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in September 2016, Gary and Nan observed a new Discovery move into the next site over.... that's all it took to put the ball in motion to purchase one themselves. In January of 2017 after attending an RV show in Detroit, they purchased their 2018 LXE which was delivered that May.

VPSC

Harry Bruton



My high school sweetheart Judy Jo and I bought our first motor home in 1971 and have owned some type of Class A motor home ever since. We are currently on number eight, the last three being Discoverys. We are active members of Discovery Texans, and Judy currently serves as Chapter President. We joined DOAI in 2006 and have attended twelve national rallies and numerous regional rallies. We have changed the engine on a Winnebago from a Dodge 318 to a Dodge 440. We also changed the engine in a Kingshighway from a Dodge to a Turbo charged Isuzu diesel. We do most of our own maintenance in our home shop and refer to the professionals only when absolutely necessary. Thanks to our DOAI members who help diagnose problems! Judy and I have spent 45 years as Commercial Roofing Contractors. I served two terms as President of Texas Roofing Contractors Association, served on Taft ISD and Hospital District boards, as well as having also served on various advisory committees to the Texas State Legislature. We both have a pilots license and have had four different planes. Judy Jo and I reside in Lubbock, Texas.

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Election Report (Continued)

VPSE

Frank Miller



Frank joined DOAI in 2017 after the purchase of his beloved 2011 discovery 40X. He and his wife Corrine of 58 years are also members of the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter. Frank and Corrine were both born in Newport, Rhode Island, and delivered by the same doctor. Since married, they have lived in Massachusetts, Maine, Canada for 12 years (Montreal, QC and Halifax, NS), and Pennsylvania before moving to the Charlotte, North Carolina, area. Frank worked overhauling Navy aircraft electronics for 4 years then spent 23 years supporting Main-Frame computers for RCA, Sperry, and Unisys. He spent several years as a Realtor before retiring in 2005 from Microsoft after 11 years as a customer support technician. Corrine has been a North and South Carolina Realtor for over 30 years. Frank has traveled around the world several times and was airborne over Europe on his way to Stockholm when the plane inadvertently flew through the Chernobyl nuclear explosion cloud before the event was publicly known. He sometimes jokes about glowing in the dark for weeks afterward. Family has always been a top priority having raised 8 children and enjoying 15 grandchildren and 1 very darling great-granddaughter. They have taken their family to most of the National Parks, first with a tent and then with several trailers. Over the past 25 years they have had the pleasure of taking some of their children and grandchildren across the country in one or more of the 5 Class A motor homes they have been fortunate to own. The motto they teach their kids is to “Do everything you can to make the people you come in contact with successful.” Frank is a Discovery Friend and enjoys helping folks solve problems.

VPSW

Bruce Plumb



Bruce grew up in Texas and Kansas. He loves rural America. He found his bride Nancy (better known in these circles as Mrs. Plumb) when he landed in Coldwater, Kansas, in the 8th grade. He earned a degree in engineering and spent most of his career in Salinas, California, working for Dole Food Company as Director of Engineering. During his 25 year career at Dole, he designed vegetable harvesting and processing equipment, and vegetable processing plants. While working for Dole, Bruce spent a lot of time in the El Centro, California, and Yuma, Arizona, areas. He has also owned and operated several small businesses. Bruce and Nancy obtained their first motor coach in 1988 and their Discovery in 2008. They camped often with their children, and for the 10 years took their grand kids on “See America Tours” for 2 weeks each summer. Bruce decided to retire in June 2019 but still works a couple of months per year and he and Nancy travel 6 months yearly, 3 in the summer and 3 in the winter. They love the Southwest and live in Yuma, Arizona, in the winter where they own property. The rest of the year they enjoy living at Ranch Grand Kid (aka Plumb RV Resort and Spa), their five acres in the Ozarks near Branson, Missouri. Their first national rally was in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in 2011. In April 2012, they formed a new DOAI Chapter in Branson, Missouri; the Ozarks Discovery Chapter, where Bruce served as president thru 2018. Bruce also served as North Central VP from 2017-2021.

VOTE!

Past Presidents Message



Ron Wacker

It has been quite a summer. We have had hurricanes and floods, and COVID-19 seems to be raising it's ugly head again. The good thing about traveling in our Discoverys is that our exposure is limited because we are in our own home, not public motels and hotels. So we do have more freedom than other travelers.

We have elections this year and the slate of officers were presented at our September National rally. Please be sure to help support these people, after all they are taking time out of their busy schedule to represent you and make our organization fun for you.

Donna and I have spent the summer in the North Carolina mountains where it has been considerably cooler than Florida. The only problem is the darn hurricanes have followed us up here. You would think not being in Florida you would get away from them, but no, I guess we can't hide they just seem to follow us.

The RV industry seems to be going gang busters, and the manufacturers can't keep up with the demand. COVID-19 is also affecting worker shortages. Where we are in North Carolina some of the restaurants have closed for a day or more due to lack of employees showing up for work. Help wanted signs are everywhere. Things should be getting better in the coming months.

Stay safe and happy travels. Great to see you at the National rally and looking forward to getting with friends at the South East Region Rally. Ron



Editor's Notes



Glenda Angus

It was wonderful seeing everyone who attended the DOAI National Rally in Sevierville. Thank you to our Blue Ridge family with whom we could not have managed. Additionally, cheers to other chapters who assisted with registration and clean up. A big hug for my sister, Gloria K. Davis, who taught our genealogy class and took photos. I am grateful to her and my husband Bob, the Rally Master for Sevierville, who escorted me around during my recovery from bi-lateral (double knee surgery).

For all of those who attended the DOAI National Rally and allowed us to take your photo, I will be sending you an email in the next several weeks with a link containing instructions to where and how your photo may be downloaded.

