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EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!

So much news ... just so much space ... we are crammed with information for you in this issue. Don't miss any of it!

Digital Television Alert

Bob Cook, DOAI webmaster, shares important information about the February 2009 deadline to switch to digital TV broadcasting, and how you can get a coupon to help in the purchase of a digital converter box, courtesy of Uncle Sam! See article on **page 15**.



DOAI 10th Anniversary Celebration

Start planning now to attend the DOAI 2008 national rally in Goshen, Indiana, September 8-14, 2008. Good news – the seven days/six nights rally fee is **only \$275!** See more details in Jay Keneson's report on **page 6**.

2008 Southeast Region Rally – LAST CALL!

If you haven't yet sent in your registration for this year's super regional rally at Lazydays RallyPark in Seffner, Florida, *do it now*. See the registration form on **page 22**. Don't miss this fun event!



Results of 2007 Election for 2008-2009 Term

The Election Committee announces that 77 ballots were cast. Of that number, 12 region vice president votes were eliminated because 1) two people voted for the wrong region candidate; and 2) ten people voted for all region candidates. According to election rules, voting for all region candidates on a ballot means no region vote will be counted on that ballot. There were two write-in candidates.

President	Marshall Godwin	72
Executive Vice President	John Baker	40
	Dick Snyder	37
Vice President of Development	Phil Yovino	71
Secretary	Elsie Sikes	73
Treasurer	Micky Racer	74
National Rally Master	Jay Keneson	72
North Central Region VP	Charles Richardson	10
Northeast Region VP	John Zidek	1
Northwest Region VP	Bob Soltwedel	10
South Central Region VP	Joe Stewart	17
	Frank Sawyer (write-in)	4
Southeast Region VP	Frank Cason	19
Southwest Region VP	Jim Casey*	3
	John Bujnovsky (write-in)	1

*Jim Casey has resigned and John Bujnovsky was unanimously appointed by the board.

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– sharing the spirit of friendship!

**If you would like to join this elite group,
please contact DOAI Membership Director Portia Williams at 888.594.6818**



New DOAI Badge Available

Back by request – the DOAI badge is once again available ... just in time to celebrate DOAI's tenth anniversary! The graphic has been improved, and the badge now includes the entire name of our club. The color (French blue) is as close as possible to the original no-longer-available turquoise. Get your badge now and wear it proudly at all DOAI national, regional, and chapter gatherings ... especially this coming September!



- Shown here in actual size (3"x1.25"), the costs are as follows:
- 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.

Here's How 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.

President's Message by Marshall Godwin

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of our association. Working with the excellent group of national officers and region vice presidents, I hope to continue to build on the solid foundation laid by Phil and past DOAI board members.

Speaking of past board members, I am a better person for having known and worked with Tom Fields these past two years. When you have the opportunity, please thank Tom for his many years of service to DOAI.

Our association is in great shape: membership continues to grow, finances are strong, we have an outstanding newsletter and website, and a core group of national officers, directors, and chapter officers dedicated to making this the number one owners group in the world.

Chapter, region and national rallies are an important part of our organization. If you have never attended a national rally, please consider coming to the DOAI 10th anniversary national rally in Goshen, Indiana, this September. The seminars, vendors, free Fleetwood service, food, entertainment and fellowship more than offset the cost to attend the rally. We want to have a large turnout to appropriately celebrate this anniversary and thank our founding and charter members.

I have found it to be true that you get more from any endeavor when you get involved and participate. We need more of you come off the bench and take a turn at bat. We need more candidates for offices at the national, region and local chapter levels. Please step forward and make a difference.

I promise to work hard on your behalf. There may be times when I do or say something with which you do not agree. I ask that you promptly contact me so that we can resolve differences. E-mail is a poor substitute for personal contact, so please call my toll free number, 877.246.4516. At the same time I know it is impossible to satisfy everyone. After all is said and done, if this great club does not fulfill your needs, consider joining another owners group. I hope that will never be the case, but it is important to realize we are primarily a social organization closely bound by ownership of Discovery motor homes. It is essential we preserve the sense of family and friendship our members currently enjoy.

