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## From the President



Dick Tracy

Our DOAI software improvement team I wrote about in our last newsletter continues to make progress on implementing DOAI’s new on-line environment and barring unforeseen problems, you may have already had the opportunity to set up your account for taking advantage of and using our new system. As I previously said, this software package will bring much needed improvements to our DOAI processes for membership, record keeping (including your own DOAI records), and communications. I encourage everyone to read Mel’s article elsewhere in this issue of your DOAI Newsletter. I thank all of the team for their dedication and hard work. And, as you will see in Mel’s article, there is still much work in bringing over the remainder of our existing information that the team will continue to work on.

By the time you read this, our yearly DOAI National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio, will be in the history books. I expect that while our total number of coaches was less than many previous years, a great time will have been had by all of us who were there. I extend a very hearty “thank you” to the Noreaster Discoverys and the Midwest Discoverers for hosting and putting on a great rally. I know that I will have had a great time at the rally and will appreciate getting to see and talk with those who were there.

It will soon be time for our DOAI elections and I ask that you watch for information that will be coming your way concerning the slate of officers for our National DOAI Board. We are attempting to stagger the terms for some of the offices so that not all of them will be up for re-election at the same time and thus provide more continuity within your Board of Directors. Several of our Regional VP’s have agreed to extend for one year to allow for this change.

I hope each and every DOAI member is able to take advantage of the opportunity to get out and travel in your Discovery, sharing the road with your fellow DOAI members! Also remember that if you are not already a member of one of our DOAI Chapters, consider joining one, or even forming another chapter in an area that does not have one. Be aware that you may belong to more than one DOAI chapter. You may find chapter information on your DOAI web site [www.DiscoveryOwners.com](http://www.DiscoveryOwners.com).

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Fred Jecks

## National Rally Master

Many thanks to the Northeast and North Central Region Chapters for hosting a terrific and fun National Rally at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio. Several dinners and nightly entertainment were included for this rally. A few attendees took advantage of including a stop at REV before or after attending the rally.

Focus is now turning to the Mason-Dixon Chapter for hosting next year's Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) at [Red Oaks RV Resort](#) in Bushnell, FL., January 29 to February 4, 2024. This is the first time for Camp Discovery at a location other than Lazydays. I think everyone attending will find the sites are much larger and easier to get in and out of than Lazydays. A disadvantage might be that the large Rally Center is a distance from the RV sites so some form of transportation is desirable. There is plenty of parking at the Rally Center.

Camp Discovery is largely a technical rally with many seminars discussing the many systems on your Discovery. There is so much information presented at this rally, many members return every year for a refresher and fun. There will also be other seminars that are not technical, as well as many dinners and entertainment and fun for all. Preparations are well underway, and the registration is online through our DOAI website. Registration cutoff will be December 29, 2023. Get your registration filled out early as there is a limited number of sites (77) available.

As you are making your next year's travel plans, next year's National Rally will be held at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center in Shawnee, OK, October 14-20, 2024. The South Central Chapter is hosting and already making preparations and planning.

Save these rally dates on your calendars and I hope to see you there. Safe travels everyone. *Fred Jecks*



Cindy Welch

## Secretary

Hello All,

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Ohio. Please don't forget to read the National Rally Book Club selection for this rally entitled, "Missie The Life and Times of Annie Oakley," by Annie Fern Swartwout. It's a great read.

I'm sure after reading this book, you will enjoy her museum.

Safe Travels to all  
Cindy



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## Vice President of Development

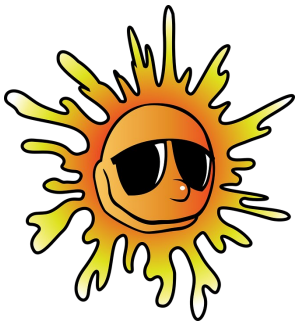


John Baker

We really have had the opportunity to test our air conditioners this summer! I hope yours performed well but I am sure some of them did not. One of mine was down before the record heat wave played havoc on them. (Fortunately I had already made fixes on both of the stix-and-brix units. But I digress.) Unfortunately, Felesa and I have not been on the road at all due to her health issues, so one failed unit was way down on my worry list.