I hope to see you all at FMA in Webster, and in Seffner for the South East Region Rally.



VP of Development



John Baker

The word of the year has to be COVID. It has affected every one of us in so many ways. Our travels, our daily lives, our finances.....the list goes on. Of course the most profound effect has been the health of ourselves and/or our loved ones and friends. This pandemic seems to know no boundaries. I hope if you or your family and friends contracted it your symptoms were mild and you recovered completely. If you had loved ones or friends who died I offer my condolences. We have had some cases in my extended family (one REALLY bad one) but thankfully none in my immediate family. Hopefully the current variant wave will soon subside as more people are vaccinated and many access the third shot.

As you know we have been going through the stiff learning and organization curves with membership records. We have had some hiccups, but I think we are now in pretty good shape. Thank you for your patience with this process; I hope we have not caused you inconvenience and if we did I hope we got it ironed out timely and satisfactorily.

Linda Griffith and Le Brightman have been working hard to learn the ropes and help get everything in order. I am extremely grateful to them for taking on this important role. We are operational but still improving the process. When you see them give them a huge "Thank you."

I hope to see you down the road soon.— John

It's time now to submit your registrations for the 2022 SE Regional Camp Discovery Rally at Lazydays RV Campground in Seffner, Florida. The rally starts 31 January and ends with departure Sunday, 6 February. You can read more about the rally at the [DOAI](#) home page. Remember for this rally you make your reservation directly with Lazydays (800) 905-6627 **AND** with DOAI using the electronic registration form.

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Membership Coordinators



Since our last issue of Discovery Express, please “Welcome” our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our “D’s” and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year free membership for every three members referred. This list is covering new members May through July.

Linda Griffith (Photo not available for Le Brightman)

Ahrenholtz, Russell/Marcia, Breckenridge, CO
 Anthony, Mark/Debra, San Marcos, CA
 Bartlett, Kevin/Maria, Pembroke Pines, FL
 Berns, Eric/Lisa, Florence, KY
 Bigley, James/Jill, Stacy, MN
 Blasdell, Richard, Paradise Valley, AZ
 Boychuk, Mark/Phoebe, Gainesville, GA
 Brock, Donald/Kay, Fort Walton Beach, FL
 Bupp, Chris/Alice, Liberty, MO
 Carpenter, Robert/Brenda, Amarillo, TX
 Colleran, Jay/Samantha, Johnson, Cassville, MO
 Corbett, Robert/Erikka, Live Oak, FL
 Corbit, William, Rochester, MI
 Davidson, Donald/Linda, Huntington, IN
 Derrickson, Tracey/Kim, Laurel, DE
 Douglas, Michael/Pam, Brooksville, FL
 Duffy, Mike, Katy, TX
 Edgar, David/Lisa, Lampasas, TX
 Feit, Derek/Liba, Phoenix, AZ
 Fable, Marvin/Rhonda, Saylorsburg, PA
 Frank, Timothy/Laura, Yuma, AZ
 Fugett, Greg/Tammy Neosho, MO
 Fulton, Larry/Bonnie, Green Cove Springs, FL
 Gibson, James/Fara, Gilbert, AZ
 Groff, Craig/Alana, Lititz, PA
 Heath, Tom/Charleen, Seminole, FL
 Helgeson, Gordon, Nanaimo, BC
 Henderson, Todd/Beth, San Angelo, TX
 Himes, Chuck/Sallie, Elkhart, IN
 Hodgkins, Dudley/Deborah, Austin, TX
 Hommerding, Adam, Spencer, OK
 Hoover, Frank/Nadine, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Hudson, Corey/Robin, New London, WI
 Huhman, Charles/Kym, Ashland, MO
 Humphreys, Jay, Harlingen, TX
 Johnson, Josh, Montgomery City, MO
 Kelley, Randy, Yorkville, IL
 King, Justin/Kim, Lake Havasu IL

Koch, Kyle/Kathy, Sisher, IA
 Large, William/Charlene, Nashville, TN
 Leavitt, Paul, Moapa Valley, NV
 Liles, Richard/Sue, Lubbock, TX
 McCormack, Bryan/Brenda, Duncan, OK
 McDermid, Lyle/Kathy, Spruce Grove AB
 McNary, Douglas/Heather, Robinson, IL
 Middlebrooks, Alan/Elaine, Warner Robins, GA
 Moberly, Joe/Becky, El Rancho, NM
 Mohr, John/Melinda, Marion, IA
 Montoya, Gabe, Whittier, CA
 Obannion, Drake, Lumberton, TX
 Palmer, Bob/Michelle, Petal, MS
 Parker, Ross, West Vancouver, BC
 Pendergast, Jim/Cris, Douglasville, GA
 Pirie, Justin, Alameda, CA
 Polansky, Jerry/Paula, Tucson, AZ
 Povio, Vince/Donna, Deerfield Beach, FL
 Reynolds, Patty, West Plains, MO
 Richardson, Jim/Carol, Mitchell, IN
 Rogers, John/Julie, Ontario
 Schlote, Bob/Laura, Frederick, MD
 Schwab, Robert/Kathleen Scherer, Slidell, LA
 Snyder, Larry/Sheila, Shreveport, LA
 Soltis, Kevin/Dawn, Oxford, FL
 Sparks, Anthony, Livingston, TX
 Tomlinson, Jack/Linda, Las Vegas, NV
 Topel, Matt/Amanda, Garfield, MN
 Trojcak, Scott/Kris, Girard, IL
 Walker, Dale, Weatherford, TX
 Wallace, Brian/Ann Marie, Westerville, OH
 Williams, Bill/Vickie, Crystal Lake, IL
 Williams, Rickey/Tammy, McKinney, TX
 Willis, Luther/Kathy, Crystal River, FL
 Witt, Jasper/Jo, Pace, FL
 Youtz, Tom/Sandra, Crestview, FL
 Zimmerman, Mark, Pinellas Park, FL



National Rally Master



Fred Jecks

The DOAI National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, was an overwhelming success at The Ridge Outdoor Resort. There were 99 Discovery's attending, which is the biggest turnout in recent years, maybe even ever for the National Rally. I'm sure those attending had a great time and enjoyed hanging out with friends and making new ones. The Blue Ridge Chapter did a great job in preparing for and conducting the rally. If you missed this one you missed a wonderful rally.

