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C'mon Home to Indiana for the Rally!

Last call for all DOAI members to join together in Goshen to celebrate DOAI's Tenth anniversary. Here are some enticements for you to attend, and there are more inside this issue. Check 'em out, fill out the registration form, write that check, and send them in.

Food and Faith

You'll eat hearty beginning with a welcome party with dinner, followed later in the week by three full breakfasts and three dinners! Before we head home the following Sunday, we'll have a non-denominational worship service.

Tours and Seminars

Three days of tours starts off the week, and the variety of sights to see and things to do will leave you satisfied. Three trips to tour the Fleetwood Discovery factory in Decatur are offered, plus daylong tours of Amish country, University of Notre Dame, Studebaker Museum, and a golf tournament. Dinner and entertainment outings are offered on two evenings. Vendors will be providing seminars throughout the week, with helpful information for all those who attend. See the Spring 2008 issue of this newsletter, beginning on **page 19**, for full details, or visit DOAI's Web site at www.discoveryowners.com.



This is not a tour bus

Entertainment

Check out these super acts: *Dave & Daphne Show*, featuring the beautiful vocals of Daphne, and the exciting instrumentals of Dave. This duo has performed for RV rallies and resorts across the country, and they will lead the Sunday worship service as well.



Dave & Daphne

And get ready to whistle and shout for *New Odyssey*, a three-man extravaganza you have to see to believe. Between them, they play more than 30 instruments, using dynamic arrangements and original comedy. They'll bring down the house.



New Odyssey

A third night of entertainment is planned, but the act was still to be chosen at time of publication.

And That Ain't All, Folks...

Look inside for details on entertainment, Red Hat Society tea, ice cream social, and more, beginning on **page 4**.

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DOAI Badge



Badge with pin back (with or without two holes)*	\$5.00
Badge with magnet back (with or without two holes)*	\$6.00
Bolo tie (specify black or white)	\$3.50
Job bar (for national officers/chairmen) with rings	\$3.50
Shipping one badge or job bar	\$1.50
Shipping two badges or job bars	\$2.00

**When you order your badge, be sure to specify if you want two holes in the bottom two corners (just in case you decide to serve the national organization in the future and will want a job ID bar). If you don't specify, the badge will come without corner holes. There is no extra charge for drilling the holes.*

To Order

1) Print out a list of what you are ordering; 2) Write a check for the total amount of the order; 3) Print your name(s); and 4) Print your ship-to address.

Send all items to: *The Sign Man, PO Box 622143, Oviedo FL 32762-2143* (telephone 407.365.3722). Orders take about two weeks from receipt of order to delivery of items.

Indiana Trivia

1. You can't ship wine to Indiana.
2. Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis is the largest cemetery in the U.S.
3. Elkhart is the band instrument capitol of the world.
4. The first regulated speed limit (20-25 mph) was initiated on Indiana roads in 1921.
5. The city of Gary was built on fill brought from the bottom of Lake Michigan through suction pipes.



President's Message by Marshall Godwin

As I write this letter, Becky and I are at a health retreat in upstate New York. I have come to believe that what goes in the mouth dictates our health to a much greater degree than what most folks think. If we look healthier the next time you see us, we will be glad to share the experience (if you are interested). If we don't look healthier, please don't bring it up.



Natl Pres Marshall

I thank all our current and new members for joining a great owners association. Your small membership fee provides access to remarkable information sources, the DOAI Web site, DOAI Yahoo! group, and the *Discovery Express* newsletter. Please let our webmaster, Bob Cook; assistant webmaster, Toni Calzone; and newsletter editor, Nina Soltwedel, know just how much you appreciate their efforts.

Even with the services mentioned above, you won't get the full benefit of belonging to DOAI unless you join a local chapter and attend chapter, regional, and national rallies. Speaking of rallies – now is the time to submit your registration form for the next national rally in Goshen, Indiana, this September. We are going to have a wonderful time. You will find much more information about the rally in this edition of the newsletter.

There have been several changes on the board of directors. Jay Keneson stepped down as national rally master due to health reasons. I thank Jay for all his hard work to help plan and execute our major rallies. Well done. The board appointed Dick Snyder to serve Jay's unexpired term. Dick is rally master for this year's national rally and a former vice president of the North Central region. Dick is a perfect match for the job.

Recently, our good friend and Northeast region vice president, John Zidek, lost his short battle with cancer. I met John almost 20 years ago when we worked together to develop training for the Navy's newest combat system. We lost touch after I transferred to another post, and we were both shocked to find our Discoverys parked a few spaces from each other at a DOAI Lazydays rally. John loved the RV lifestyle. He and Jean contributed greatly to this association.



New NE VP Steve

The board appointed Steve Masterson to fill John's unexpired term. Steve is a full timer and member of the Nor'easters chapter. Steve served as audit committee chairman this year and has done a great job to make improvements in our



Vice Treas Pete

financial accounting process.

Part of the audit report included the recommendation to have a vice treasurer to fill in for the treasurer when needed, and provide additional monitoring of the association's finances. The board appointed Pete Palasota to that position. Pete is the former treasurer of the Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club, and he and Martha are longtime DOAI members.

Next year's Southeast region rally will be in the Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, Tennessee, area. Frank Cason, Southeast region vice president, and the Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter, are planning something new and exciting for this annual rally. We haven't ruled out Lazydays in the future, but thought a change in venue would be good for next year. I am excited because Becky and I have seven grandchildren in the area.

Betty and Mas Konatsu will step down as DOAI merchandise coordinators following the Goshen rally. They have done a great job. We need to identify a person or couple to take over that position. The national rally will provide a great opportunity to learn the job and relieve Betty and Mas. Let me or any board member know if you are interested. If you think shopping is "retail therapy," this might be the perfect job for you!

Remember: don't lose sight of life's big picture while dealing with the day-to-day routine of living. Our time here on this earth is short and there are no promises you will be here even another day. Take care of the important things. The rest of the stuff can wait.

See you in Goshen. Take care and God bless!

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Next Newsletter Deadline Is August 1, 2008.

Please mark your calendar now – early deadline due to editor's early departure for national rally.

☺ Thank you for your cooperation! ☺

National Rally Information You Can Use

The Return of The Discoveryettes

After a three-year tour of the country, The Discoveryettes will once again perform at a DOAI rally. This exciting singing group debuted at the 2001 regional rally in Emerald Desert, California, performed again at the 2001 national rally in Pueblo, Colorado, and lastly at the 2004 national rally in Sedalia, Missouri. For 2008, they're back!



Evie Kidd, Micky Racer, and Neva Jardine in Sedalia

Who are The Discoveryettes, you ask? The group is made up of DOAI women who love to sing, and enjoy making others laugh.

Does this sound like something **you** would like to do? Then consider this an invitation to join us. We are looking for gal singers, no vocal training necessary, who can carry a tune and like to have fun.

The Discoveryettes will be the entertainment at the welcome party on Monday, so a rehearsal will be held Sunday afternoon, and a brief run-through on Monday afternoon.

Interested? Want more information? Then please contact Nina Soltwedel as soon as possible at nina.soltwedel@gmail.com. She has music to send you so you can rehearse beforehand.

Red Hat Society Tea

Ladies, pack your red hats and purple garb. The planning is taking shape, and we have it on good authority that Lucy and Ethel will be there – that's right, Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz. You'll laugh at the antics of two women who recreate those lovable TV characters from "I Love Lucy" days.



Lucy and Ethel

Ice Cream Social and Meals

We will all enjoy a cold, refreshing bit of ice cream at the rally, according to Dick Snyder, rally master. There'll be lots of people saying, "Yum!"

The catered meals on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings will be mouth-watering and delicious.

Breakfast will be served on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. Come hungry!

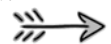


White Elephant/Craft Sale

Are you crafty? Would you like to make some pocket money at the rally? Bring your crafts to sell (and your collectibles, white elephants, whatever) and set up shop on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. This event has always been a favorite of our rally attendees. Tables/chairs will be provided; you take care of making sales and setting up/taking down.