I look forward to working with you these next two years. Let's resolve to have a great time enjoying our Discovery coaches. I look forward to seeing you at the Southeast Region rally at Lazydays this January and the national rally in Goshen, Indiana, this September.

Take care...God bless. ❖



President
Marshall

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Past President's Message by Phil Yovino

Friends and Discovery owners: As president of this great RV club the past four years, it's been one wonderful time for both Dot and me. When past president and nomination committee chairman, Lois Patterson, called and said I had been mentioned to run for DOAI president, I was somewhat surprised, as I felt there were other members who would run for the office. As it turned out, I was the only one, and all I could think of was how and what I could do for the members to make our club better.

With a great board behind me, we were able to put into place several useful programs; for example, the DOAI/Fleetwood Advisory Council. This council works directly with Fleetwood management to solve Discovery owners coach problems. In 2004 the board approved the development of a DOAI brochure – one that tells all Discovery owners what we're about. This has been a useful tool in bringing in new members. The board also approved the *Discovery Express* page increase to 24, and to upgrade to color covers. We offered non-members an associate membership to our website. This program has helped increase the membership by sharing our site for an annual fee.

In 2006 we took on the Discovery dealers. We sent letters to all the D dealers requesting their support in our membership drive. We offered them space in our newsletter and on our website in exchange for sponsoring new and used Discovery owners.

There were many more actions passed to benefit the membership – too many to mention, but all with the sole purpose of a better RV club – one we're all proud of.

Our numbers have grown and for good reasons: we offer more and better rallies and chapter campouts – a total of 70 per year – open to any Discovery owner.

This year we have a new president and some new board members. Marshall Godwin has taken command, and with a supportive board, I'm sure we'll see additional member benefits.

It was my pleasure to be your president. Thanks for your support. ❖



Past President
Phil

Please contact DOAI membership director as soon as you change your address. Newsletters are costly to mail, and DOAI pays double when a newsletter is returned.

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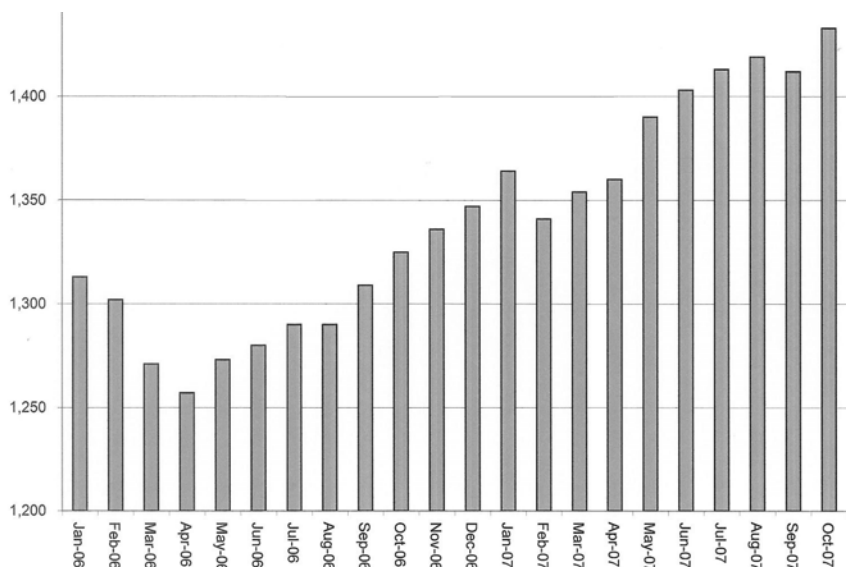
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Membership Director's Report

2007 Recap by Portia Williams



Director Portia

The chart reflects a continuing increase in DOAI membership for the years 2006 and 2007. We attribute this increase to dealers willing to participate in our membership campaign by sponsoring the first year's membership to buyers of new or used Discovery motor homes.

Another major source is the Internet and our website, www.discoveryowners.com. We get a lot of new members as a result of owners of Discovery motor homes searching the Internet for information about their D's. Another source is from our current members; when they refer three new members, they are given a one year's membership. We also

thank Fleetwood for distributing copies of the newsletter and brochure in all new Discovery motor homes.