The DOAI web page also has the link to register for the [Southeast Regional Rally](#) (Camp Discovery) at Lazydays Resort in Seffner, Florida, from January 31st to February 6th, 2022. Currently, there are 46 coaches registered. As a reminder for this rally, it is a two-step process where you register online, and you also call Lazydays Resort at (800) 905-6627 to make your camping reservation. For those that don't know, Camp Discovery is more of a technical rally where the various systems on your coaches are discussed in detail. These seminars include some basic troubleshooting tips. If you order the notebook during the online registration, it contains almost all the slides used during these discussions and allows you to take notes. Of course, there will also be other planned seminars that aren't technical in nature and Florida is a great place to visit in the winter.

Both the FMA and Southeast Regional rallies should be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there

Sevierville Rally Master



Robert J. Angus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our DOAI members who expressed their praise for the recent National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. On behalf of the Blue Ridge Discoverys (BRD) Chapter thank you for your positive comments. I hope everyone had a great time. As Rally Master I had a wonderful team from BRD and would not have accomplished this rally without their exceptional assistance. Also a big thank you to Fred Jecks the DOAI Rally Master. Without his assistance and "blank checks" we could not have managed to get everyone paid on time. Everything went smoothly from registration to welcome bags, door prizes, entertainment, table decorations, 50/50 & food bank, quilt drawings, parking, cleanup, and especially food. The Ridge staff ensured we were accommodated on all of our requests. If you are in the area again, please stay with them, I know I will. Thanks again and remember to give Glen Magnuson the same support next year in Gillette, Wyoming.



Secretary



Cindy Welch

Per the request of John Baker to distribute a new Members list to the Board of Directors and Club Presidents via email, the list was sent in both PDF and Excel format. I'm sure this is a great help to the clubs. Kudos to both John Baker and Robert Orr for their diligence.

On that same note.... a request for a vote of approval for the appointment by Dick Tracy of the new Membership Coordinators was sent via email to the Board and Chapter Presidents. The vote of approval passed unanimously. We all would have liked to have seen John Baker's "happy dance"!

As always, I hope everyone is staying healthy and enjoying travel again. It was good to see everyone at the National Rally.



**Agenda/General Membership Meeting
2021 National Rally Sevierville, TN
Thursday: September 25 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Dick Tracy, President
John Ricciardi, Executive VP
Ron Wacker, Past President
John Baker, VP for Development
Cindy Welch, Secretary
Ricky Keen, Treasurer
Fred Jecks, National Rally Master

Bruce Plumb, NC Region VP
Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP
Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP
Harry Bruton, SC Region VP
Kerry Pinkerton, SE Region VP
Jim Sullivan, SW Region VP

Non-Voting:
Linda Griffith & Le Brightman,
Membership Coordinators
Jody Bruce, Merchandise Coordinator
Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor
Robert Orr, Webmaster

President Dick Tracy

1. Determine quorum present
2. Call meeting to order
3. All rise for Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Introduction of officers present**

Executive Vice President John Ricciardi
Immediate Past President Ron Wacker
Secretary - Cindy Welch
Treasurer - Ricky Keen -
National Rally Master - Fred Jecks
North Central Region Vice President- Bruce Plumb
Northeast Region Vice President - Russ Baldwin
Northwest Region Vice President -Glen Magnuson
Southeast Region Vice President - Kerry Pinkerton
Discovery Express Editor - Glenda Angus
Membership Coordinator - Linda Griffith
Merchandise Coordinator - Jody Bruce

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Reports of Officers

Secretary -Cindy Welch - Minutes from previous meeting held in Pueblo, CO, in 2019 –These previous Minutes were distributed to officers and approved by the Board of Directors. Will dispense with reading of them now as outdated by age, the changes brought about by COVID, and cancellation of the 2020 National and Regional rallies.

Treasurer's Report – Ricky Keen

National Rally Master - Fred Jecks

2022 Rally – Glen Magnuson

Announce 2023 Location – Fred Jecks

DOAI Elections for 2022-2023 will be held via On-Line voting in December with the slate presented in the Discovery Express Newsletter and in November via email to members

Unfinished/Old Business:

First Year Free Membership – Your Board of Directors reviewed the status of the program with information presented by Ricky Keen Treasurer. There was of course as expected, a substantial reduction in dues revenue during the first year. The Board decided and voted to continue the program for an additional year as our first year data and results were somewhat incomplete and a clear analysis has been skewed by the fact and effects of the shutdown of activities due to COVID-19.

New Business:

Our California Chapter is somewhat in limbo as the President of the Chapter has sold his Discovery and purchased a different brand of motorhome. The Board is working with the outgoing chapter president and chapter members to resolve the issue and hopefully retain the chapter once new chapter leadership can be identified.

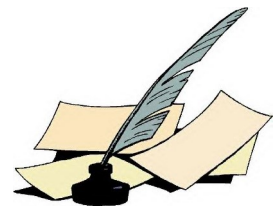
There is interest in establishing a new DOAI chapter in the Arizona/Four Corners area of the Southwest Region and anyone who may be interested in joining this proposed chapter is asked to contact [Bruce Plumb](#).