Special Notes for Everyone

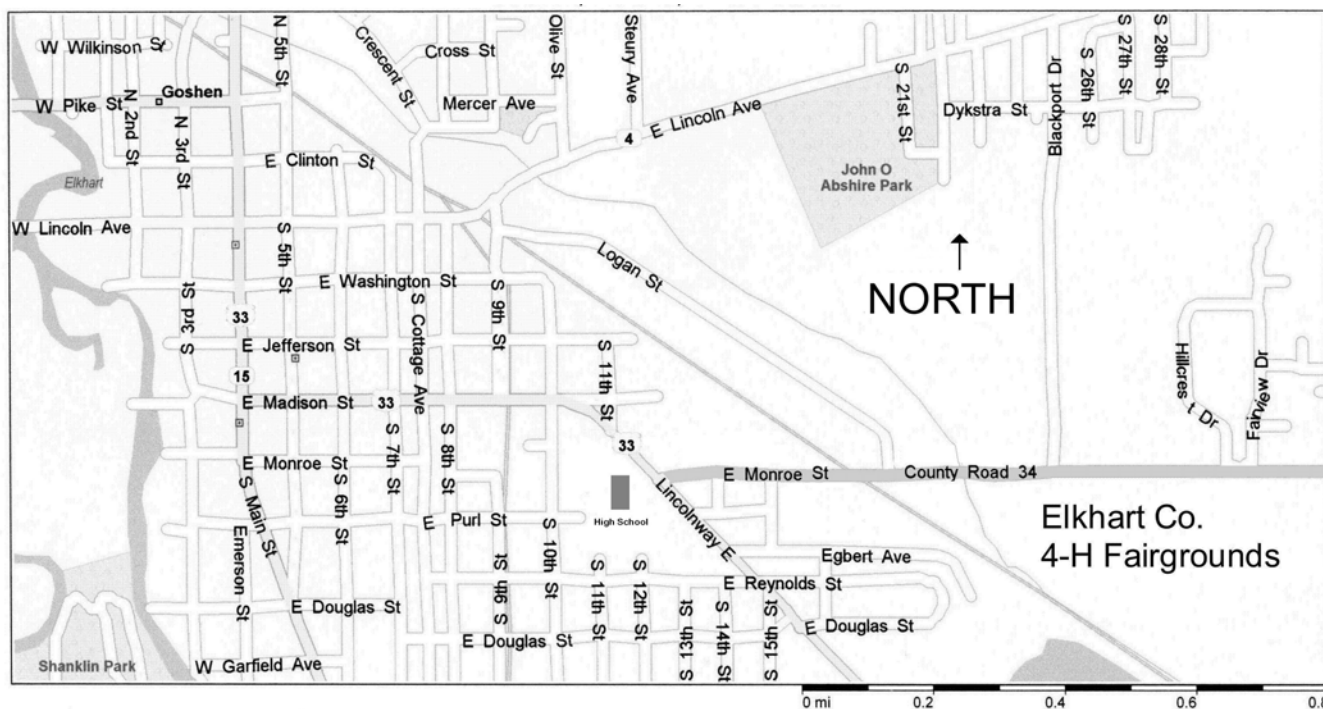
- ▣ **Super Wal-Mart** located on State Road 33, three miles southwest of downtown Goshen. A **regular Wal-Mart** is located four miles northwest of Goshen, near Dunlap, Indiana.
- ▣ **Wi-Fi** is available at the fairgrounds.
- ▣ **Saturday night dry camping** is available at the fairgrounds in a grassy area, getting a site Sunday. This is a good place to gather if you want to park as a group.
- ▣ **If you arrive before Saturday evening**, parking with hookups is available, but you will need to go to the fairgrounds office and register. You may have to move Sunday morning.
- ▣ **Camping sites:** There are 75 full hookup 50 amp sites in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds. First come, first served. There are 82 full hookup 30 amp sites south of rally hall. There are 552 temporary sites with water and electricity.
- ▣ **Enter fairgrounds** at Gate 3 and unhook your toad in front of the rally hall on Aster Lane.
- ▣ **Parking crew** will begin parking at 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 7, and will direct you to your camping site.
- ▣ **If you want to park together**, you must come in together.
- ▣ **After you are parked**, come to rally hall to register.
- ▣ **Rally hall**, location of events, is air conditioned!



Indiana Trivia

1. The main station of the Underground Railroad was in Fountain county, Indiana.
2. An average of 400 funnel clouds is sighted each year in Indiana.
3. Crawfordsville, Indiana is the only site in the world where crinoids are found. They are a form of deep-water marine life that looks something like a starfish.
4. The world's tallest woman lives in Indiana.
5. Ninety percent of the world's popcorn is grown in Indiana.
6. Kokomo, Indiana, was the birthplace of the automobile, the pneumatic rubber tire, the aluminum casting process, stainless steel, and the first push-button car radio!

National Rally Information, continued



How to Get to the Rally and Into the Fairgrounds

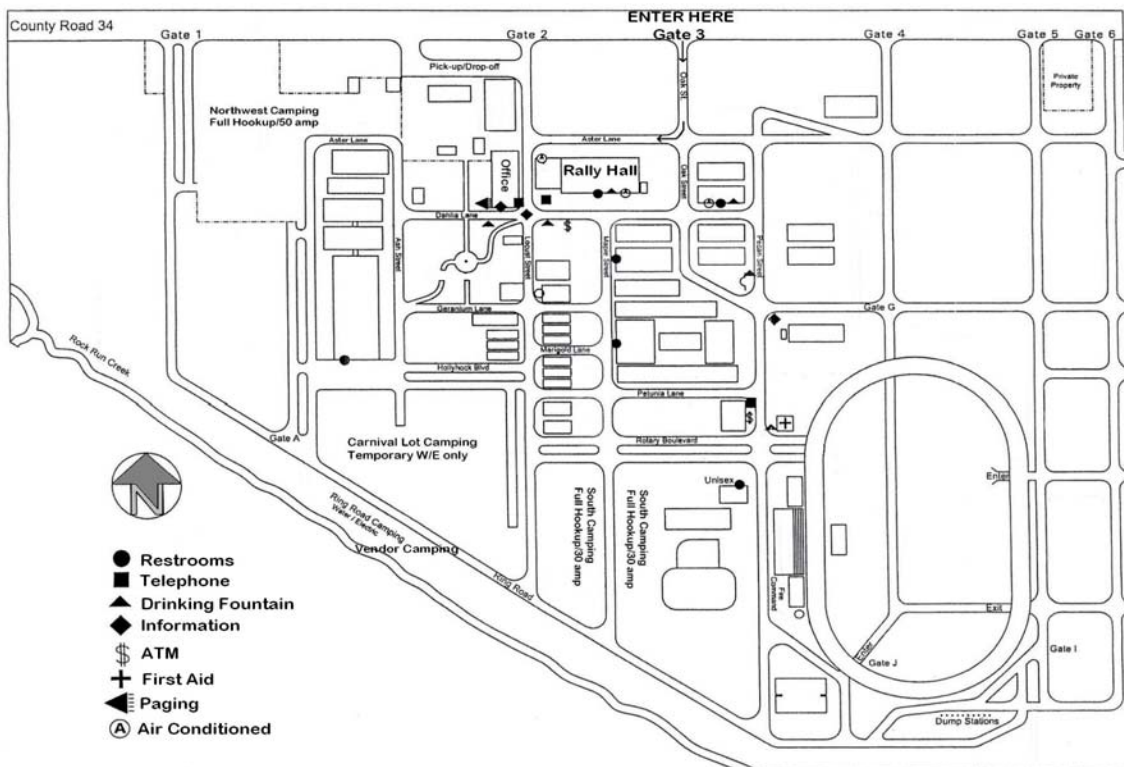
From EAST via I-80 or U.S. 20: Take State Road 15 (exit 101 on I-80) south to Goshen. U.S. 33 joins SR 15 in Goshen. At E. Madison St., turn east, following U.S. 33. When the road curves to the southeast, watch for E. Monroe St. (see solid gray street). Goshen High School is on the west side of the T-intersection. Turn east on Monroe (which becomes County Road 34). The fairgrounds is one mile east, on the south side of the road.

From WEST via I-80: Take SR 19 south around Elkhart and turn east on U.S. 20. At Dunlap turn southeast on U.S. 33 and go into Goshen. U.S. 33 will join SR 15. Stay on U.S. 33 to E. Monroe St., turn east to the fairgrounds.

From SOUTH via U.S. 33: Take U.S. 33 northwest to Goshen. Watch for E. Monroe St. (Goshen High School is on the west side) Turn east onto Monroe St. to the fairgrounds.

Enter at **Gate 3 (Oak St.)** and proceed south to **Aster Lane**. Turn west – the **rally hall** is straight ahead, on the south side of the street. Park there and unhook your toad. The parking crew will direct you from that point.

We will camp in the Northwest and South camping areas. Vendors will camp in the Ring Road camping area, across from Carnival Lot.



Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2008 by Micky Racer

Assets

Checking	\$13,671
Money Market	2,360
1-Year CD	10,568
2-Year CD	10,582
3-Year CD	<u>10,548</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$47,729</u>

Other Assets

Clothing Inventory	\$ 3,148
Membership Revolving Fund	550
MotoSat DataStorm System00
Zoll Defibrillator00
Rally Advance	<u>3,000</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$ 6,698</u>

Total Assets \$54,427

Note: Southeast region 2008 rally financials are being finished as we go to print. The 1-year CD has been earmarked to cover future rally losses, if any. The 2-year CD has been earmarked to cover future satellite expenses and defibrillator expenditures. Please contact me with any questions. ❖



Treasurer Micky

Liabilities

Prepaid Membership	<u>\$13,600</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$13,600</u>

Net Worth \$40,827

Vice President of Development's Report by Phil Yovino

A lot has happened this year and it's passing quickly. I finally finished our new home and it's wonderful to be settled.

Our 2008 national rally is going along very well. Dick Snyder and all the rally committee members have been busy putting together the final touches for a *super* tenth anniversary rally.

I have been in touch with most of the Fleetwood suppliers, and the response has been good. Many door prizes and gifts are pledged for the rally members. Fleetwood will have the service team there to do, as usual, their exceptional service to our Discoverys. Along with that, we can expect a full line of new Discoverys on hand at great deals for those interested buyers. Polish up your trade and be ready.

Our dealer membership sponsors are doing well, but we all need to be aware of those Discovery dealers not on the sponsor list. This is a great tool for those dealers at this time, with fuel prices and the economy being what they are. In your travels, when you come across a Fleetwood Discovery dealer that's not on our list of sponsors, pass that information on to our membership director, Portia Williams, or to me, so we can make the contact. This is a very important part of our club to offer all Discovery owners the great benefits that we have.



VP of Dev Phil

Dot and I are looking forward to seeing you at the national rally. Have safe travels with good health. ❖

Discovery Dealers

Here Are Two Sales Promotion Ideas for You!

1. **PARTICIPATE** in our DOAI *Membership Sponsor* program. Contact Membership Director Portia Williams (toll-free 888.594.6818 or doaimembership@discoveryowners.com) for details.

2. **ADVERTISE** your dealership in this newsletter. Contact Newsletter Editor Nina Soltwedel (303.570.2736 or doiexpress@discoveryowners.com) for details.