We extend congratulations to **Joe and Justine Stewart** who have recently been awarded a year's membership in DOAI as a result of their referring three new DOAI members! ❖

Welcome, New Members



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

Ricky/Linda Achord, Denham Springs LA
 Ron/Linda Allen, Lady Lake FL
 William/Marilyn Allen, Dunnellon FL
 William/Carolyn Arquette, Poway CA
 Bill/Luci Bean, Broken Arrow OK
 Lee/Nancy Beavers, Loma CO
 James/Denise Billingsby, Fairview Hts IL
 Ronald/Edith Bodell, Sun Lakes AZ
 Brandon Bordeaux, Saginaw MI
 Marvin/Cheryl Borne, Bush LA
 Jimmy Bowles, Newman GA
 Donnie/Janie Bowman, Iola TX
 Gary/Connie Brenden, Menifee CA
 Alfred/Sherry Burkett, Sandston VA
 John/Kaye Cantrell, Isle of Palms SC
 Kerry Cavaness, Beebee AR
 Manuel Chacon, Hollywood FL
 Tom/June Chittenden, Indian Rocks Beach FL
 Jack/Pat Coleman, Palestine TX
 Steele/Marion Cooley, Cameron TX
 James/Linda Cox, Sheridan AR
 Marvin/Pat Cutler, Helena MT
 William Dolcini, Petaluma CA
 Lloyd/Joyce Elliott, Livingston TX
 George/Betty Engle, Pineville MO
 Robert/Jonneal Eshleman, Big Spring TX
 Jack/Anna Fanning, Gastonia NC
 Tony Farahani, Red Lodge MT
 Peggy/Kirk Figley, Lobelville TN
 Rick/Jean Fletcher, Kalispell MT
 Manning/Kari Frymier, Wheeling WV
 Richard/LaVonne Fugazzi, Sioux Falls SD
 Edward/Linda Gidley, Stow OH
 Richard/Sharon Gilbert, Marion OH
 Ron/Wanda Gillespie, Lexington AL
 James/Linda Gladfelder, Fort Worth TX
 David Goedker/Claretta Boyles, El Cajon CA

Michael/Sondra Griffin, Lake Placid FL
 Russell/Terri Hall, Orange Park FL
 Richard/Cathy Connor Harquist, Bridgeville DE
 L.D./Tia J Harris, Albuquerque NM
 Denvard/Ellen Heasley, Nixa MO
 Larry/Karen Hart, Hot Springs Village AR
 Michael/Cody Heine, Webster FL
 William/Ruth Hendrick, Galesburg MI
 Michael/Pamela Hill, San Jose CA
 Ralph/Diane Hurst, Tehachapi CA
 Sheri/Hamilton Iida, Kaneohe HI
 Jim/Tim Jadtlot, Lancaster OH
 David/Melissa Jeda, Naples FL
 Todd Johnson, Ft Myers FL
 Ron/Katie Kennedy, Hacienda Heights CA
 Graham/Treana Kerr, Camano Isl WA
 John/Debra Kettmann, Las Vegas NV
 Marvin/Susan Kimbrell, Garden Ridge TX
 Archie/Robin Knight, Orange Park FL
 Marland/Margie Knight, Sanger TX
 Denis/Suzanne Lapointe, St-Bruno QC
 Andrew/Sheri Lawrence, West Palm Beach FL
 Roy/Susan Little, Parma ID
 John/Martha Mabry, Chattanooga TN
 Rick/Tanya Magar, McDonough GA
 Ivan/Carol Manley, Centralia IL
 Robert/Carol Ann Martin, Nacogdoches TX
 Steve Masterson, Cincinnati OH
 Robert/Theresa Mathis, St. Augustine FL
 David/Joan McCoy, Bakersfield CA
 Michael/Donna Mcdowell, Columbus NJ
 Warren/Marian McGill, Hoschton GA
 James/Margaret Medley, Riggins ID
 Leon/Myrna Mendenhall, Palmdale CA
 James/Rosemary Morgan, Pataskala OH
 Tom/Donna Nail, Denver CO
 Mary Nash, Little Rock AR