Cooler weather is in the offing soon so if you haven't been on the road, get ready! By the time you read this, the National Rally will be well underway, if not already completed. But fear not, the next Southeast Rally is on the horizon for January 29 at [Red Oak RV Resort](#), 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL. This is a new location for us, replacing Lazydays. It will be a great opportunity to take in the technical seminars and find new ways to keep your "D" humming.

You likely know by now the DOAI website and "io groups" are being replaced with a brand-new up-to-date website hosted by ClubExpress. Mel Pless has led a small group of volunteers in developing input and making decisions for the implementation. We owe all of them a **HUGE** debt of gratitude for their hard work. There will be a learning curve, but it is **REALLY** a great addition to our organization. Club Express provides technical assistance when needed, so don't hesitate to ring their chimes. Much more detail is located elsewhere in this newsletter.



### DOAI—More than "Just" A Newsletter

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

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 Helpful Contacts for Discovery Owners  
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 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 ...

## Membership Coordinators



Linda Griffith  
(Photo not available  
for Le Brightman)

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please welcome our **New 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. Print out the DOAI Membership Application and carry a few in your coach for referrals. Please ask them to **List Your Name** on their application so we know who to give the credit to. We have had lots of referrals this year that only states "Another Discovery Owner."

### June. 2023:

Keith & Jane Grasso / Pilot Point, TX  
Jason & Molly Sandin / Southlake, TX  
Gordon & Leah Gray / Thornton, CO  
George & Judy Dilts / Stuart, FL  
Joel & Mary Fulcher / League City / TX  
J. C. & Maria Rodriguez / Daytona Beach / FL  
Ross & Suzanne McGowan / Santa Margarita / CA  
Tim & Cindy Hill / Saint Charles, MO  
Mike Hastings / Phoenix, AZ  
Mike Thompson / Heber, UT  
Mike & Lisa Hodapp / Little Rock, AR  
Bill & Sharon Branzell / Altoona, WI  
Rick Touchstone / El Paso, TX

### August 2023:

David & Jennifer Pyeatt / Hobbs, NM  
Corey & Tonya Lipsey / Pipe Creek, TX  
Michael & Brenna Rucker / Valencia, CA  
Bradley & Rachael Engelbarts / Saint Marys, GA  
Jeff Walters / Sterling, VA  
Rick & Christy Englert / South Lyon, MI  
Todd & Nancy Snyder / Inwood, WV  
Scott & Wendy Taylor / Draper, UT  
Paul & Christina Bubak / Newark, TX  
Orest Smith / Bellvue, CO  
Brad & Leslie Hendricks / Whithouse, OH  
Paul & Sharon Meyer / Marysville, OH  
Aaron & Melissa Steffey / Nickelsville, VA

### July 2023

Wade & Teresa Palmer / Bend, OR  
Ben & Veniamin Goreelly / Simpsonville, SC  
Thomas Whitman / Brunswick, GA  
Mariusz Bielawski / Shelby Twp, MI  
Dennis Hoinig / Hilton Head Island, SC  
Oli Smith / East Sussex, UK  
Mitch & Teresa Bogrand / Sequim, WA  
Tim & Alice Wapinsky / Auburn, PA  
Skeet & Bonnie Lathrop / Bushnell, FL  
Gus Harvey & Cindy Atchley / Sand Springs, OK  
Robert & Jeanette Manning / Cocoa Beach, FL  
Steven & Karil Stohlman / Garfield Hts, OH



## Region Reports

### North Central Region Vice President



Mel Pless and host another memorable National Rally. We appreciate what you have done to make this a successful Rally.

Also, by the time you read this edition of the newsletter, the **NEW** DOAI online environment should be up and running. Hopefully everyone has taken time to setup your account and look around the new site. The new all-inclusive environment should serve DOAI's needs for some time.