**Membership sponsors and advertisers
receive space on the DOAI Web site,
in addition to the newsletter.
This is a win/win situation for everyone!**

Indiana Trivia

Lots of famous people live or used to live in Indiana, whether or not they were born there: Oprah Winfrey, TV personality; The Jackson Five, musical group; Amelia Earhart, aviatrix and former professor at Purdue; the McGuire Sisters, singers; and Philo T. Farnsworth. Can you tell me who Philo T. Farnsworth was **without** Googling it? The first person to respond to the editor via email with the correct answer wins....?

Welcome, New Members



We welcome our newest members. Be sure to extend the hand of welcome when you meet them.

Larry Absten, Reynoldsburg OH
 Jack/Yvette Adamson, Bandera TX
 Bruce/Linda Andrews, Saint Johns FL
 James Ballman, Mapleton IL
 Lisa Bertrand, Lake Charles LA
 Dane Blankenship, Valrico FL
 Gary/Susan Bogart, Bradenton FL
 Harvey/Barbara Bramlet, Littleton CO
 Carrol/Sandra Brooks, New Iberia LA
 Charles Brown, Garner AR
 Niels Bush, Fisco TX
 Charlie/Sue Cade, Burkeville TX
 William/Sandra Canning, Lillian AL
 Herbert Catterton, Harwood MO
 Carisa/Rick Cattran, Carroll OH
 Robert/Camille Chiles, Rochester IL
 Glenn/Rachel Crew, Richmond TX
 Kristi/Chad Crouch, Lake Ozark MO
 Gary Cummings, Virginia Beach VA
 Michael Curley, Richmond TX
 Tom Delaney, Estero FL
 Robert/Phylis Demchick, Sioux Falls SD
 Bill/Candace Derickx, Navan ON
 Terry Doyle, Westminster CA
 Thomas/Janice Ehni, Jarreau LA
 Daniel Elkerton, Alpine CA
 Matt/Kim English, Canby OR
 Joseph Erickson, Glen Burnie MD
 Howard/Pamela Estes, Hayden ID
 Toya Estes, Liberty Township OH
 Rickey/Lynn Evans, Longview TX
 Tom/Diana Ferrara, Minden NV
 Rick/Mary Fitts, Houston TX
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 Tom/Lynda Landers, Land O Lakes FL
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 Bruce/Kathryn Palmer, Oxford NY
 William Paschall, Surf City NC
 Richard Peabody, Summerfield FL

Randy/Karen Pelow, Palmdale CA
 Rey/Rita Pena, Tampa FL
 Fredrick/Rose Mary Perrodin, Houston TX
 Randall/Judith Perry, Fairhaven MA
 Kleal Price, West Jordan UT
 Guy/Carolyn Prior, Costa Mesa CA
 Lee Prosser, Fort Meade FL
 Joseph/Alice Quinty, Corona CA
 George/Juanita Rabon, Livingston TX
 Kimberly Rogers, San Antonio TX
 James/Pat Rundell, International Falls MN
 Mitchell Saad, Fort White FL
 David Sanders, Bridgeport WV
 Don/Alicia Seymour, Livingston TX
 Mike Sheffeld, Lakeland FL
 Bill/Dee Simmons, Punta Gorda FL
 James Simons, Seminole FL
 Rodger/Marlis Southworth, Beavercreek OH
 Ron/Anne Spearman, Tiger GA
 Scott Spiczka, Plymouth MN
 Harold/Terry Stadshaug, Yakima WA
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Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers...
...Frank and Gene Sawyer. Frank had heart surgery in April, and Gene's mother died in mid-May. Gene writes: "Thank you so very much for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls. Frank is well on his way to recovery, and we are planning to get back to traveling in the next weeks and months. My mom was admitted to the hospital a short time after Frank got out of the hospital. She left this earth and has gone to a better place. Life goes on as it should and we are

getting on with ours, sometimes a little sad, but most of the time with joy and a lot of memories. We are so very blessed."

...Homer Davis, recovering from open heart surgery in March.

...Jay Keneson, who had some health problems in recent months, but is doing much better and looking forward to the national rally.

...Jean Zidek and family, whose husband and father, **John**, died March 30 from cancer. **John** was the Northeast region vice president, and will be greatly missed by his many DOAI friends. **John** was 67.

...Pat Van Vleck, cancer patient with a good prognosis.

...Peg Shuping, dealing with heart problems.

...Tom Fields, who was hospitalized in March. He's home now and gaining strength.

...Sanford (Smitty) Smith, laid up with a broken hip.

...Harvey and Marion Becker, former DOAI charter members. **Harvey** has been afflicted with erratic blood pressure and arrhythmia, and **Marion** has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Please let the editor or membership director know of those who need a care card and a mention in this column. ❖



John Zidek

Membership Director's Report

April 30, 2008 Status by Portia Williams

As of the end of April, 2008, DOAI's membership was 1,477 versus 1,354 at the end of April last year.

We have received several member referrals, and want to encourage more members to submit their referrals. There are some members who have two referrals and only need one more to receive a one year's free membership.

We appreciate the support from the dealers listed on the inside front cover of this newsletter. ❖

Source	New Members
Lazydays	39
DeMontrond	15
Hayes RV	3
PPL Mtr Homes	3
Tom Raper	3
Ancira	1
Bankston	1
RCD Sales	1
Internet	49
Brochure	2
Discovery Express	3
Ads	2
Other	26
	<u>148</u>



Director Portia



All roads lead to Goshen and the tenth anniversary rally!

National Rally Master's Report by Dick Snyder

Brenda and I took a second eight-hour round trip from our home in Seymour to Goshen recently. We were accompanied by Charlie and Echo Richardson, Virgil Diver (vendor coordinator) and Bev Kaiser (golf coordinator). We checked on where we are parking, the rally hall, and sampled the caterer's food.

Here's some more information about the fairgrounds you might find interesting:

- ✎ The air-conditioned rally hall can be one room or four individual rooms, separated by full curtains from the floor to the ceiling.
- ✎ All four rooms have individual audio with jacks in several locations, or can be used with the master for all the rooms from one microphone.
- ✎ The room names are Martin, Fidler, Mennonite, and Showalter. The vendors will be located in the Showalter room.
- ✎ Seminars, entertainment, and meals will be located in the other three rooms, which can seat 512 people with round tables, and 700 with rectangular tables.
- ✎ The Martin and Fidler rooms have carpeted floors; the Mennonite and Showalter rooms concrete floors. The kitchen is located adjacent to the Fidler and Mennonite rooms.
- ✎ There are two more rooms, one called History room, and a lower level. These are attached to the rally hall building, but are not included in the open portion of the rally hall.

The lower level room is 33 feet by 44 feet, complete with a chalkboard, TV and VCR, a six-foot projection screen, and restrooms.

Don't miss the helpful information on the front page, and pages 4-5. We're looking forward to seeing you in Goshen!



Rally Master Dick

Future National Rally Sites

I would like to be able to know where we are going to rallies for as many years ahead as possible. You, the members who live in different regions, should know the best places to have rally.

Help me fill in the blanks. Do you have favorite places around parts of the country that have question marks in the list below? If you have a suggestion, be sure the location has a rally hall and parking for 200 coaches. It's not too early to plan ahead so that we can get the best deal from our future locations.

Year	Region	Location
2008	North Central	Goshen, Indiana
2009	Northwest	Pueblo, Colorado
2010	Southeast	?
2011	Northeast	?
2012	South Central	?
2013	Southwest	?

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Why Belong to DOAI? by John Baker

It's an excuse to hit the road. As we lead our busy lives, some of us need to have a reason to load up the D and hit the road. If not, we tend to have other things that keep us tied down or moving in other directions. When rallies are on the schedule, we have an excellent excuse to put those things off until another day. After all, shouldn't we use our Ds to enjoy life, relax, see friends, and experience the sights and sounds of our beautiful nation? Rallies provide the perfect excuse!

Rally Opportunities

The following listing of chapter rallies does not give the RV park, but does list the town. Please see the chapter presidents' listing on the next page, and call that individual for more information on any of that chapter's planned rallies. Jump in and meet new friends and see new places via the chapter lifestyle. Other Discovery owners are waiting to welcome you! **Chapters: Are your rallies listed? If not, please send information to the editor.**

June 2008 –

20-21 Desert Rats, Zion National Park, UT
 25-29 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Dillard GA

July 2008 –

3-6 Quad-LATO, Hot Springs AR
 10-13 Discovery Pioneers, Cañon City/Royal Gorge CO

August 2008 –

T/B/A Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Boone NC
 T/B/A Arizona Discovery Owners, Munds Park AZ

September 2008 –

T/B/A California Goodtimers, location T/B/A
 T/B/A Discovery Pioneers, location T/B/A
 T/B/A Midwest Discoverers, location T/B/A
8-14 DOAI Tenth Anniversary Rally, *Back Home Again in Indiana*, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen IN
 T/B/A Discovery Texans at national rally
 25-29 Arizona Discovery Owners, San Diego CA
 26-28 Louisiana Mudbugs, Colfax LA



October 2008 –

15-19 Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Gettysburg PA
 17-19 Louisiana Mudbugs, Henderson LA
 29-11/2 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Charleston SC

November 2008 –

7-10 Arizona Discovery Owners, Pahrump NV
 13-15 Discovery Texans, Ingram TX

April 2009 –

20-26 Southeast Region Rally, *Discover the Smokies*, River Plantation RV Park, Sevierville TN

June 2009 –

T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Lewisburg WV

September 2009 –

T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Morganton NC
18-23 DOAI National Rally, Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo CO