Mark/Carmen Ortega, Whittier CA
 Gary/Susan Osorno, Metairie LA
 Werner/Mildred Pallasch, Kenton OH
 Kevin Patterson, Frankfort OH
 Dennis/Rowena Peacock, Hilton Head Isl SC
 A.J. Pellegrino, Laredo TX
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 Lawrence/Helena Ryan, Jacksonville AR
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 John/Linda Slagle, Bethel Park PA
 Rudy/Gertie Soileau, Slidell LA
 Scott Stephens, Scarsdale NY
 Gary/Mimi Stofer, Pittsburg CA
 John/Mary Tippy, Murphysboro IL
 John/Anita Trimble, Round Rock TX
 Virgil/Linda Turner, Portland OR
 Alex/Mayra Urbino, Hialeah FL
 Warren VanDeventer, Perry FL
 Dave/Carol Wayson, Owings MD
 Bill/Jeanne Wheeler, Chula Vista CA
 Vickey Wilcox, Columbus OH
 Wayne Wilkison, Wynne AR
 Benny/Linda Williams, Godley TX
 Walt Williams, Tampa FL
 Larry/Charlotte Williamson, Chillicothe IL
 Robert/Tim Willis, Bradenton FL
 Jerry/Sue Yarbrough, El Dorado Hills CA
 Kenneth/Anna Young, Brigham City UT
 Tom/Clara Young, Spicewood TX

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of November 8, 2007 by Micky Racer

The DOAI audit committee reported on their examination of the books and records of DOAI for the year ended December 31, 2006. Due to the committee's recommendations, all future financial reports will be in the following format. The audit committee found the records to be proper and in order for 2006. Please contact me at mimra@aol.com if you have questions about this report.



Treasurer Micky

Assets

Checking	\$ 63,887.20
Money Market	2,346.12
1-Year CD	10,330.11
2-Year CD	10,337.80
3-Year CD	<u>10,345.46</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 97,246.69</u>

Other Assets

Clothing Inventory	\$ 4,544.84
Membership Revolving Fund	550.00
MotoSat DataStorm System	\$4,995.00
Depreciation	(4,995.00)
MotoSat Value	00
Zoll Defibrillator	\$1,895.00
Depreciation	(1,895.00)
Zoll Debrillator Value00

Total Assets \$102,341.53

Liabilities

Prepaid Membership	Not material amount
2007 National Rally expenses	All bills pending

Net Worth \$102,341.53

Note to Report: \$12,000 is set aside from checking account to cover future rally losses. Therefore, net available cash is \$90,341.53 less pending national rally bills. At the November 8, 2007 board meeting, the board voted to fully depreciate the value of the MotoSat DataStorm System and the Zoll Defibrillator due to age, and to reduce the set-aside to \$12,000 from the previous \$20,517 to cover rally losses.

Report of the Audit Committee

by

Phil Yovino, Jay Keneson, Pete Palasota

We have examined the books and records of the DOAI for the year ended December 31, 2006. Our examination included checking, bank states with copies of cancelled checks, the 2006 Federal Tax Return, check stubs, and statements of receipts and disbursement. A limited number of support documents were provided to us. However, in our limited examination, we did not find anything that did not appear to be proper.

We cannot express an opinion on these statements for the following reasons:

1. No records from the previous audit were provided to us.
2. Only limited documentation for disbursements was provided.
3. A liability account to cover potential future rally losses is overstated and in our opinion not necessary.
4. No calculation has been made for liability on prepaid memberships. If this amount is material, it should be recognized as a liability.

We wish to thank Micky Racer and the board for their help and cooperation in preparation of this audit. ❖

Thoughts and Prayers

These good people are in our thoughts and prayers...
 ...Jay & Lori Keneson, both under the weather (Lori was injured at the rally, and Jay is suffering from shingles).
 ...Dorothy Devine, back in the hospital again.
 ...Tom Fields, needing a bit of cheer...send him a card!
 ...Isabel Cason, dealing with erratic heartbeat.
 ...Jackie Quinn, who had gall bladder surgery.
 ...Leon Sikes, who had hip replacement surgery.
 ...Bill Humphrey, whose father died.
 ...Sanford Smith, diagnosed with cancer.
 ...Jean Leith, whose mother died.
 ...Santa Capers, suffering from several health problems.
 ...Richard Smith (California), praying for improved health.
 ...Dorothy Hawk, who is receiving cancer treatment.
 ...Julia Embry, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Please remember to contact the newsletter editor (see e-mail address and toll-free phone number on page 3) when you know of someone needing a prayer, kind thoughts, care card, or sympathy card. ❖