I want to thank everyone who was involved with building this new environment, especially the committee members that devoted months and months of time putting everything in place. When you see one of the members, please be sure to thank them for all their hard work. The committee members are Mel Pless, Linda Griffith, Al de Haas, Ted Howe and Robert Orr. There were also many more people who helped out along the way. We could not have gotten to this point without your help. Thank you also goes to the DOAI Board of Directors for approving the project. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

Since I am writing this article a few months before it is published, I do not know the exact state of the new environment. We anticipate there will be several areas that will continue to be worked on after the **Go Live** date. For example, there are hundreds of Hints & Tips documents that need to be organized and loaded into the new system but know that these will be included as soon as possible. The existing groups.io Technical and Lifestyles groups will be deactivated, and the data will be added as archived forums at some point. These two projects will take time to complete but are part of the overall plan. Plus, stay tuned for a mobile app to be published sometime after the new site is online!

Please note, we have created a special forum, *Comments/Suggestions about ClubExpress*, where you can provide comments/suggestions for how to enhance and improve the environment going forward. Please be sure to provide your feedback. This site is for every DOAI member's benefit and can only improve with your support.

In other news to report, in the coming months look for information about the 2024 DOAI National Rally in Shawnee, OK. The **Discovery In The Fall** rally will be hosted by the Discovery Texans chapter and is scheduled from Monday, October 14, 2024 thru Sunday, October 20, 2024. Mark your calendars now! We hope to see you there.

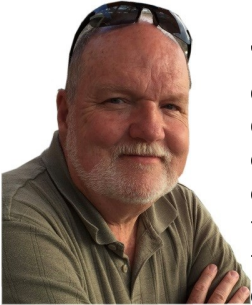
You may contact me at [mpless@pless.org](mailto:mpless@pless.org) or (713) 822-6879 if you have any questions.

Have a great day!

Mel

## Region Reports Continued

### North Central Region Vice President



Gary Klemmer VP

The Midwest and Northeast Chapters, along with myself, would like to be the first to welcome you to the upcoming DOAI Fall National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds. We are excited that you have registered for this event and are looking forward to meeting everyone over the week long gathering. I know Phil has spent a lot of his time and lined up a number of vendors that will showcase their wares, Russ has spent countless hours working closely with the fairgrounds to arrange all the buildings, sites and being the to “go to person” for the committee chairs that have planed some very interesting activities. The women of both chapters have been busy looking and booking stops and onsite activities for the wives to visit while some of the husbands attend the technical sessions that Kerry has diligently put together to educate many on how to maintain and fix some of the things that break or die.

There is a wealth of technical information that Kerry and others have gathered that have been so helpful to others in need over the years. This will be a great experience for the first timers attending this rally, and by the way, we have 22 first timers attending which is very exciting, so make sure all the long time members take time out of their busy days to track these individuals down and become “one” of their new DOAI friends. I know that when we all attended our first DOAI rally how welcome we felt when meeting longer term members, most of those have become lifetime friends.

The schedule for the rally is full with activities during the day, and the evenings bring bingo, time for games and cards, live music, Happy Hour, and a pot luck dinner together. I don’t know of a better way to spend a week with old and new friends.

There are a lot of folks on different committees from both the Midwest and Northeast Chapters (and some from other chapters) have worked hard making this event seamless and an enjoyable rally. You will meet most of them during your time in Ohio, but just in case we all will be wearing the same colored shirt during the rally. Feel free to stop them if you have any questions during your stay, or just to be added to your friend list. Stop them to give recommendations for future rallies, to get more information on their chapters, and most of all stop them to say **Thank You** for all the time they dedicated to making this rally a success.

Over the next few weeks, I will be sending out additional emails to give directions and procedure to get to your site at the fairground, along with the schedule and vendor list that Phil has been working on for the last six months. Also to advise you of any odds and ends that might come up that will make your visit with every-one easier and more enjoyable.

A note for everyone coming, this fairgrounds is large, but was designed long before rallies with large groups booked a large number of sites. The water faucet is located at the back wall area of each site row and one faucet provides water to more than one site. You might need to bring along an extra length of water hose due to the distance from the back of the coach to the faucet area. Also the sewer caps are not always located close to back of the coach, so again you might want to make sure you have an extra length of sewer hose. Concern here is that if a number of folks don’t have enough hose to make it to either the water or sewer, the local stores most likely will only have enough to fill the needs of just a few campers, and the rest will be out of luck, so make a note on the list you are building of what to take to the rally includes both items. If you have a spare 2 or 3 way water splitter, you might want to add that to your list for water faucet as many sites more than two coaches could be using the same faucet.