Indiana Trivia

1. Lots of famous people were born in Indiana: James Whitcomb Riley, poet; James Dean, actor; Florence Henderson, actress; Toni Tenille, singer; Forrest Tucker, actor; Mae West, blonde bombshell; Claude Akins, actor; Red Skelton, comedian; Carole Lombard, actress; and Bob Greise, football great.
2. Some of these famous persons are also buried in Indiana, namely, James Dean. Also buried in Indiana: Johnny Appleseed and Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

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Carefree of Colorado	800.621.2617	Norcold, Inc.	800.543.1219
Carriage Carpets (Shaw Flooring)	877.706.3054	Onan	800.888.6626
CCI Controls	800.521.5228	Power Gear	800.334.4712
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Denso (call Fleetwood)	800.322.8216	RV Dump Locations	www.rvdumps.com
Dometic Corporation	800.544.4881	RVP (Coleman)	316.832.4357
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Region Reports

North Central Region by Charlie Richardson

After a rally with the Heartland Discoverys in Springfield, Illinois, four coaches from the North Central region headed for Goshen: Dick and Brenda Snyder, Virgil Diver, Bev Kaiser and Jan, and Echo and I. We went to work on the upcoming tenth anniversary DOAI rally. We were there three days and secured several features for the rally. Dick is working very hard to make sure this is a top-notch rally. I personally think it will be one of our best. We are looking forward to seeing many of you whom we haven't seen for a while. Goshen is a central location and should make it easier for lots of folks to attend. See you there. ❖



VP Charlie

Northwest Region by Bob Soltwedel

At the 2006 national rally in San Antonio, then-National Rally Master Jay Keneson asked Nina and me to recommend a location in this region as the site for the 2009 national rally. After finding several possibilities up in the far northwest (Washington and Oregon), and discussing them with Jay at the 2007 national rally in El Mirage, we decided that, because of rising fuel costs and long driving distances for our east coast members, we should limit our choices to locations east of the Rocky Mountains. This would average out the driving distances.



VP Bob

After considering locations in Wyoming and northern Colorado, we made a trip to Pueblo, Colorado, to investigate the Colorado State Fairgrounds, site of the 2001 national rally. The DOAI directors have approved the preliminary budget for this location, and the contract is in process. The 2009 national rally will be held September 18-23. It is planned as a six-night rally to allow members more time to enjoy the many sights of the area. There are 300 fully paved camping sites, with all sites having water and electric, plus sewer on those sites along the walls.

Start planning your travels for 2009 with this national rally in mind. Also, please consider volunteering to help with the rally. If you have questions, please contact me (see my contact information on page 10). ❖

South Central Region by Joe Stewart

Well as I write this, Justine and I are sitting in cool (and I mean cool – about 10 to 15 degrees below normal – and damp!) Oregon. We left warm and dry Texas about April 15 for the Detroit State Park for our summer campground host job. Previous years we've been here, the weather was pleasant, but not this year. It



VP Joe

was even snowing when we arrived; they evidently had 15 feet of snowfall this year.

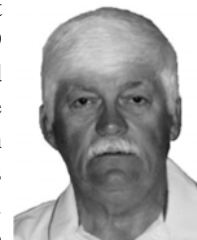
Our trip up here had significant weather ... high winds between Needles and Barstow forced us to stop an extra night, as did 95 mph winds in the high passes between Barstow and Reno. If that wasn't enough, the morning we left Susanville, California, it was snowing. Additionally, we were told to not use the route we had planned on, as icy conditions in Santiam Pass in Oregon made its use hazardous. After making changes and coping with the weather, we made it, although two to three days later than planned. That's what makes RVing interesting, isn't it?

We met a couple en route who have a new Discovery. In talking to him, I learned he had just discovered some information regarding DOAI that the dealer had given him. I believe they are from the northeast, perhaps Maine. He and I discussed the organization, and I gave him a copy of the spring newsletter and an application blank. I pointed out to him the section on scheduled rallies (including the national) and suggested if they were near one of them in their travels on the west coast and on their way home, to try to attend. Additionally, I gave him the name of a person to contact in his region to determine what chapters were near their home. I had the impression when we parted they are going to become new members.

As we have traveled, most of us have had difficulties trying to utilize Internet to receive our email or to stay in contact with our families. I may have found a solution. While attending a training session about our host duties, a vendor demonstrated his solution to the problem: Wifi-In-Motion. We've had it for two weeks now and have online 24/7. It is a 12-volt system, utilizes the cellular towers, and the amplifier extends the range an additional 50 miles or so. It can be used while driving down the highway. We haven't tried this yet, but by the time we arrive at the Goshen rally, we will have. Anyone interested, please contact me. All from here for now. May you all have a most enjoyable summer. ❖

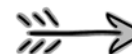
Southeast Region by Frank Cason

You may recall that in the last newsletter, I reported that the 2009 Southeast region rally would again be held at Lazydays. Well, there have been some surprising and welcome changes made in the past few months. The DOAI board has unanimously approved a venue change. The Blue Ridge Discoverys will still be hosting the 2009 Southeast region rally, but it will be a spring rally in the mountains. The theme for the rally will be *Discover the Smokies*.



VP Frank

The rally will be held at River Plantation RV Park, Sevierville, Tennessee. The park is located on the Little Pigeon river in close proximity to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, at the foot of the Smoky Mountains.



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There is an abundance of shopping and dining facilities in the area, such as the Old Mill, The Apple Barn and Cider Mill, Tanger Outlets, and a huge, 200,000 sq. ft. under-roof flea market. The list for things to see and do in the area is endless.

The Web site for River Plantation RV Park is *www.riverplantationrv.com*. Get on the 'Net and check it out. I think you will be pleased with all the park has to offer. A nice freebie is the old-fashioned Tennessee hospitality that is provided by the staff at the park.

The rally will be April 20-26, 2009, where we will have six fun-filled days and nights. Early arrival will be on April 19. Sites are limited to 150, so you will need to get your registration in as soon as it comes out. We are planning four nights of entertainment at the park, and will have a pay-as-you-go on Thursday night to attend the Country Tonite Theater. Special pricing is being arranged for this show. Included will be a welcome barbecue, three breakfasts, three catered dinners, entertainment, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, seminars, vendors, and so much more. Come join us as we *Discover the Smokies* and have fun shopping, touring, spending time relaxing, visiting with old friends and making new ones in the mountains of Tennessee.

Sites are full hookups with cable TV. More information on the rally will be placed on the Web as we progress in the planning and implementation phases. The registration form will be provided later on, as we get closer to the rally date.

The Southeast region will be hosting the 2010 national rally somewhere in the Southeast. The search process is in motion

to find a quality RV park for this rally. More information will be published when we have a confirmed location. Location suggestions are still being taken and researched. Thanks to all for your suggestions and help. ❖

Southwest Region by John Bujnovsky

This is my first report as vice president of the Southwest region. I have big shoes to fill in replacing Jim Casey, and will be trying to fill them over the balance of this year.



VP John

As you know, in November, 2007, at the national rally in El Mirage, we formed the Deserts Rats chapter here in Nevada with a total of five coaches. We have been busy building that chapter and now have 10 coaches. I have spent very little time with the balance of the region.

However, starting right now and for the balance of the year, I plan on paying more attention to the two chapters in the Southwest region: California Goodtimers and Arizona Discovery Owners. I also realize that there is currently no chapter in New Mexico and I plan on working on this issue as well.

We look forward to getting to know the members of California Goodtimers and Arizona Discovery Owners chapters. Possibly we can combine a Desert Rats rally with the other chapters, since our chapter is still small and growing. We know we can learn something from both chapters to have even more fun and activities during our rallies. ❖

Chapter Reports

Texas Disco Road Runners by Jay Keneson

Two of our founding charter members, Garry and Gayle Shirey, have finally given up an active officer role in the chapter. Garry has been the president since the start of the club, and Gayle has served in most of the other officer positions. Each has been a driving force in the continued success of our chapter and deserve our heartfelt thanks.



Pres Jay

Our chapter is alive and well, and while we have lost a few longtime members, we have also gained an equal number of new and enthusiastic members!

In early May, we had a really good time at a rally in Nacogdoches, Texas, which included four evenings with meals, games, campfires and a day with side trips. One morning we toured the Foretravel RV plant to observe how a \$1 million dollar custom RV is made. We spent another day exploring a restored village, Millard's Crossing, ca. 1700-1800. This included homes, churches, schools, and businesses. The tour included an outdoor lunch under lovely old shade trees. We all especially enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening in the beautiful home of Mary and Chappell Jordan, located in the historical district of Nacogdoches. This is a 100-year-old plus ante bellum home, listed on the National Registry. It was

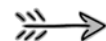
a trip into the past and an antiquer's dream. Not only was the house furnished with precious period pieces, but hundreds of antique clocks. After the tour of the house we enjoyed a sit-down dinner for more than 20 people.

To top off the night, we had high winds, violent lightning and thunder, with rain, rain, rain. The onset and full force occurred on the way back to the RV park. Driving down the back road into the park, we had to negotiate an obstacle course of downed trees and limbs. Upon returning, one of the member coaches was sitting high and dry, but a large lake 12 to 18 inches deep was in front of their steps! All in all, it was a memorable rally in a city that claims to be the oldest in Texas.