For general information, all it takes is a minimum of five coaches to initiate and form a new chapter of DOAI. Those members may be members of another chapter as well. Membership in multiple chapters is allowed and encouraged.

The Board is exploring how to gather technical information on our coaches and the various systems and components in the coaches to establish an on-line DOAI technical library for reference and use by members. Frank Miller, Prospective Regional VP for the Southeast is going to coordinate this effort.

Other New Business?

Adjournment with our next general meeting scheduled for the Southeast Regional at Lazydays in Seffner, FL, January 31st thru February 5th, 2022.



Treasurer's Report



Ricky Keen

In this newsletter you will find the Balance Sheet for December 31, 2020, the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended December 31, 2020 and the Proposed Budget for the Year Ended December 31, 2022, which was approved by a vote of the general membership at the DOAI Annual Meeting in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Despite the COVID issues during the past 18 – 20 months, DOAI remains a financially strong organization. We ended last year with \$82,657.82 in our bank accounts and total assets equaling \$91,198.62. Due to several factors, DOAI actually spent \$2,901.17 more than we received. Dues received in 2020 decreased \$8,585.00 over 2019, primarily because we adopted a policy of new members receiving one year of membership free. However, a number of expenses decreased. We changed insurance carriers and our insurance policy expense decreased \$1,102.00. Since we only had one rally in 2020 (the Southeast Region Rally) our rally fee reimbursements decreased from \$10,303.00 to \$5,149.00, and most of our other expenses decreased due to the limited activity in 2020.

As you can see from reading the DOAI financial statements, we are still very strong financially. And the proposed 2022 budget anticipates that we will continue to be strong.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at DOAITreasurer@Discoveryowners.com



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Treasurer's Report Continued

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ASSETS		
Cash Accounts		
Petty Cash	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Cash In Bank-General	22,083.49	23,906.40
Cash In PayPal-General	100.00	100.00
Cash In Bank-Rally	9,615.09	10,582.36
Cash In PayPal-Rally	100.00	223.12
Cash In Bank-Savings	50,209.24	50,197.11
Total Cash	<u>82,657.82</u>	<u>85,558.99</u>
Merchandise Inventory-at cost	<u>8,540.80</u>	<u>6,787.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 91,198.62</u>	<u>\$ 92,345.99</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Deferred Liabilities		
Prepaid Memberships Received	\$ 21,085.85	\$ 20,338.00
Prepaid Rally Fees Received	0.00	3,059.00
Total Deferred Liabilities	<u>21,085.85</u>	<u>23,397.00</u>
Fund Balance		
Beginning Balance	68,948.99	66,421.32
Excess Cash Receipts over Disbursements	0.00	3,592.17
Excess Cash Disbursements over Receipts	(2,901.17)	0.00
Changes from Cash Basis to Accrual Basis		
Change in Merchandise Inventory	1,753.80	805.50
Change in Prepaid Memberships Received	(747.85)	(791.00)
Change in Prepaid Rally Fees Received	3,059.00	(1,079.00)
Adjusted Fund Balance	<u>70,112.77</u>	<u>68,948.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 91,198.62</u>	<u>\$ 92,345.99</u>

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Treasurer's Report Continued

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	December 31		Increases (Decreases)
	2020	2019	
RECEIPTS-OPERATIONS			
Dues Received	\$ 10,711.00	\$ 19,299.00	\$ (8,588.00)
Amazon Commissions	0.00	77.08	(77.08)
Interest Income	12.13	29.38	(17.25)
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>10,723.13</u>	<u>19,405.46</u>	<u>(8,682.33)</u>
DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS			
Newsletter Expense	2,205.00	3,185.00	(980.00)
Membership Expense	507.60	547.06	(39.46)
Insurance Expense	2,693.00	3,795.00	(1,102.00)
Advertising Expense	240.00	240.00	0.00
Member Care Expense	0.00	73.73	(73.73)
Website Expense	188.91	285.69	(96.78)
Rally Fee Reimbursements	5,149.37	10,302.85	(5,153.48)
Office Supplies, Postage, etc	67.77	77.25	(9.48)
PayPal Charges	405.65	758.15	(352.50)
DOAI Decals, Badge Holders and Flags	0.00	1,142.48	(1,142.48)
Corporate License Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	120.00	(120.00)
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>11,457.30</u>	<u>20,527.21</u>	<u>(9,069.91)</u>
EXCESS CASH RECEIVED OVER DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONS	<u>(734.17)</u>	<u>(1,121.75)</u>	<u>387.58</u>
RECEIPTS-OTHER			
Rally Receipts-National Rallies	0.00	55,521.46	(55,521.46)
Rally Receipts-SE Regional Rallies	5,008.00	4,867.50	140.50
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	0.00	1,510.00	(1,510.00)
50/50 Donations Proceeds	3,585.00	1,966.00	1,619.00
Prepaid Rally Fees	0.00	3,059.00	(3,059.00)
Chapter Liquidation Fee Received	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Merchandise Sales	3,797.65	4,168.17	(370.52)
Total Receipts-Other	<u>12,390.65</u>	<u>71,592.13</u>	<u>(59,201.48)</u>
DISBURSEMENTS-OTHER			
Rally Disbursements-National Rallies	29.82	49,514.39	(49,484.57)
Rally Disbursements-SE Regional Rallies	5,379.12	4,591.20	787.92
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	0.00	1,510.00	(1,510.00)
50/50 Donations Disbursed	3,585.00	1,966.00	1,619.00
Prior Year Rally Fees Paid to Chapters	698.93	938.75	(239.82)
Merchandise Purchases	4,791.92	5,489.58	(697.66)
Miscellaneous Rally Account Expenses	72.86	230.29	(157.43)
Future Rally Expenses	0.00	2,638.00	(2,638.00)
Total Disbursements-Other	<u>14,557.65</u>	<u>66,878.21</u>	<u>(52,320.56)</u>
EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>\$ (2,901.17)</u>	<u>\$ 3,592.17</u>	<u>\$ (6,493.34)</u>
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	85,558.99	81,966.82	
EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>(2,901.17)</u>	<u>3,592.17</u>	
ENDING CASH BALANCE	<u><u>82,657.82</u></u>	<u><u>85,558.99</u></u>	