If you have any questions about the rally, please feel free to [email](mailto:gaklem@comcast.net) me as your question and answer might be of interest to others attending. Gary Klemmer, [gaklem@comcast.net](mailto:gaklem@comcast.net) or [klemmerg70@gmail.com](mailto:klemmerg70@gmail.com)

## CHAPTER REPORTS



Chapter prez  
Bob Stewart

### Noreaster Discoverys

September? Where did summer go? Seems that time slips away so quickly. But we still have so much to explore, friends to visit, and things to cross off the bucket list before we winterize our Discoverys. By time you read this, you'll have already been to the National DOAI rally in Greenville, Ohio. We the Noreasters, along with our cohorts, the Midwest Discoverers, put in a lot of time getting it together, and we hope it was a great time as well as a learning experience.

Thanks to all, especially Russ and Pat Baldwin, who lead our whole staff putting on this rally. It was an experience to say the least.

Now things are moving toward 2024 and planning our next years events. First, the Southeast Regional Rally, in Bushnell, Florida, and a new venue this year to look forward to. Spring rally next year, for the Noreasters, will be June 2nd through June 8, 2024. We'll be at the Swan Bay RV resort and Marina in Alexandria Bay, New York. Lots to see in the Thousand Islands. We are planning a St. Lawrence River cruise, Boldt Castle, Antique Boat Museum and many wineries to name a few of the activities. More info and registration forms to be out soon, so circle these dates on the calendar. That's about it for now, enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

Bob Stewart





Mike Hopkins

## Blue Ridge Discoverys

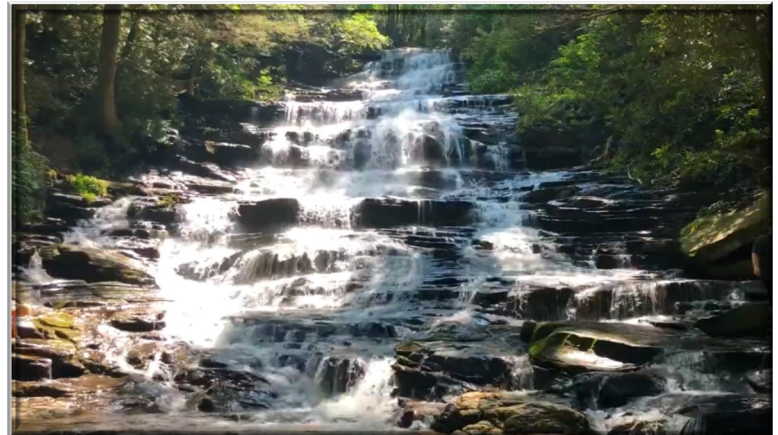
Our next chapter rally is going to be held just after the national rally. We will be enjoying the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area from September 25 through 29. Our rally park is the Holiday Travel Park in Rossville, Georgia, just a stone's throw from the state border. We are planning on several catered meals, as well as a group outing to visit the Chattanooga Aquarium. Make your reservations at the RV park now, and let them know you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys to get the group discount. Their number is 800-693-2877.

The BRD Rally Calendar for 2024 has been filled. We will hold our spring rally May 5 through 11 at the [Talona Ridge RV Resort](#) in the apple capital of Georgia. The resort is located in East Ellijay, and we will be enjoying nearby attractions that include a train excursion through the Blue Ridge Mountains, a theatrical play, interesting boutique shopping, hiking and waterfall touring, and of course sampling the wines of the area.

Our fall rally will be held at the [Spring Lake RV Resort](#) in Crossville, Tennessee, on September 23 through 28, 2024. Crossville is the golf capital of Tennessee.

Anyone who is a member in DOAI is welcome at any Blue Ridge rally. We hope to see you at one soon!

# Fall

[Talona Ridge RV Resort](#)[Spring Lake RV Resort](#)

# Rally





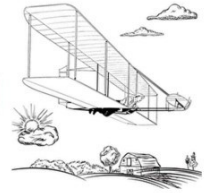
Chapter Prez  
Phil Skiff

## Midwest Discoverers

Greetings from the Midwest Discoverers.