Our next rally will be November or December to allow our members to travel the summer and attend the national rally. It looks like we will have a good representative number in attendance. See you there! ❖

Quad-LATO by Juanita Eddings

The Quad-LATO chapter had a great weekend at the Lamplight RV Park near Joplin, Missouri, the first weekend in May. The weather was cool enough that we did not have to run the air conditioners and could have the windows open for fresh air. The guys treated their wives to home-cooked



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breakfasts twice during the rally. They did a great job! Pot luck was so good Friday night we ate leftovers on Saturday night. On Friday, the men went to Colaw to the RV salvage yard and bought needed items for the coaches. We would recommend Lamplight RV Park to anyone. Price was only \$22, it was in really good condition, and the hosts were very friendly and helpful.

We were sorry that Frank and Gene Sawyer, our rally master and president, respectively, could not join us as Frank is recovering from a heart valve replacement in April. He is feeling better and has said he will make at least one and maybe more of the popular RV game, *Jokers and Marbles*, for the auction being held at the national rally. I am very excited about this, because I had heard of this game for years but had never played it until that weekend. David and Mary Lou Stroup, fairly new members of our chapter, had the game and taught us how to play. It is addictive!



Pres Gene

Our next rally is over the Fourth of July weekend at the Cloud Nine RV Park near Hot Springs, Arkansas. We would love for any of you to join us. Contact Gene at gene@fesawyer.com for details. Happy RVing this summer! ❖

Northwest Adventurers by Wally Wallington

The Northwest Adventurers chapter is seeking new members from the area of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, adjoining provinces in Canada, and Alaska. Information about our chapter can be found in the chapters section of the DOAI Web site. If you have questions about us, please contact me (see my email address on page 10). Come join us for lots of fellowship and fun in the upper northwest! ❖



Pres Wally

Midwest Discoverers by Peg Lavoie

The Midwest Discoverers spring rally was cancelled due to the high cost of fuel and the distance many of our far-flung members had to travel. I thank Ron and Cindy Merkt for their hard work in planning this rally and hope that we can take advantage of their knowledge in the future.



Pres Peg

We are in the planning stages for a pre-national get-together near Goshen the three days before a Sunday arrival at the national rally. We are looking at parks in northern Indiana. More information will be forwarded to our members when it is available and any other DOAI members who are interested in joining us may contact me at peg@lavoies.com for more information.

Hope everyone has a good summer and see you in September. ❖

Mason-Dixon Discoverys by John Ricciardi

The Mason-Dixons have new officers as of May 1: John

Ricciardi, president; Toni Calzone, vice president; Marshall Godwin, secretary, Alice Ricciardi, treasurer, and Bob Deal, wagon master. I thank everyone for volunteering for their office.

I also thank Bob Deal for his efforts to set up rallies for the Mason-Dixons, but unfortunately we had to cancel our April rally in Hatteras, North Carolina, due to the high cost of fuel. Bob is now looking to reschedule our July rally to a location a little closer so more people can attend. The location and dates will be posted on the DOAI Web site. Bob has also arranged for us to have a rally in Gettysburg area of Pennsylvania, October 15-19, 2008, and the location will be either Drummer Boy Camping Resort or Old Mill Stream Campground in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Pres John

In my first email to the members of the Mason-Dixons, I had a lot of bad email addresses and the email was returned. If you are a member of the Mason-Dixons, please email me at jonal135@yahoo.com so that I can update your email address. This will help us keep you informed of all the information and activities we will have.

We express our deep sorrow and extend our condolences to the family of our friend and Mason-Dixon member, John Zidek, Northeast region vice president, who died March 30.

I would also like to know who, from the Mason-Dixons, intends to go to the 2008 national rally in Indiana. If we could meet and go in as a group, we will be able to park together.

We're looking forward to seeing all our DOAI friends in Indiana. Safe travels to all. ❖

Louisiana Mudbugs by Jan McIlvaine

Several weeks ago, the Louisiana Mudbugs rallied at Jellystone RV Resort in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for a weekend of fun and frolic. The rally was hosted by the Campbells, the Pennisons and the Dennises.

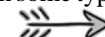
Many of our group arrive a day early and spend the day shopping, usually led by Carolyn Barnes, or sightseeing around the area. The menfolk pretty much enjoy leisure time together, sharing stories, catching up on past times or just plain motor home talk. For those of us who enjoy the casinos, there are good times there also ... I've heard this pastime is called *therapy*. Hmmm...



Pres Anthony

Darrel Pennison led a group through the marshlands of Cameron, and for those of us who hadn't seen any of the devastation of hurricane Katrina, it was an eye opener. It was scary to pass slab after concrete slab and just imagine what type of home had been setting there and had fallen prey to those winds and floods. Very little has been rebuilt and all we saw were trailers and temporary buildings and debris here and there. It was a wonderful, but sad trip with many alligator sightings and a few short walks into the marshland.

We had an electrical problem occur while we were at the campground: two of our coaches were involved with some type



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of electrical surge and it wiped out most of their electronics. There was heavy rain in the area and the cause has been blamed on lightning, although none was seen. Needless to say, the rest of us are scurrying to find appropriate surge protectors for our Ds in time for our next rally.

Our next rally will be held at Lincoln Parish Park, Ruston, Louisiana, May 23-24. This is a beautiful place. We always welcome guests at any of our rallies; just let one of our officers know so we can plan on your being with us. ❖

Heartland Discoverys by Bobby Simpson

This quarter has been an exciting one for the Heartlanders. Nine coaches met in Chatham, Illinois, at Double J Campground, recommended by Steve Clarke. The campground was great and the owners made us feel very welcome. The Lincoln Museum was everything we were promised. Ghosts helped tell the stories of that historic time. Dick Snyder was the first to have his picture taken with Lincoln. The Lincoln Center is an incredible journey through a terrible time in our country. We also saw other historic landmarks. I highly recommend this location for a rally.



Pres Bobby



With that nice banner, you won't mistake these happy people for Winnebago owners!

Wanda Simpson made a great biscuit and gravy breakfast. Echo Richardson kept us all fed in a country style that included pot roast, grilled chicken, and fresh donuts, just to mention some of the food – all fresh and homemade.

Echo Richardson and Jan, a guest of Bev Kaiser, teamed up to amaze us with their power to meld their minds. We never did figure out how they did it. We also played the gift game with gifts supplied by Wanda Simpson. Elfers Marzahl received a very special gift.

Overall the food, the fun, the games, the campfire, and learning how blessed we are at this time in history was amazing. A special thanks to Charles and Echo Richardson for the effort they put into making this rally a success. ❖

Discovery Texans by Elsie Sikes

The March rally at Red Oak Ranch RV Park in Hempstead had 18 of our member rigs, with a new couple joining our chapter. Before we had finished cleaning up the last evening, another couple stopped in to ask about the Discoverys at the park and after getting information, they will be joining both DOAI and Discovery Texans.



Pres John

Dick Hallum has done extensive research about the type of Texas license we need to operate our motor homes and gave us



The Texans at their March rally. That's quite a line up of good lookin' folks!

the skinny on what is required. We are fine with a regular Texas drivers license if our coach is under 26,001 GVWS weight (the sticker inside the coach says that is the weight the chassis is designed to carry). He also touched on the air brake addition to the Texas

licenses and the need for qualifying for that. Both of these are important and could cause insurance companies to reject claims if we do not have the required license. Walter Gehrlein gave a fire extinguisher safety presentation. He pointed out that we should do periodic checks to keep the powder loose in them.

The 13-coach May rally in Riviera (just south of the city of Kingsville and the famous King Ranch) featured great food and a tour of part of the King ranch and museum. The King Ranch was founded in 1853 by Capt. Richard King and has grown to become one of the largest ranches in the world with 825,000 acres across south Texas. I was surprised to learn that Capt. King and Robert E. Lee were friends and Lee advised him to "buy land and hang on to it."

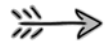
Our rally in September has been changed to be held while we are at the national rally in Indiana in hopes that since chapter rally and parking fees are eliminated for a chapter gathering, more of our members will feel they can make the trip. ❖

Discovery Pioneers by Nina Soltwedel

We had a "ton of fun" at our first-ever winter rally in Benson, Arizona, in March. It was sunny and breezy, and the attendees truly enjoyed seeing the sights of the area: Fort Huachuca, Kartchner Caverns, and Gammon's Gulch (a living museum/ghost town/movie set 12 miles north of Benson), and topped off with a putting contest at the park, Cochise Terrace RV Resort – a premier park with lots of amenities, and reasonable prices. Our hosts and chapter rally masters, Jerry and Joyce Wiechman, along with Chuck and Vie Brock, showed us a wonderful time, replete with lots of good food. We had a gathering on the last night around a huge campfire, where we ate 'smores, told tall tales, and sang songs.



Acting Pres Chuck



Chapter Reports, continued

Recently the Pioneers gathered at Santa Fe Skies RV Park and enjoyed another breezy rally. This time we toured Los Alamos, and had lots of fun poking around all the art galleries and marketplaces in old Santa Fe. Hosts Chuck and Vie Brock, and honorary members Neil and Marlene Elkins planned and executed another excellent rally.

July 10-13 will find us at the Royal Gorge Jellystone RV Park in Cañon City, Colorado. Hosts John and Jan Kovach, and



Good scouts know how to build a good fire...and so do the Pioneers!

Terry and Sandy Ven Roy have planned lots of fun activities. Any DOAI member planning to be in the area is invited to join us. Contact the Kovaches at jkkovach@aol.com for full information. There are many wonderful things to see and do in Colorado, so if you're going to be in the area in

mid-July, c'mon and join us.

In the works: the chapter's rally masters are planning a gathering in Colorado in September. Visit the Discovery Pioneers page on the DOAI Web site for the latest information. We always welcome visitors to our rallies. ❖

Desert Rats by John Bujnovsky

Our second rally for this year was in March at the Temple View Resort in St. George, Utah. We had four coaches there, which included a new member. We did a tour of Pine Valley, which was a little chilly but very beautiful.