National Rally Master's Report

The 2007 National Rally: The past filled with many fond memories by Jay Keneson

In January 2006, we visited the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort. This visit was arranged by the hosting Arizona Discovery Owners chapter for us to visit the facilities and discuss with the park management the support and assistance they would provide for our 2007 rally. Our national president was furnished a report of this visit which was then submitted to the DOAI board for final approval.

Because of their small membership, the Arizona chapter experienced some early anxiety about meeting the many requirements for staging a national rally. Spearheaded by those members with outstanding leadership and an entire group with exceptional dedication and just plain hard work, the "little club that could" offered a creative and exhilarating event!

The fortunate attendees were afforded interesting and fun tours, great vendors, a fine variety of outstanding entertainment and wonderful meals. The seminars were well balanced and offered something for everyone. The RV park facilities were top of the line, while their staff was attentive to detail and ensured everything that could be done was accomplished.

I heard no complaints and only positive comments from all. To the entire Arizona group we say, "A job well done!" Each of you deserves a big thanks for your contributions. As always, some did more than others – you know who you are – and from me a special thank you. Still, it took each of you working to your capacity to make this rally happen. Congratulations for achieving this event, which early on you feared was a near impossible task.

Special thanks go to Stan and Cindy Sassman of Fleetwood. They are loyal attendees and provide expert information on development and changes to the new Ds. We also thank George Weart, the national owners relations manager and the supervisor of the many representatives who you contact with your concerns about your Discovery problems. Words do not adequately describe our high esteem for Randy Hendricks, Fleetwood's rally service coordinator, and his skilled team of service technicians who gave such expert service, repairs and information toward the upkeep and maintenance of our RVs. Thank you, Fleetwood, for your continuing support.

Old Rumors and the Real Facts

As many of you may know, we were originally planning our 2008 national rally in Richmond, Indiana, in conjunction with the Tom Raper annual rally at the Wayne County fairgrounds. Exceptional support and financial assistance by the Tom Raper management was offered as we worked to plan the rally.



Rally Master Jay

An insurmountable obstacle materialized by the fairgrounds that had not been expected and gave us a prohibitively high charge for rental of the grounds and facilities, as well as diminished service from what was originally proposed. This caused us to have to cancel our plans and look elsewhere for a site.

Jeff Nickell, Tom Raper general manager, and Judy Miller, their rally coordinator, had truly done all possible to meet our needs. We are sorry we will not be with them for our 2008 rally and sincerely thank them for all their efforts.

We are still going to Indiana in 2008 for our tenth anniversary rally, however! It will be held in Goshen, Indiana, at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds. This new venue offers us about 200 full hookups (electricity, water, and sewer) and the use of a 15,000-square-foot rally hall. This site is located in the center of "RV Country," an area where most of the innovative parts to modify/upgrade your coach are made. We hope to have factory tours and plenty of fun trips.

The dates are: Early arrival is Sunday, September 7. The inclusive rally dates are Monday, September 8, with departure on Sunday, September 14, 2008. **That's a seven days/six nights rally with all the bells and whistles!** This will include three breakfasts, three dinners, and three nights of entertainment, plus a big welcome party and, we hope, our greatest rally ever. **The cost for all of this is only \$275!**

Look at your calendars now and start saving your dollars for fuel. Plan for a great time **Back Home Again in Indiana** where it all began. See you there! ❖

NOTE: The 2008 rally registration form will be included in the Spring 2008 issue, and will be posted online as soon as it is ready. Check www.discoveryowners.com often!

Secretary's Report

Board Meeting, November 9, 2007 by Marshall Godwin, Secretary pro tem

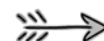
Board Members Present: All board members except the past president, secretary, and Southwest region vice president, constituting a quorum.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by president Phil Yovino. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Phil recognized the great work of those in the Arizona chapter to organize and conduct this very successful national rally.