It's hard to believe it's already here—the 25th Anniversary DOAI National Rally.

The venue, vendors, sponsors, seminars, meals, outings, entertainment, and everything else is in place. I want to give a big shout-out to all the Midwest and Nor'Easter Chapter members who have worked tirelessly to make this a great rally. Russ and Pat Balwin, our Rally Masters, have thoroughly invested themselves in every detail. Both chapters gave up chapter spring and fall rallies to work on the national. Thank you all.



We are looking forward to seeing you at the rally in Greenville, Ohio. A big welcome to all of the first-timers we'll have there this year!

The Midwest Discoverers chapter is open to all [DOAI](#) members who frequent this area. We have associates from as far away as Florida and Canada. We plan at least two chapter rallies each year plus some “ad-hoc” weekend getaways. We'd love to have you join us. There's rally information and a membership application on our chapter page of the [DOAI](#) website. We wish you all safe travels until we see you soon!

Phil

### 2023 DOAI National Rally DOAI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Darke County Fairgrounds  
Greenville, Ohio  
September 18 – 24, 2023

# Ohio, So Much to Discover



Dan Pophin, President

## Mason-Dixon Discoverys

The Mason-Dixon Discoverys Chapter is continuing to plan for the 2024 DOAI Southeast Region Rally and Camp Discovery. This Rally will be a little more challenging this year in that Lazydays has closed its RV Resort and there is no known date for reopening. Therefore, the 2024 SE Region Rally will be at [Red Oaks RV Resort](#) in Bushnell FL. Rally information and the registration form can be found online at the [DOAI](#) website under the **Next Rally link**. You will need to make reservations at [Red Oaks RV Resort](#) as well and complete the online registration for

DOAI activities and meals. As of the end of August, we have 29 coaches registered to attend the rally and Camp Discovery.

The chapter's Fall Rally is scheduled for October 5-8 at the [Holiday Trav-L-Park](#) in Virginia Beach, VA. Contact number for reservations is (757) 425-0249. We will be using this rally to complete our final planning for the 2024 SE Rally. Our Spring 2024 Rally is planned for [Old Mill Stream Campground](#) in Lancaster, PA. Marshall Godwin has reserved a set of tickets at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. The show this year is entitled "Daniel". Daniel is a Broadway quality show and well worth the price. If you plan to attend the show, please let [Marshall](#) know, email is [marshall@megodwin.com](mailto:marshall@megodwin.com). Contact old Mill Stream Campground, (717) 299-2314 to reserve your site. Tell them you are with the Mason-Dixon Chapter Rally and would like one of the sites set aside for the Rally. Additional details are posted on the chapter rally page of the DOAI website. Any DOAI member is invited to attend our rallies.

Hope to see you at the National Rally in Greenville, OH.

## 2024 Southeast Region Rally

The 2024 DOAI Southeast Region Rally will be held at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, FL. Arrival date is Monday, January 29th, 2024, with a departure date of Sunday, February 4th. This major rally is open to all DOAI members. It includes both Technical and Non-technical activities. The technical track is based on the highly regarded Camp Discovery series of seminars. This year Camp Discovery had 21 technical seminars on various systems in the Discoverys. The non-technical track includes general RV lifestyle seminars, and some technical seminars oriented for the co-pilots, crafts, and activities.

This six-night rally will have four catered meals plus one potluck dinner. We will have RV related vendors during Vendor Day, a Golf outing, and entertainment. The nearby General RV dealer will host rally attendees for lunch and the opportunity to tour new Discovery motorhomes. They plan to bring the RVs to Red Oaks along with Food Trucks.

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## Mason-Dixon Discoverys Continued

We are using an on-line registration for the DOAI portion for this rally, and you will be paying the DOAI Rally fee portion by check. Instructions for payment will be on the on-line form. The DOAI portion is currently \$152.50 per person. If you need a copy of the Camp Discovery notebook there is an additional cost of \$30. We are also in the planning stages of Co-Pilot seminars/crafts/tours. The Co-Pilot notebook will be free this year and the cost of crafts and tours will be at your expense. Notebooks contain a copy of all presentation material for note taking and reference. Notebooks are highly recommended for first-time Camp Discovery attendees or those who have not recently attended. Here is the link to where you can find the on-line registration, Upcoming [DOAI Rallies](https://discoveryowners.com) ([discoveryowners.com](https://discoveryowners.com)).