Pres John

In April, we held a rally at Terrible's Lakeside Resort in Pahrump, Nevada. We went to the Pahrump Winery for dinner on Friday, and on Saturday went back for a wine tasting. We also checked out another new resort for a future rally, probably in October, when it will be cooler.

We are all looking forward to our next rally set for June 20-22 at Zion Canyon Campground near Zion National Park. Anyone out there wanting to join us, please let us know. We look forward to the camaraderie. ❖

Blue Ridge Discoverys by Frank Cason

In April, the Blue Ridge Discoverys held their spring rally at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We had 24 rigs participating in the fun. Some members took in shopping at the outlet malls, others shared in a round of golf, and still others just lounged around the RV resort. On Tuesday night, a small group went to the Country Opry Theater,



Pres Frank

and on Thursday, as a group, we went to a seafood restaurant, then to the Alabama Theater for their nightly show. We saw two great shows, highly recommended if you are ever in the area. Our hosts, Ron and Carolyn Murphy, also set up a welcome cook out, one full breakfast, with sausage gravy and a pulled pork barbecue dinner. I believe everyone had a great time and enjoyed the rally. Big thanks to the hosts.



Rally-goers ate really well, but that's kinda how it is at chapter rallies!

The chapter continues to grow as we recruited one new member at the rally. We were up to 55 coaches, but as every chapter has faced, you lose people each year. Our membership dropped to 50 in February, and now we are up to 52. It would be nice if we could keep everyone,

but some decide to leave after the first year. One can only assume it was not what they expected, but for people to appreciate the Discovery family, they must attend the chapter rallies. We have had nothing but fun since the creation of the Blue Ridge Discoverys in 2007, and we will continue to exercise that right.

Our next rally is scheduled for June 24 in Dillard, Georgia. I have been informed by our hosts (Charlie and Elaine Harvell, Buddy and Becky Reynolds, and Bill and Janet Forbes) that we have 24 reservations. Again, this is planned to be another great Blue Ridge Discoverys rally. The registration form is out for our fall rally, which will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, October 29-November 2. I am sure this will fill up fast, so get those registration forms in to Buddy. The campground is already accepting reservations for the rally dates.

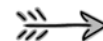
In closing, for the members who have not attended a rally, we look forward to seeing you soon. We are a fun chapter that enjoys having a great time. All of our rallies are structured around the theme, "Let's go out and have a good time with friends." We always have plenty of food and in most cases will have a golf outing. Come on out and join us. ❖

Arizona Discovery Owners by Michelle Schuck

The Arizona Discovery Owners held the first rally of the new year in Bullhead City, Arizona, January 18-20. The highlight of the rally was "The Rat Pack" stage show at the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. The show is based on the famous shows Frank Sinatra, Joey Bishop, Dean Martin, Peter Lawford, and Sammy Davis, Jr. performed at the Sands Casino in Las Vegas. Everyone enjoyed the talented cast.



Pres Russ



Chapter Reports, concluded

The rally also included a trip to the old mining town of Oatman, Arizona, and an informative seminar on geocaching given by Geri Cozens.



Chapter members waiting to board the train to Grand Canyon. All aboard!

The second rally of 2008 was held April 24-27 in Williams, Arizona, the “Gateway to the Grand Canyon,” and included a very amusing wild west show, followed by a trip to the South Rim aboard the restored historic

Grand Canyon Railway. The round trip covered 130 miles of gorgeous high desert and pine forest and included entertain-

ment and refreshments. Williams is the last Route 66 town to have been bypassed by the freeway. The rally included an informative talk at the visitors’ center, followed by a walking tour of the historic downtown. Chapter members were treated to a homemade waffle and sausage breakfast hosted by Ed and Geri Cozens on Sunday, and all agreed it was a great time.

Upcoming plans for the Arizona Discovery Owners include a “Beat the Heat” rally in August among the cool pines in Munds Park, Arizona; a rally to Pahrump, Nevada, in November which will include a side trip to Death Valley; and our annual holiday rally in December.

It’s clear our chapter has a very exciting and busy 2008 planned. ❖

Product Review

Microsoft Streets & Trips 2008 with GPS Locator by Bob Cook

Admit it – I love GPS, both the handheld portable all-in-one units such as Garmin, or the software (and hardware) that runs on a laptop such as *Microsoft Streets and Trips*. I often tell fellow RVers that the purchase of a good GPS/mapping program is the best money they will ever spend. I have been a longtime user of *MS Streets and Trips*, so when the 2008 version came out, I had to give it a whirl.

The 2008 version offers several new features, including a new “perspective” map view, automatic rerouting, with real-time traffic updates and gas prices using an optional FM receiver (no Internet connection required, but there is a \$60 subscription fee after the first year). Note that traffic data and gas prices are only available in metro areas, and diesel prices are rarely available. Also new is a slick GPS receiver that is both tiny and fast.

However, there are several major failings that result in my not being able to recommend this product as my “first choice” for mapping software for a laptop.

First, the routing algorithm can give really poor results. As an example, I asked it to route me from Highland, Illinois, to New Baden, Illinois ... a simple request that should have resulted in a trip of only about 15 miles on state highways.

However, no matter how much I fiddled with route preferences, it insisted on routing me many miles out of my way. And one needs to be very careful of those routing preferences; this can result in some really strange routes. As I recall, I had these same problems with *MS Streets* back in 1996.

Second, street names are not pronounced. The verbal directions are, “Turn right in 0.3 miles” instead of “Turn right on Main Street.” Even worse, there is no second prompt when close to the turn, so keeping one’s eyes on the screen is necessary. This program is definitely not recommended for



on-road navigation unless a copilot is present.

Third, the Points of Interest (POI) database is limited and is geared toward the casual traveler. Most of us have specific interests. For me, I want to know the location of the closest bicycle shop or Best Buy. This is not possible with *MS Streets*. However, the campground database is fairly good. *MS Streets* advertises 1.6 million POI. This is a paltry amount considering that most handheld GPS units have 3-5 million POI. If you have *Live Search*, a partial compensation can be made for the POI limitation, but this requires an Internet connection, something that most RVers don’t readily have while on the road. For those of you who love Wal-Mart, I noticed that the database is somewhat limited.

Although importation of additional POI data from external sources can be made, the flexibility of Draw Layers is not present as in *Delorme Street Atlas*. The result: very busy maps or the need to create numerous *MS Street* maps if one needs to keep track of a lot of POI.

A minor annoyance is a new software registration process that limits one to installing *MS Streets* to only one computer at a time. The registration process also requires an Internet connection, although 60 days are given to get this completed. Another annoyance is the “legal disclaimer” that pops up every time I use the GPS, warning me about operating a motor vehicle with *MS Streets* (and also warning me not to trust it!).

On a positive note, should I stray from the recommended route, route recalculations were very quick on my Core2 Duo laptop.

Also, *MS Streets* can recognize and use other GPS receivers, so one can purchase the *MS Streets* version without the excellent GPS receiver and save a little money.

While I don’t recommend *MS Streets* to navigation, it is a good program for trip planning.

For a more detailed review of GPS, go to www.discoveryowners.com/GPSREVIEW.htm ❖

Computer Corner

Passwords and a Vista Update by Bob Cook

Passwords
Almost half of the Internet users recently surveyed by *Accenture* admitted that they used the same UserID and password for all of their online accounts. This is the Internet-equivalent of having the same key for home, car, safe deposit box, etc. And very few people routinely change their passwords. What a gold mine for identity thieves!

Granted, it is hard to remember more than a couple of UserID's and passwords, but you really should have a unique UserID and password for each site that has your personal, confidential or financial information.

But, how do you remember them? The easiest way is to use a password manager program. A good password manager program will not only keep track of and automatically fill in your login and password, but it will also be strongly encrypted and use a master password to prevent any user of your computer from gaining access to your passwords.

I use the paid version of *Roboform*, but *KeePass* is an excellent free program. There are several others – just do a Google search or look at www.snapfiles.com and download a version compatible with your computer.

Vista Update

For those who purchased a PC when *Vista* first came out a year ago, you may likely be able to significantly improve its performance by updating the hardware drivers. Check your manufacturer's Web site first and then Microsoft to see if updated drivers are available for your model.



Webmaster Bob

Vista Service Pack 1 is available and you should install it. It includes a rollup of fixes, plus a few new fixes, and also makes a few changes in the way *Vista* works. You may need to check with your security vendor, as many of the Internet security suites will need a patch to run with SP1.

However, if your computer uses Intel integrated graphics, you will *not* get *Vista* SP1 via automatic update unless you first install updated drivers from Intel. The impacted chipsets are the Intel G31, G33, G35, Q33, Q35, G965, Q965, Q963, 946GZ, 945G, and 945GZ Express for desktops, and the GM965, 945GT, 945GM, 945GMS, and 940GML Express for mobile PCs. This is from the *MS Redmond Developer News*. ❖

Discovery Owners Association, Inc. Membership Application

Welcome to an organization open to all owners of Discovery motor homes by Fleetwood RV. DOAI is an organization intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among members.

Dues are **\$20.00** for the first year (includes one-time \$4.00 administrative fee); **\$16.00** for one-year renewal; **\$45.00** for three years, or **\$75.00** for five years.

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Portia Williams, Membership Director
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St. George, UT 84771-0095

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, ZIP+4 Code/Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

Discovery Year and Model _____ E-Mail Address _____

Is this your first RV? Yes _____ No _____ Are you a full-time or part-time RVer? _____

Who recommended DOAI membership to you? _____

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

Fleetwood Technical Information

Batteries by Neil Buschur, Fleetwood Owner Relations

At Fleetwood Owner Relations, we get frequent calls from customers who do not understand how the battery systems work in their motor home. Some folks do not realize that they need to maintain their batteries.