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Treasurer's Report Continued

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Proposed Budget <u>12/31/22</u>
RECEIPTS	
Dues Received	16,400.00
Interest Income	
CD/Savings Accounts	15.00
Total Receipts-Operations	<u>16,415.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Membership Expense	1,200.00
Insurance	3,000.00
Advertising	240.00
Web Site Expense	500.00
Rally Fee Officer/Director Reimbursements	10,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage, Etc.	125.00
Paypal Charges	1,200.00
Other Expenses	150.00
Total Disbursements-Operations	<u>16,415.00</u>
EXCESS RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)-OPERATIONS	<u>-</u>
OTHER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	
Other Receipts	
National Rally Receipts over Disbursements	0.00
50/50 Raffle Proceeds	3,000.00
Quilt Raffle Proceeds	1,500.00
SE Regional Rally Receipts over Disbs.(Disb over Receipts)	(5,000.00)
Future SE Regional Advance Rally Receipts	4,000.00
Merchandise Sales Receipts	5,000.00
Other Disbursements	
Donations of 50/50 Raffles	(3,000.00)
Quilt Raffle Donations Disbursed	(1,500.00)
Merchandise Inventory Purchased	(4,000.00)
Net Other Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ -</u>

Region and Chapter Reports

Blue Ridge Discoverys



President
Jim Pinkerton

I have nothing to report as far as club activities except that Blue Ridge has worked hard to put together a great national rally. By the time this newsletter is published the National rally will be over. Thank you to all the Blue Ridge members who helped to make the rally a success.

Our 2022 Spring Rally is set for May 4th – 9th at the [Hearthside RV Resort](#) in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. Registration can be found on the Blue Ridge Web Page. All are welcome.

Eleven coaches with a mix of Blue Ridge and Ozark members headed to the Northeast on August 10th turning at Niagara Falls and working our way down the East coast where we ended in Sevierville for the National Rally. A great time was had by all.

After the national many of us headed to our winter homes. Again Blue Ridge will be well represented at Florida Grande in Webster, Florida.

Safe travels to all. Jim



Angel Rodriquez, Jim Pinkerton, Kathy Pinkerton, Teresa Rodriquez, Mike Hopkins, Retha Hopkins, Mike Denning, Kate May, Chris Muskopf, Don Muskopf, Mary Conklen, Randy Conklen, Kelley Counter, Bob Counter

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Blue Ridge Discoverys (Continued)



MT. WASHINGTON-Elev. 6288

Most of the mountainous area that can be seen from here, except 60 acres of private land and State Park on the summit, is part of the White Mountain National Forest. This 725,000 acre public property is managed for timber production, watershed protection, hunting and fishing, and outdoor recreation. Large tributaries of four major New England rivers rise here.

This is your National Forest to use and enjoy.

WHITE MOUNTAIN *National Forest*

Debbie & Ricky Keen, Randy & Mary Conklen, Angel & Teresa Rodriguez, Jim & Kathy Pinkerton, Brenda & Mike Keen, Mike & Retha Hopkins, Don & Chris Muskopf, Mike Denning & Kate May

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Blue Ridge Discoverys (Continued)



Fort Williams Lighthouse



Angel Rodriguez, Mike Denning, Kate May, Kathy Pinkerton, Mike Hopkins, Retha Hopkins, Teresa Rodriguez, Jim Pinkerton, Mary Conklen, Randy Conklen, Chris & Don Muskopf, Nancy & Mark Melliere



All photos courtesy of Jim Pinkerton

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Discovery California – Southwest Region VP



Southwest Region VP-
Discovery California
Jim Sullivan

The year 2021 is turning out to be an interesting year for Discovery California. We have had two rallies so far this year, the first one in March at the Chula Vista RV Resort (soon to be closed and moved), and at the end of April, we had a great rally in California Gold country at the Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne. Paul and Cheryl Stein will be hosting the long COVID delayed rally at Pechanga RV Resort the 7th through the 11th of November. There will be lots of activities ranging from a golf tournament, wine tasting, another Bill Pardini Cornhole Tournament, and a catered dinner.

California Discovery has, like all of you, been dealing with this pandemic and all of its issues but we are excited about 2022 and what it has in store for us. At the Pechanga rally we will be have our annual Membership meeting to elect new officers as well as plan activities for 2022.

On a different note, this will be my last Discovery Express article as Susan and I have sold our 2013 Discovery and we have on order some other brand (SOB). We are not sure when our new motorhome will arrive but we are hoping before November. As such, we can no longer hold a position in DOAI and someone will need to step up and replace us both in our roles as President and Event Coordinator in California Discovery, and as VP of the Southwest region of DOAI.

We became DOAI members after trading in our 2008 Discovery and purchasing a new 2013 Discovery. We attended Camp Discovery in 2014. Next thing you know, John Baker had pigeonholed Susan into starting a chapter in California. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since then. We had a great deal of help navigating the DOAI bureaucracy. Help came in many forms, most of it was positive as we weaved our way to starting our new chapter. Not long after assuming chapter president, John Baker worked his magic. The next thing you know, I was the VP of the Southwest. In 2019 at Camp Discovery, you would think by now I wouldn't be making this long trip, we were asked to run the 2019 National Rally. We had a lot to do in a very short amount of time. Lucky for us we had a great mentor, Maryann Cowell. Several chapters went way out of their way to help us weave our way to a successful rally in Pueblo.