Those attending the rally must also call [Red Oaks](https://redoaksrv.com) directly at (352) 793-7117 to register with the campground. The cost for the campground portion is \$210.00 and if you want to arrive early or extend your stay, the cost is \$35.00 per day, and this rate is good for 2 days before the rally and 2 days after the rally. Let them know you are attending the Discovery Owners Rally and if you are a first-time attendee, please let them know that when you make your reservations. You will pay Red Oaks RV Resort for camping only. Their cancellation policy is on the on-line registration form. It is 45 days before your arrival. We suggest you make a call to Red Oaks as soon as possible. They have set aside 77 sites for the rally until January 15, 2024. If you register after that date, call Red Oaks first to see if a site is available. For those members who are staying in a campground/resort close to Red Oaks and do not want to move their coach we are offering day passes to all of the events. The day passes are on the on-line registration.

The 2024 DOAI SE Region Rally truly has something for everyone. The technical information exchange is unlike what you can find anywhere. It is a great way for new Discovery owners to quickly gain detailed information regarding key systems and equipment in their coach. The seminars are focused on Discovery coaches with model-year specific information. For those who are not interested in the technical side of the RV adventure, you will have a great variety of non-technical options daily. There will be a Co-Pilot set of seminars that are both technical and non-technical but not at the level of the Pilot Technical seminars. We want this to be a fun-filled time for everyone.

The Rally Master, Dan Pophin, and all members of the host chapter, Mason-Dixon Discoverys, are working hard to make this an outstanding experience for you. **Take the leap today**, sign up now to be a part of **Brewing Up Some Discovery Fun!**





President  
Linda Griffith

## Discovery Texans

It has been one of the hottest summers in Texas that I can remember. We set lots of new record high temperatures (109F) as I am sure many other states did also. We are so ready for cooler temperatures. Discovery Texans membership (DT) traveled all summer looking for cooler weather to enjoy. Lots of our DT members traveled to Ohio in September for the National Rally. We had 21 rigs registered for the 2023 National Rally. A Big Thank You to all the DOAI members that trekked to Ohio in support of the National Rally. We always look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends with the New DOAI Members attending their first National rally.

Discovery Texans will be hosting the 2024 National rally at the Shawnee Expo Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma which is centrally located for ease of travel from all over the USA. It is a huge event center with lots of perks. We are already preparing for an awesome rally. The theme will be “Discovery in the Fall” since the National Rally will be held in October. The weather should be perfect! More information will be published in subsequent Newsletters.

We are looking forward to our next rally being held in Abilene, Texas in November. In January we will be at [River View RV Park & Resort](#) in Vidalia, Louisiana, which happens to be on the way to Camp discovery in Bushnell, Florida. We appreciate our rally master, Mel Pless for all his hard work in planning and booking our rallies. We are a large rally group, so it is not always easy to find RV parks large enough to give us at least 30 sites and to have a rally hall with a full kitchen. If you are traveling through and we are holding one of our club rallies, please contact one of our club officers to get you registered to join us.

### Follows is a list of our scheduled rallies

**2023:**

November 8-11 (depart 12th)      Whistle stop RV Park      Abilene, Texas

**2024:**

January 17-20 (depart 21 <sup>st</sup> )	River View RV Park	Vidalia, Louisiana
Jan. 29 – Feb 3 (depart 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Red Oaks RV Park	Bushnell, Florida
March 17-20 (depart 21 <sup>st</sup> )	Heart of Oklahoma Expo	Shawnee, Oklahoma
May 8-11 (depart 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Lagoon RV Resort	Rockport, Texas
November 6-9 (depart 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Vineyards of Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg, Texas



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Don & Linda Griffith with Randy & Cheryl Langley  
Linda's birthday cruise out of Galveston, Texas

## Discovery Texans Continued



JR & Kim Reyna at Munising Falls in Michigan

# MONTANO

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JR & Kim Reyna at Gooseberry Falls State Park Minnesota on the Shores of Lake Superior

Glenn Magnuson hanging out with the Blue Angels in Billings, Montana. Very Cool Glenn!