The first thing we need to talk about is the **safety requirements** when working around batteries. When working around batteries, we need to remove rings, metal watchbands, and other metal jewelry. We also need to use caution when using metal tools. If a tool comes in contact with a battery terminal or any metal connected to it, a short circuit could occur which could cause personal injury, explosion, or fire. Do not allow battery electrolyte to come into contact with skin, eyes, fabrics, or painted surfaces. This could cause serious personal injury or property damage. Always wear eye protection when working around batteries. Never expose a battery to an open flame, nor an electric spark. The hydrogen gas emitted from the battery is flammable and explosive.

There are two types of batteries in your motor home; the first is the chassis battery, which is a maintenance-free, 12-volt battery. You may have one or two of these. They are designed to give a lot of power for a short period of time. They are used mainly for the chassis functions, like starting the engine, powering the headlights, wipers, etc. They are also used for powering the leveling jacks and running the slideouts; therefore, you should always have your engine running when performing these functions to assure you have plenty of alternator and battery power available.

The second type of battery is the house battery, which is normally a six-volt deep cycle battery. There are usually two or four of these. They are designed to give steady power for a long period of time. These deep cycle batteries will require maintenance, which includes checking the fluid level in them every seven days when the coach is being used. Even though they are six-volt batteries, they are wired in "series" that will power the 12-volt systems in your motor home. Therefore, it is very important that if your dealer has to change the batteries, the new batteries need to be wired exactly like those taken out. At times we get calls from customers who are not experienced in electrical repairs. If you are not experienced in electrical repairs, please allow an experienced RV technician perform any battery maintenance or repairs.

On coaches built in 1997 or after, there are three ways the batteries get charged. The first way is when you are driving; the engine alternator will charge the chassis batteries first and if you do not have a lot of the chassis systems in use at one time, the alternator will also charge the house batteries. One good thing to remember is, if you are going to be driving for several hours, turn on a 12-volt system in the motor home. This will assure you do not overcharge the house batteries, because you will be using voltage as the alternator is charging the batteries. The second and third ways the batteries get charged are when you are running the generator or plugged into shore power. There is no need to do both of these at once because

they both use the same charging system. The one thing to remember is, the house disconnect must be turned on for the charging system to work. When plugged into shore power or the generator is running, the house batteries get charged first. When the house batteries get to approximately 13.1 volts, the batteries are tied together through a solenoid and the chassis batteries will then start to charge. If, for some reason, the voltage on the house batteries starts to drop, and they get down to about 12.5 volts, the solenoid will disconnect the chassis battery. This will assure that the chassis batteries do not get discharged. Another key thing to remember here is, if for some reason the house batteries do not get to 13.1 volts, the chassis batteries will not charge. This could be caused by having a defective battery or by not maintaining your house batteries.

Most diesel coaches and some gas coaches have an inverter, which allows the 12-volt batteries to run 120-volt appliances when dry camping. Although this is a convenient feature to have, it is also important to remember that it takes ten times as much DC power to run a 120-volt appliance as it would AC power. For example, if you are running a 120-volt appliance on your inverter and it uses five amps per hour to run on AC power, you will be taking 50 amps per hour out of your DC batteries to create the AC amperage needed. At this rate of discharge, the batteries will not last too long before they need to be recharged. Depending on how much your batteries

have discharged, you may have to run your generator two hours or more to charge them back up.

Next we want to talk a little bit about storing your motor home and the maintenance required on the batteries. As we already discussed, when using the motor home, the fluid in the batteries should be checked every seven days. Before putting the coach

into storage, the batteries need to be fully charged. Then the battery fluid level should be checked every 30 days. The batteries should also be fully charged every 30 days. If the fluid level is low, always add distilled water after the battery is fully charged. Make sure the fluid level does not go below the plates, and fill to 1/8-inch below the bottom of the fill well.

Another thing to remember is, the more a battery is discharged, the more it is susceptible to freezing because the water and the acid in the batteries start to separate as the batteries discharge. Dirt on top of a battery will also cause it to discharge, as the current from the battery will actually flow through the dirt. Loose connections on a battery or anywhere in the 12-volt circuit will cause a higher-than-normal amperage flow, which can damage the appliance or fixture being powered and the wiring.

This quick update is just to get you thinking about how important battery maintenance is to your RV enjoyment. You can get more information on battery maintenance if you go to www.trojan-battery.com, go to Tech Support and click on Battery Maintenance. ❖



DOAI Yahoo! Group Conversation, Part One

Tow Protection by Del Perry, Rod Kirk, Bill Capers, and Paul Gilliland

Last year Del Perry began with a tow protection question, which resulted in an ongoing conversation that may not yet be concluded! However, the following may help you make some decisions on what to use (or not, as the case may be) to protect your tow vehicle as you travel in your Discovery.

Del Perry asked: I recently purchased a used Blue Ox towbar, which came with a Blue Ox KarGuard (a plastic shield that attaches to the tow bar). I have used it on two recent trips along the west coast and found it fairly easy to install. However, I am planning for a cross-country trip and return, and I wonder if it's worth using because it (the KarGuard) is fairly large and difficult to store in the D. My D is equipped with a full-width UltraGuard mud and gravel guard, and I wonder if this is enough.

Rod Kirk responded: We wouldn't want to tow a car four wheels down over a long distance without some form of front shield. It's our impression that when traveling at 60+ miles an hour, stones will bounce under the D's rear mudflap, and even if the stones have no horizontal velocity, the car will drive into them at 60+ mph. It may appear no damage has been done, but over the long term the damage will become obvious and expensive to repair. Yes, some car shields are difficult to handle and store. We modified our Roadmaster Guardian™ Rock Guard with an ABS plastic shield extension along the bottom to protect the front of the tow. After 50,000 miles, the damage to the surface of that ABS shield is very significant.

Bill Capers wrote: We drive the Alaska Highway twice a year and have tried every method possible to protect our tow. Over the years, my findings of driving on both paved and partial gravel road surfaces are as follows:

Full-width rock guards, hanging down from the rear of the D: If you drive on nothing but paved road surfaces with no loose gravel on them, they seem to work OK. However, if the guard is too close to the ground, or if you pass over a patched area of the road surface that has loose gravel, there is a possibility that the rear of the RV will dip due to the road surface, allowing the rock guard to sweep the gravel, which will then be kicked up and blown into the front of the towed vehicle, causing great damage in some cases. I have seen quite a number of these full-width rock guards deposited in dumpsters along the Alaska Highway because of this problem.

Rock deflector mounted on the front of towed vehicle tow bar: I bought a clear Lexan® rock shield that mounted on the front of the tow baseplate, which was supposed to protect the tow from stone damage. We made one trip from Yuma, Arizona, to Anchorage; excellent protection for the tow, but the

rear of our D looked like it had been peppered with #7½ birdshot from a 12-gauge shotgun. The small stones kicked up by the D hit the shield and were deflected forward into the rear of the D. I scrapped the rock shield in a hurry!

Nose and windshield cover for the tow: This has worked excellent to protect our tow, and has served us well for nearly 100,000 miles of towing. The cover itself takes the brunt of the small gravel that would have normally hit the vehicle. Our Coastline cover is a one-piece affair, but if one has to pull a fuse under the hood before towing, it can be a pain gaining access to the tow vehicle engine area. Our solution was to remote the required fuse inside, under the dash.

RV underskirt between the D and the tow: This is the best of all protection for the tow. We have been using a Blue Ox RV underskirt for the past five years, and we are more than satisfied with its performance. However, since the D has a rear exhaust, I made a modification to the underskirt in order to prevent the exhaust heat from damaging it. Another plus for the underskirt: it protected our tow last year when we ran over an 8-foot aluminum ladder someone lost on the roadway. The underskirt gave up its life, but it forced the ladder under the tow, resulting in no damage at all to the vehicle.

You can see, from our experiences, each method has its benefits and drawbacks. We currently use the underskirt all the time while towing, and add the Coastline cover when on the upper portion of the Alaska Highway before we reach 100 percent asphalt paving.

Paul Gilliland added: My experience with a rock deflector was different [from Bill's]. I have used a Roadmaster Guardian™ Rock Guard, which is black plastic, presumably polypropylene, and have had no damage to the rear of the D after 50,000+ miles of towing. Perhaps the Lexan® has more elasticity, causing the stones to be propelled forward.

Other DOAI members commented on their satisfaction with the underskirt, and the rock shield. One member mentioned the Protect A Tow, which is an RV underskirt, similar to the Blue Ox brand. If you want to read all the questions and helpful responses from our members, login to www.groups.yahoo.com/discoveryownersassociation/ and search "Tow Protection." ❖



DOAI Yahoo! Group Conversation, Part Two

Diesel Fuel Leak by Dick Tracy and Leroy Churchill

Here's another example of how helpful the DOAI Yahoo! Group can be. Dick and Leroy had an interesting exchange, all aimed at helping Dick solve his fuel leak problem.

Dick posted this call for help: I have a fuel leak in my 1999 36T Onan 7500 diesel generator. The leak is only when the generator is running and appears as drops coming off the back of the genset. Has anyone else experienced a similar problem, and if so, what was the cause? I had someone at a campground tell me that he experienced a leak as a result of a problem with a plug, but I didn't understand what he was referring to. I don't have an immediate need to use the generator, but would like to have some idea what I am facing before I take it to an Onan service center. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

Leroy responded: This is an easy one. Stick your head under the back side of the genset and move around until the diesel hits you in the eye. Look up and you'll see which of the two hoses is leaking. Fortunately, the first hose leak I had was where the hose connects to the genset. All I had to do was remove that end of the hose, cut off three inches of the hose and slap it back on. No parts required, and just one screwdriver needed. Good luck, Dick, and take a rag with you to blot the diesel in your eye!