The California chapter has evolved from a group of strangers sharing one common trait... owning a Discovery... to a group of close friends who anxiously look forward to our great rallies.



Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason Dixon Discoverys

All is well with the oldest chapter in the Southeast Region. We are on-track for a great Fall rally at a campground near Richmond, Virginia. We are approaching the best time of the year for camping and expect a large number of chapter members at the rally. If any of you are in the area you are welcome to join in. Click [HERE](#) for rally details.

A number of our members are making plans for the winter and for some, that means heading to where the sun shines and people don't own snow shovels. Having a home on wheels is a great blessing. If your health and finances allow, the highway can take you to adventures others only dream of. Happy travels!
Marshall



Chapter prez
Bruce Bruce

Florida Discovery Sunshiners

It was good seeing Bruce and Jody at the DOAI National Rally. Bruce had fallen from a ladder at home before attending the rally and was having shoulder problems. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Robert Orr

Webmaster

We regret that Robert had to cancel his trip to the DOAI National Rally. We hope to see him and Nikki in Seffner.

Region and DOAI—More than “Just” a Newsletter

Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: www.discoveryowners.com and you'll be taken to the DOAI website. There you will find links to:

Consolidated Rally Schedule
Helpful Contacts for Discovery Owners
DOAI Name Badge and Decal ordering information
Classified sale ads for Discoverys and
Discovery-related Items
Hints and Tips

DOAI Membership Sponsors
DOAI Information/Invitation for Non-Members
Application for DOAI Membership
National Rally information and registration form
Regional Rally information and registration form
and so much more

Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Midwest Discoverers



Chapter Prez
Chris Wooddell

Hello All:

The Midwest Discoverers Spring 2021 Rally was held in Dayton June 6th – 11th with 15 coaches in attendance. I would like to thank everyone who attended that made this rally a success, especially our first time attendees: Dean and Linda Millhouse, Gary and Nancy Klemmer, Bob and Azaile Mescher and Dave and Annette Roeth. Special thanks to co-hosts Rick and Linda Slagle, and Ed and Lisa Monnin for their work, including the food and breakfasts. New member Gary Klemmer also added his grilling prowess to help out.

Ohio reopened on June 2nd for most public places so we could go without masks to see the Museum of the US Air Force and Carillon Park, among other venues we visited. This included a very tasty buffet lunch at the Carillon Brewery with the head brewer explaining the brewing process and answering questions (also scoffing at us folks that drink light beer).

As you read, our fall rally in the Detroit area with the Skiffs and Hoopers our rally masters will be complete soon. Phil Skiff and John Hooper have some really great venues for the group: the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and Ford’s River Rouge Plant. Hopefully plans will not be altered due to COVID.

The rally is a sell out with 15 coaches in attendance. Unfortunately, there were two cancellations whose spots were taken. John and Maurice Fairweather have again fallen victim to US Northern border policy and are unable to enter the US from Canada. We will again miss you guys and hope to see you soon. Rick and Linda Slagle also had to cancel due to a medical issue, and we wish you well and a speedy recovery.

Safe Travels Chris



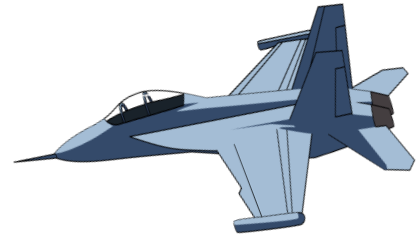
Les Whipple in front of helicopter at USAF Museum



Linda Warner (arm only), Dianne Wooddell, Marie Ricciardi, Chris Wooddell, Paul Ricciardi and Lucky Warner enjoying lunch at USAF Museum

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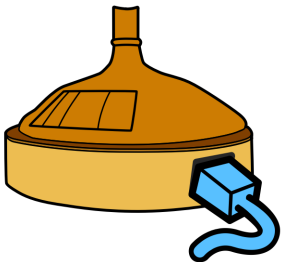
Midwest Discoverers (Continued)



Val Whipple, Carol and Rick Parton, Bob Stewart, Les Whipple and Jeanne Stewart at USAF Museum



Gordon and Andie Newlin, Linda Warner, Linda Slagle, Azile and Bob Mescher, Carol Parton, Nancy McKitrick, Rick Parton (Clockwise) enjoy meal and good times at Dayton KOA.



Lucky and Linda Warner and gang at Carillon Brewery.

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Midwest Discoverers listening to head brewer at Carillon Brewery tell us how beer is brewed and answer questions

Midwest Discoverers (Continued)



Ed and Lisa Monnin, Dave and Annette Roeth, Bob and Azile Mescher

Ready to eat at Carillon Brewery



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys

Greeting to all from the Northeast. Not much to report this quarter seeing that our rallies have been so sparse due to the pandemic problem. Even small gatherings have been tough to schedule - Seems the rules are always changing, However, I think we're going to see the light at the end of the tunnel soon.

Last fall our friends the Midwest Discoverers invited us to their rally in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Many thanks to them again for that. In May 2022 we plan to host them at our rally in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Dates and information will follow after the DOAI National Rally this fall. We hope our members and friends from Canada will be able to attend. They have been greatly missed over the last 18 months.