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## Discovery Texans Continued



JR & Kim Reyna with daughter Aurora Reyna  
Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau, Alaska



Ken & Pat Docekal with Daisy Docekal and Randy & Cheryl  
Langley Spending time keeping cool in Arrowhead, Colorado

# Alaska



JR & Kim Reyna in Seward, Alaska on helicopter tour



Noel & Rhoda Montgomery celebrating Noel's Birthday at an  
Astros game at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas





Jeanne Stewart

## Book Club

From the Book Lady

Hopefully, I will have seen many of you in Greenville, and thankfully the National Rally will also be over! Whew, what an undertaking. So, I will be hosting book club for the Southeast regional meeting hosted by the Mason–Dixon Discoverys’ chapter in Bushnell, Florida, January 2024. It seems like a long ways off, but time flies....

If you have any suggestions, please text or e-mail me. I know there are many good books out there waiting to be read! There’s bad ones too, and I’ve read those. I try to focus on historical fiction based on the area, but maybe this time as the Mason-Dixon chapter is hosting, you might have a book to recommend from that area.

Keep reading, safe travels,

Jeanne Stewart

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

The **DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC** is a non-profit organization. **DOAI** was formed to promote the sharing of information and the camaraderie of fellow Discovery motorhome owners. Full, voting membership in the club is limited to owners of Fleetwood Discovery motorhomes.

**Membership Classifications & Dues Schedules (payable in U.S. funds only):**

**Full New Member** – A private individual owning a Discovery motor home. **Dues: \$16** for one year; **\$45** for three years; **\$75** for 5 years.

**Full Renewal Member** – A current Full Member. **Dues: \$16** for one year; **\$45** for 3 years; **\$75** for 5 years.

**Commercial Member** – A Discovery dealer, RV campground / resort or an RV-related for-profit business. Dues: **\$20** per year or **\$75** for five years.

**Questions?** Call the DOAI Membership Coordinator toll-free (888) 594-6818. You may also join or renew online at [www.discoveryowners.com](http://www.discoveryowners.com).

**Please** complete the form below (items in **bold** are required for full members) and mail it with your check payable to Discovery Owners Association, Inc. to:

**Linda Griffith, DOAI Membership Coordinator**  
**P.O. Box 321**  
**Hallettsville, TX 77964-0321**

**Pilot Information:**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ This email address will be enrolled in the DOAI Technical eGroup. You can opt out or change email delivery options at any time.

**Co-Pilot Information:**

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ This email address will be enrolled in the DOAI Lifestyle eGroup. You can opt out or change email delivery options at any time.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State / Province:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip / Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph. ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph. ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot's Cell Ph. ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**Discovery Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Discovery Model** (37U, 40X, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

If desired, additional email address for the DOAI Technical eGroup: \_\_\_\_\_

If desired, additional email address for DOAI Lifestyle eGroup: \_\_\_\_\_

State / Province where you home base (if different from your mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by (please select one):

- DOAI Website     Current DOAI Member     RV Dealer     RV Bulletin Board
- Facebook®     Ads / Magazine     Fleetwood / REV Group     Other

If "Other" explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring "Current DOAI Member", if known: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 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 (2022 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.*

### JANUARY 2023

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2023 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

### January 2023

- 30-Feb.5—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL
- TBD–BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

### FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2023 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 2023

- 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 2023

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

### MAY 2023

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2022 tax return with IRS

### JUNE 2023

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2023 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 2023 National Rally to Editor

### JULY 2023

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

### AUGUST 2023

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2024 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2023 National Rally

### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 5-11 2022 National Rally CamPlex Gillette, Wyoming.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2023 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting
- 2023 National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio from September 18-24

### OCTOBER 2023

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

### NOVEMBER 2023

### DECEMBER 2023

- 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 2023 budget to Editor

## October 2023 DOAI DIRECTORY

### Board of Directors, Chapters, Standing Committees, Other

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS/VOTING

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