Phil mentioned the outstanding performance of Fleetwood's service technicians and noted the contribution

they provide to our national rally attendees. He suggested members write to Fleetwood to let them know how much the free service is appreciated.

Phil noted the success of our Membership Sponsor program and the need to develop a training package that dealers can use to inform their salesmen about the benefits of the effort. Marshall Godwin volunteered to develop the training material.



Meeting Minutes, cont.

Phil introduced board members present as well as the newsletter editor and membership director.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last board meeting held February 16, 2007, were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report and audit report were read and accepted. Without objection, the board approved the recommendation to depreciate the defibrillator and DataStorm system to more correctly reflect their current value. Also, a \$12,000 set-aside account was established to cover the worst case loss for any future rally.

Unfinished Business:

Rally handbook. Jay Keneson plans to distribute a review draft of the Rally Handbook prior to the upcoming Southeast region rally.

Discovery flags. Jay is continuing to explore sources for Discovery flags.

Online member application. Bob Cook was tasked to provide an update on the status to implement online dues payment and new member enrollment.

Discovery badges. Nina Soltwedel presented options for new Discovery name badges. Without objection, the board approved a color which most closely matches the original color. Information about how to order the badges will be in the next newsletter.

New Business:

2008 national rally. Jay presented plans and budget considerations for the 2008 national rally. A motion was made that: **DOAI subsidize this rally cost and establish the rally fee at \$275.00 to encourage greater attendance.** The motion carried.

Another motion was made that: **DOAI pay rally fees for charter members.** The motion did not carry.

Membership. Portia Williams presented a report showing the source and number of member referrals. Our membership is continuing to grow at a time many RV organizations show decreasing membership. The two largest sources are Lazydays sponsored membership for Discovery buyers and those who find out about DOAI through the Internet.

Major sponsors. Marshall indicated that Caterpillar has discontinued its DOAI sponsorship because of the impact of the decision by Freightliner to not use Cat engines on their chassis. Other sponsors are being sought.

Past president also serving as vice president of development.

A member submitted a concern about having the past president also serve in another position on the board. Due to the inability to find candidates for board positions, Phil agreed to accept the nomination for vice president of development. This does not violate DOAI standing rules nor bylaws and was done with unanimous consent of the board.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Annual Business Meeting, November 9, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by president Phil Yovino. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and welcome remarks, Phil introduced board members present, as well as the newsletter editor, membership director and merchandise coordinators.

Phil reviewed significant accomplishments since the last meeting and status of activities including the Advisory Board, DOAI membership brochure, *Discovery Express* newsletter, DOAI website, the Discovery Yahoo eGroup, and the success of the membership sponsor program.

Minutes from the last annual business meeting held October 7, 2006, San Antonio, Texas, were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Jay Keneson reported status of planning for the 2008 national rally in Indiana. This DOAI tenth anniversary rally should not be missed. The dates are September 7 (early arrival), rally September 8-13, departure September 14. More details to follow. All members were strongly encouraged to support this major milestone to celebrate our organization's founding and to show appreciation to our charter members.

Tom Fields reported on his meeting with chapter presidents and representatives. A new chapter, representing the area around Nevada, is being formed now.

Other board members and directors gave a brief report of actions within their area of responsibility.

Phil recognized chapter presidents/representatives present. Phil also presented certificates of appreciation to board members and directors.

Tom Fields was recognized for his many years of service to DOAI. His selfless dedication, commitment and expertise will be missed as his term on the board comes to an end.

Adjournment: There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried. ❖

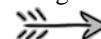
Region Reports

Southwest Region by Jim Casey

The report out of the Southwest region is encouraging and continues to show what a great group of Discovery owners there are within this region. The Arizona Discovery Owners outdid themselves with a super national rally that just concluded in El Mirage. My hat is off to the Arizona group in pulling off such a terrific gathering that was full of fun, laughs, fellowship and some good eats. The California Goodtimers chapter continues to move along, even though there are some obstacles and bumps in the road along the way for them, as

they try to increase member participation and much needed involvement. Several ideas are being explored in order to help stabilize and improve the Goodtimers and the California members of DOAI. The Goodtimers are now led by new president, Homer Davis, who should prove to be an able leader for this chapter.