It was great to see all of you at the DOAI National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, at the end of September. Safe travels everyone! Bob



Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Discovery Texans

Our last Discovery Texans rally was in Fredericksburg, TX, with 25 rigs attending. We were happy to welcome new members Rob and Sue Puetz from Georgetown, TX. We had several changes to our Board of Directors. Our new Vice President is Cheryl Langley, and our Treasurer Becky Pless. Discovery Texans do not schedule summer rallies as most of the membership is out traveling during the summer. Many of the Discovery Texans attended the DOAI National Rally held in Sevierville, TN 20-26 September. We were glad to see old friends and make new ones at the national rally.

Chapter Prez
Linda Griffith

At my request our members sent me their pictures of themselves having fun on their summer travels so we could post them in the October newsletter. Please enjoy viewing them.

Our last rally for 2021 will be held November 10-13 departing the 14th at Wilderness Oaks RV Resort in Rockport, TX. The hosts for this rally will be Michael & Peggy Bingham and Fred & Daphne Reid.

For 2022: Our January 12-15 departing 16th will be held at Bushman's RV Park in Bullard, TX (Near Tyler, TX). The hosts will be Elliott & Susan Smith and Randy & Cheryl Langley.

If you are a DOAI member and going to be in our area, we always welcome you as guest to our rallies. Please find the Guest Rally Reservation on the DOAI website and mail it to our Treasurer, Becky Pless. The information is on the registration form. Please check with the RV park to make sure there are sites available.



Discovery Texans

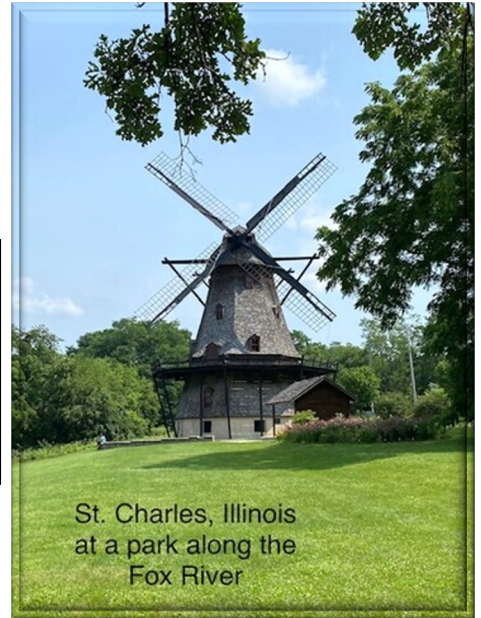
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Discovery Texans (Continued)



Big Red Lighthouse, Holland Michigan

Matt & Susan Cullen -
Summer travels



St. Charles, Illinois
at a park along the
Fox River



Randy & Cheryl Langley
Lakeside, Colorado
Summer Vacation



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Discovery Texans (Continued)



More of Randy & Cheryl Langley



Chris & Betsy Savage's "D"
under the rainbow



Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

Northwest Adventurer

Our NWA 2022 National Rally planning committee held a mini rally in Gillette, Wyoming, 29 through 31 August. We were trying to wrap up some loose ends on our travel to the 2021 National Rally in Sevierville.

In attendance were Gale and Linda Culbertson, Al and Donna Etue and Terri and Glenn Magnuson.



Our three D's and an SOB belonging to friends

PLANNING



Region and Chapter Reports (Continued)

Ozarks Discovery



Chapter prez
Randy Conklen

Fall is fast approaching, and Labor Day is just a few days away. We are still battling the COVID pandemic, with a resurgence of the Delta virus. Kids are returning to school, and hopefully they will be able to maintain in-person learning by wearing masks, as most parents and grandparents found that remote learning was quite challenging.

After our spring rally in St Louis, the Ozarks Discovery chapter did not have any official planned activities over the summer months, but still plan to hold a rally in Hutchison, Kansas, September 30th thru October 3rd, 2021. If members have not signed up and/or made reservations, but are still interested, please contact Randy Conklen.

Two years ago, a group of friends planned a trip up through the New England states. This trip was to occur in the fall of 2020, but because of the pandemic, the trip was postponed until August of 2021. There are 12 coaches, friends from the Blue Ridge Chapter and the Ozarks Discovery Chapter traveling together, starting in Indianapolis, Indiana, going up through Homerville, OH, Niagara Falls, NY, Herkimer, NY, White River Junction, VT, New Hampton, NH, Trenton, ME, Wells, ME, Foxboro, MA, and North Stonington, CT, which ended the planned trip. Traveling together were Don and Chris Muskopf, Jim and Kathy Pinkerton, Randy and Mary Conklen, Ricky and Debbie Keen, Mike and Brenda Keen, Bob and Kelly Counter, Angel and Teresa Rodriguez, Mike and Retha Hopkins, Mike Denning and Kate May, Harry and Linda Terrill, Mike Weiher and Lela Steiber. Mark and Nancy Melliere began traveling with the group, but had to leave early due to work responsibilities. Randy and Karen Kemp joined the group on the last leg of the trip. Several of the group continued on a post rally trip through Plattekill, NY, Elizabethtown, PA, and Natural Bridge Station, VA, before heading south to Sevierville, TN for the National DOAI Rally, September 20th through the 26th.

Special thanks to Don and Chris Muskopf who planned and organized the trip. They spent a lot of time and numerous hours finding accommodations for such a large group. The trip was a huge success due to their efforts! Thanks also to Karen Kemp who made up an itinerary book, complete with directions to each stop, and a list of things to do in the surrounding areas.



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(Photos courtesy of Debbie Keen)

Debbie Homard-Keen, Secretary Ozark Discovery

We are glad to return to seeing everyone again and having chapter meetings. We had a great rally at St Charles, Missouri, in June, outside of St. Louis. We had 9 coaches attend. We toured the Budweiser Brewery and also the farm where they keep some of the Clydesdales. Wow they are Big.