Leroy answered: I've had the problem on two occasions with my 1999 Discovery. You need to run your Onan to find the exact leak location. You have two rubber hoses that go from a metal connection on the diesel tank to the Onan. Find out which hose is leaking and then shut down the Onan and remove the hose (don't start the genset until the hose is replaced). Go to an automotive place and get a similar hose to put on the D. Very easy to do: all that's needed is a screwdriver to loosen the ring around the hose on each end.

A week later Dick gave the results: Well, I did check for the oil leak at the hoses and unfortunately, that just was not where it was coming from. Leroy, you are right, however, on how easy that would have been to get at. I had our local Onan shop look at it and they discovered the leak was in the fuel return line, which had a small hole worn into it where it had rubbed against the belt.

The gentleman who fixed it, shortened the new replacement hose by about an inch so that this couldn't happen again. The hole could have been caused by the belt rubbing, but also could be just from vibration when driving. It took nearly a day to do the job, with the net cost being \$445 for labor and \$2.80 for the part. I am curious if any others have had this same problem. One fellow said he had experienced a problem with the return line. ❖

Dick responded: Sounds good to me. I will let you know what I find is the fix, and I sure hope that you are right. I am not really good "under the hood" of my RV and will have to locate the points you mentioned or have someone help me a bit. I appreciate your response, Leroy.

Feeding the RVer by Nina Soltwedel

Have you harvested your rhubarb yet? By the time you get this newsletter, it'll be too late. For many people, the old-fashioned pie plant is an acquired taste; others can't get enough of it. If you're in the latter group, you might want to try these recipes:



- Rhubarb Slush (Nina Soltwedel)**
 3 c. chopped fresh rhubarb
 1 c. water
 1/3 c. sugar
 1 c. apple juice
 1 6-oz. frozen pink lemonade
 1 2-ltr. bottle lemon-lime soda

Mix all ingredients well, serve icy cold. Yield is approximately one-half gallon. Increase the recipe ... most people (even those who don't like rhubarb) love this drink. It's especially refreshing on a hot summer day.

Rhubarb Crisp (Joyce Wiechman)

- 1/2 c. soft (but not liquid) margarine
 1 c. brown sugar
 1 c. flour
 3/4 c. oatmeal
 1 c. white sugar
 1 c. water
 2 T. cornstarch
 1 t. vanilla
 Red food coloring
 3 c. fresh sliced rhubarb

Combine margarine, brown sugar, flour and oatmeal. Press two-thirds of the crumb mixture into a 9"x9" baking dish (or larger). Cover with rhubarb. In a sauce pan, mix together white sugar, water, vanilla, and coloring (just enough to turn mixture pink). Cook over low heat until mixture is thick and creamy. Pour over rhubarb-topped mixture. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake 350° F. 30 minutes. Very tasty! ❖

Items for Sale

This page is available to DOAI members, free of charge, on a space-available basis. Sale ads accepted only for Discovery motor homes and items used in/on motor homes. Because sale and want ads are extremely brief, please go to the Classified section of the DOAI Website for complete information, plus color photos where available.
<http://www.discoveryowners.com/classifieds.htm>

Discovery Motor Homes for Sale



1998 36R: Clean! Lots of amenities, well maintained. Located in Texas. **Nancy Neal;** 847.373.5143; nn445@aol.com **\$50,000**



2004 39S: 11,500 miles, excellent condition, original owner. **Paul Martin;** 860.928.1425; crosscut93@sbcglobal.net **\$121,000**



2000 37G: 21,000 miles, new tires, GPS, ext. warranty w/unlimited miles. Upgraded batteries and inverter. Located in Asheville NC. **Wes Carter;** 971.241.9322; rustysilverwings@aol.com **\$59,995**

2005 39S: 27,000 miles, clean, garage kept, outside entertainment center with grill, InMotion satellite, all manuals. Located in Tullahoma, TN. **Jerry TeVrucht;** 931.455.6345; 931.273.1117; jutevrucht@gmail.com **\$127,500**

2008 39R: Full-wall slide plus two slides on opposite side; 8,000 miles, like-new condition. **Skip Russell;** 318.548.5050 **\$173,000**

Motor Home-Related Items for Sale



2002 38P: Low miles, mint condition. Located in Florida. **Raymond Martin;** 813.642.9248 until April, then 513.777.7507; dwe1835@wmconnect.com **\$90,000**

THE ORIGINAL – DON’S HUB NUT WRENCH: Can be used on most coaches on a Freightliner chassis with aluminum wheels and the screw-in decorative nut. Makes polishing rims easier with rear axle can off. **Don Cullins;** 9025 Robinhood Cir, Westerville OH 43082-9665; scdc432@sbcglobal.net **\$14.95 plus \$3 shipping/handling**



2003 39L: 36,000 miles; great condition; non-smokers; all options plus. Located in Missouri. **Bill Simek;** 573.372.6087; billisimek@aol.com **\$119,000**

ULTIMATE HUB NUT TOOL: Use for the removal of Freightliner chassis hubs on coaches with aluminum wheels. It saves the hub from the unforgiving channel locks and pipe wrenches, plus allows the hubs to be removed for cleaning and polishing. **Frank Cason,** 1917 Stone Dam Rd, Chuckey TN 37641-4876; 423.552.5257; fcason@comcast.net **\$10 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling**





2008 NATIONAL RALLY - BACK HOME AGAIN IN INDIANA
Celebrating DOAI's Tenth Anniversary
 September 8 to 14, 2008
 Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds
 East Monroe St., 17746-D CR 34, Goshen, Indiana
 (Latitude N41° 34.840 / Longitude W85° 48.300)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT legibly or TYPE all information as you want it to appear on your name badge

Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street _____ City, State, ZIP+4 Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Other _____
 Email _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone/s _____
 DOAI # _____ DOAI Region Affiliation _____
 Need handicap parking? Yes _____ No _____ First National Rally? Yes _____ No _____
 Are You? DOAI Officer/Chairman _____ Chapter Officer _____ Chapter _____
 Guest/s Name, City, State _____

REGISTRATION: (See next page for information on early arrival, parking, events, and informative links) → → →

\$275.00 per coach with two adults (September 8 to 14)	\$ _____
\$220.00 per coach with one adult (September 8 to 14)	\$ _____
\$80.00 each additional person/child (September 8 to 14) x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
\$20.00 early arrival Sunday, September 7	\$ _____
\$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member)	\$ _____

OPTIONAL TOURS AND GOLF: (See next page for information on tours and golf outing) → → →

Tour 1: Mon., Sept. 8 ... Discovery Factory Tour	\$20.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Golf 2: Tues., Sept. 9 ... Black Squirrel Golf Club or	\$40.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 3: Tues., Sept. 9 ... Discovery Factory Tour or	\$20.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 4: Tues., Sept. 9 ... Studebaker Legend and Folklore ...	\$53.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 5: Tues., Sept. 9 ... Amish Dinner on a Farm	\$17.50 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 6: Wed., Sept. 10 .. Discovery Factory Tour or	\$20.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 7: Wed., Sept. 10 .. Brown Bag Tour Amish Country ...	\$46.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
Tour 8: Wed., Sept. 10 .. Amish Acres Dinner and Theatre ...	\$42.25 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: <i>Discovery Owners Assn., Inc.</i> Check Enclosed/Total		\$ _____

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Pat Gravel, Registrar, 16759 Blind Lake Trl SE, Prior Lake MN 55372-2900
 Questions? Call Pat Gravel 612-396-7409 or send email: patgravel@aol.com

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 20, 2008

Cancellation may be made up to August 20, 2008 – **AFTER AUGUST 20 – NO REFUND**

→ → → COPY FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS ← ← ←

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email

DOAI Photos from Across the Country



Geri Cozens got her kicks on Route 66 in Williams, Arizona.



Herb and Avis Petersen (Wisconsin) are Texas snowbirds ... and somehow their Discovery got crossed with a Texas longhorn. It must have happened when they weren't looking. A Texas mystery!



Snowbirds Terry and Sherry Klungseth (Minnesota) returned to their summer quarters a bit too soon ... April 25 ... and there are birds in the snow along with their Big D! The Klungseths were glad to see the snow gone ... finally ... in May.

Important National Rally Information

- If you wish to arrive at the fairgrounds prior to Sunday, September 7, you must make your own reservation with the fairgrounds. You will be charged the regular fairgrounds rate, and you may have to move once the rally begins. You can contact fairgrounds at info@4hfair.org or call 574.533.3247 or fax 574.534.3743.
- If you wish to park together, you must come into the fairgrounds together.
- For more information about the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, visit www.4hfair.org
- Time will allow for only **one** Event/Tour on Tuesday (#2, #3, or #4) and only **one** Tour on Wednesday (#6 or #7). Certain tours may be canceled if there is not enough participation.



An aerial view of the general area covered by the "how to get there" map on page 5. You can see the high school at the T-intersection of Monroe St. and Hwy. 33. Fairgrounds at far right.



An aerial view of the fairgrounds, looking north. The long white building near the top of the photo (just under a gray-looking area) is rally hall. The northwest camping area is in the upper left hand corner. This is generally what the fairgrounds map on page 5 shows.

Thanks to Dick Snyder for these photos from Google Earth, and for placing the push pins at strategic locations.

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