The really good news that came out of El Mirage is that of the formation of the Nevada chapter in the Southwest region of DOAI, the Desert Rats! With the leadership of John Bujnovsky and the other Nevada members, this chapter should be a great one in the months and years to come.



Region Reports, cont.

Finally, as most of you already know, Marilyn and I have recently purchased a new coach that is a brand other than a Discovery (we still believe the Discovery is one of the best coaches for the money on the road today!). As you know, that makes us SOBs (some other brand) and thus requires that under DOAI bylaws I relinquish my position as region vice president, which I have now done. I have submitted a name to the DOAI board for consideration. In any event, I know that the Southwest region will soon have a new and able leader to work with the local chapters as well as the DOAI board.

I personally thank each and every DOAI member who has worked with me, who has assisted me, and those who have supported me in making the Southwest region one of the best regions within the DOAI today. Marilyn and I look forward to our continued friendship with many of you.

To all DOAI members, may the sun shine upon you, and may the winds be at your back. Travel safe and may you have many, many happy trails! ❖

North Central Region #1 . . . by Charlie Richardson

A special thanks to all who voted. I have been given the honor to be your vice president of the North Central region. Providing representation to all members of my region and the DOAI will be my primary goal. I intend to follow the steps of Dick Snyder to encourage the growth of DOAI and my region. I hope to meet several members in Seffner, Florida, in January. ❖



New VP Charlie

North Central Region #2 by Dick Snyder

It has been an interesting and rewarding four years as your North Central region vice president. Our membership has grown, and the Heartland Discoverys chapter was formed during this time. I thank all the members who had faith in me, and thanks to the board for their dedication and hard work during my term. ❖

South Central Region by Garry Shirey

Well, it's time to hang it up and reflect on the last four years. It's been real and it's been fun. Some of it was real fun and some of it not. However, it was all real. I think we, as the board, accomplished some very good things. One of the most important things, I think, was to enable Bob Cook to update the satellite equipment so that he will be better able to keep our website up to and above par.

I hope I was able to help those who requested help in their quest for repairs to their motor homes. It always helps to follow the letter in the process of requesting help from any manufacturer.

I've had a good time in serving on the board and did my best to hold the board to the standing rules and bylaws. I believe we all learned something in the process. I say so long and hope to see you all down the road and especially at the 2008 rally in Indiana. May the Good Lord watch over all of you. ❖

Chapter Reports

Blue Ridge Discoverys by Frank Cason

As many of you may know by now, my wife, Isabel, was pretty sick in Phoenix; she spent 90 percent of the rally in our motor home, not wanting to take me away from the rally, and not wanting to go to a doctor so far from home. After the rally, we came across the U.S. pretty fast, and on November 16 Isabel was admitted to the hospital with congestive heart failure. As of this writing (November 20), Isabel's heart is working about 80 percent and there is no blockage.



President Frank

I thank all the Blue Ridge Discoverys members who provided verbal and written support and prayers for Isabel. I will never forget them and we say, "Thanks for your support during this time in our lives." ❖

California Goodtimers by Jim Casey

There have been a number of notable changes within the ranks of the California Goodtimers over the past couple of months. First, I would like to note that the Goodtimers currently have 38 member coaches on our roster. We have recently conducted two chapter rallies, one in Casa de Fruita over the first weekend of October with six coaches present, and

the second was held concurrent with the DOAI national rally in El Mirage, with 12 coaches present.

Our Goodtimers definitely had a good ... er, make that great ... time at the DOAI national rally. It was a super rally with many old as well as new friends for all of us to share our enjoyment, fun and laughter with over the week.

Although our Goodtimers chapter is struggling with member participation and much needed involvement, we continue to move forward and anticipate the best for the chapter as we head into 2008.