Five Ozark coaches and seven Blue Ridge coaches toured the New England states for two months. What a great time we had and enjoyed meeting new Discovery owners—and of course we ate lots of lobsters.

We had 10 coaches attend the DOAI rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, in September, and we had a wonderful time with 89 other coaches. A Big thank you to the Blue Ridge Chapter who hosted the rally. If you are ever in the Sevierville area, The Ridge Outdoor RV Resort is a beautiful park in which to stay.

Three coaches left the DOAI rally and headed to Hutchinson, Kansas, for a small chapter rally where two other coaches will meet up with us. We have planned to tour the Salt Mines in Hutchinson on Friday.

We have two rallies scheduled for 2022, one a rolling rally starting in Nashville, Tennessee, and ending in Memphis in May (details pending), and one in Springdale, Arkansas, 13-16 October 2022 (details pending) to attend the War Angle Craft Show. We are looking forward to 2022 rallies and seeing old friends and meeting new Discovery owners.



North Central Region Vice President - NC



Chapter prez
Bruce Plumb

The National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, was a huge success! We had a total of 99 coach families and the best food of any rally I have attended.

The North Central Region was well represented by both of our chapters, the Midwest Discoverers and the Ozarks Discovery. Both chapters continue to thrive with good leadership and two chapter rallies each year. In addition to rallies, several members travel together at various times throughout the year.

I will mention 2021 is my last year as North Central VP (bylaws limit officers to two terms of 2 years). I love living in the Midwest and it has been a privilege to be involved with the members.



Caring for our Family



Linda Griffith
Caring for our Family

Please remember Harry Bruton in your prayers as he is going through cancer treatment for cancer of the mouth.

Chris Savage needs our prayers also. He has been diagnosed with Squamous cell carcinoma. He has had surgery and will be followed by cancer treatment.

Michael and Karen McCarten are both in chemo treatment for their different types of cancer. Please pray for their recovery.

Also please keep Felesha Baker in your prayers as she has been suffering from back pain and several surgeries on her back.

Loret Ross had a heart surgery that was successful but has left a damaged nerve that is causing his voice to not be above a whisper. He is going to a specialist to see what can be done to restore his voice. Please pray for his recovery.

On 15 September Jerry Pruyne had a heart bypass as a result of a heart attack two weeks earlier and recovery is going well.

Blue Ridge Discoverys has experienced two deaths recently. Robert "Bob" Allen who was laid to rest on 10 September and Murray A. "Sonny" Blackwell who went to the Lord on 11 September. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Whenever you or a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or has died, please send me an email at: doaimembership@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB



Jeanne Stewart

Hey Readers, our book selection for September National Rally was Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate.

Our book discussion was held at the DOAI National Rally on Wednesday, September 22nd, and there was a great turn out. One reader, Diana Blaher, downloaded the book on her phone to read while assisting in registration for the book club. Way to go Diana!

It was good seeing our many Discovery owner friends Jeanne



FIRST TIMER COMMENTS

Karen and Ray Conkin

First, Karen and I would like to thank everyone at the rally for making us feel right at home. Every single person we met was great and we got so much more out of the rally than either of us could have imagined. Those that we didn't get to meet on this trip, we consider you friends that we just haven't met yet.

Even though we've owned 5ers (5th wheels) for 15 years, we had never attended a rally and was not sure of what to expect. I thought I would learn some about our Discovery as it is much more complicated than our 5ers were and can be intimidating at times. I learned a lot about our coach in the seminars and just conversing with other members. More than that, we feel like we made life long friendships with many people. Happy hour, dinners and entertainment were 1st class and you can tell that a lot of hard work went into these by members that are very active. We learned about the full-timing lifestyle and received a lot of good advice that will help us make decisions in what we want to do when we retire. It opened our eyes to decisions we can make between now and our retirement date that will make the transition easier.

If you have never attended a rally, I would highly recommend attending one of the DOAI rallies whether it is the national or a regional one. I guarantee you that you won't be disappointed. As the speakers that gave the seminars said, they don't have all the answers. However, with all the knowledge in the room, chances are someone does have the answer. We plan on attending every one that we can as our work schedule allows.

We both know that we will not own anything but a Discovery in the future. Our plans are to modify our "D" to meet our needs and wants, however, if we do trade, it would definitely be another Discovery. Thanks to everyone for making us feel welcome and we are looking forward to being a part of the DOAI family for many years to come.



Welcome to all our First Timers at the DOAI National Rally. We hope to see you all at the Fleetwood Motor Home (FMA) rally in Webster, Florida. This 16th Annual "[Friends First Rally](#)" is 25-29 January 2022 at Oak Alley Luxury RV Resort in Webster. The next week please plan on attending "Camp Discovery" at the [Southeast Region Rally](#)" (31 Jan-6 Feb) in Seffner which is about an hour from Webster.

2021 Calendar of

Important Dates

Newsletter deadlines include reports from all executive officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections. Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

JANUARY 2021

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2021 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent
- 25-31— **Cancelled** Southeast Region Rally, Seffner, FL
- 29 and 31 –**Cancelled** BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2021 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

MARCH 2021

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for April issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for previous year's financial and audit reports to Editor

APRIL 2021

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2021

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2020 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2021

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2022 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2021 National Rally to Editor

JULY 2021

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2021

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2022 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- 23 – **Deadline** to register for 2021 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 20-26 - 2021 National Rally The Ridge Outdoor Resort Sevierville, TN.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2022 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting

OCTOBER 2021

- 1 – October *Discovery Express* published
- 6 – DOAI insurance policy and surety bond expires

NOVEMBER 2021**DECEMBER 2021**

- 1 – Rally Master of 2022 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2022 budget to Editor

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