One of the changes was noted in my Southwest region article (see page 7). I have relinquished my position as president of California Goodtimers chapter. It has been an exciting time as a Goodtimers president, and I was humbled to try and step into the vacated shoes of our dearly departed former president and friend, Gerald Embry. We continue to work to make the club stable and sound for future growth. I thank each and every one of our great Goodtimers chapter members, as well as the many officers and staff and support people who have worked to help me and the Goodtimers over the past nine months for all of your support and assistance. The Goodtimers' good news is that they will continue with the able leadership of Homer Davis as their new president. I wish Homer all the very best in his future Goodtimers endeavors. *Continued on page 11...*

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.**

January 2008 –

- 3-6 California Goodtimers, Palm Springs CA
- 11-? Arizona Discovery Owners, Phoenix AZ
- 15-19 Texas Disco Road Runners, Houston TX
- 17-19 Discovery Texans and Quad-LATO, Montgomery TX
- 24-28 Southeast Region Rally, Seffner FL**

March 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- T/B/A Florida Rolling Gators, Merritt Island FL
- 3-6 Discovery Pioneers, Benson AZ
- 11-15 Quad-LATO and Texas Disco Road Runners, Grapevine TX
- 20-22 Discovery Texans, Onalaska TX

April 2008 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Myrtle Beach SC
- 24-28 Arizona Discovery Owners, Williams AZ

May 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, Bakersfield CA
- 1-7 Florida Rolling Gators, Grassy Key FL
- 2-4 Quad-LATO, Claremore OK
- 4-7 Heartland Discoverys, Springfield IL
- 5-9 Texas Disco Road Runners, Nacogdoches TX
- 15-17 Discovery Texans, Riviera TX

June 2008 –

- 25-30 Blue Ridge Discoverys, Dillard GA

July 2008 –

- 3-6 Quad-LATO, town T/B/A AR

August 2008 –

- 20-26 Florida Discovery Rolling Gators, Boone NC

September 2008 –

- T/B/A California Goodtimers, site T/B/A
- 7-13 DOAI Tenth Anniversary Rally, Back Home Again in Indiana, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, Elkhart IN**
- 18-20 Discovery Texans, Sulpher OK
- 25-29 Arizona Discovery Owners, San Diego CA

October 2008 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Charleston SC
- 31-11/3 Discovery Texans, Ingram TX

November 2008 –

- 7-10 Arizona Discovery Owners, Pahrump NV

June 2009 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Lewisburg WV

September 2009 –

- T/B/A Blue Ridge Discoverys, Morganton NC



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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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Chapter Reports, cont.

Discovery Pioneers by Joyce Wiechman

Though not quite as many coaches as some rallies, the fun and excitement at the national more than made up the difference. Nearly 110 coaches were in attendance, with six from our chapter. What a great time we had! We extend a huge thank you to the Arizona group for the fine planning.



President Roger

The tours were all well done and well attended. We saw the Heard Museum, the new Cardinal Stadium, Tent City and for the golfers, a fun day on the golf course with wonderful prizes.

In honor of Veteran’s Day, an impressive opening ceremony began with bagpipes played by Ed Cozens, followed by the presentation of the flags by a local high school ROTC. A buffet dinner followed. Wednesday was Hawaiian night and we were encouraged to come dressed for the occasion with a special show and dinner. Thursday was Western night, so it was western shirts, hats and boots. Following dinner we were entertained with dance music by The Mighty Cash Cats. Friday evening was “Puttin’ on the Ritz,” which gave us all a chance to dress up for the beautiful dinner and show.

The days were spent attending various seminars provided by Fleetwood, Cummins, Allison, as well as others. The ladies were treated to classes in quilting, candy making, and a Red Hat luncheon, to name a few. In case anyone ran out of something to do, several beautiful Discovery coaches were there to ooh and aah over. They ranged from the 35-footer to the 40X. Then there were the vendors who had a great selection of items for purchase.

It was nice to visit with old friends and to strike up a conversation with new faces. After a fun-filled week, Jay Keneson’s last comment was, “See you all in Goshen, Indiana, in September.”

Our chapter will have a “Rally in the Desert” south of Tucson, Arizona, the first week of March 2008. If you plan to spend some time in the valley out of the cold, give us a call❖

Discovery Texans by John Baker

Our chapter tried something new for our November rally, which began in October. Because so many of us were headed to the national rally in Arizona and would be arriving back home in time for our normally scheduled time, we decided to reschedule and begin as folk headed west. This would provide a jumping off point for those who chose to use it. Expecting members to come and go at various times, we made it a no-host rally. Instead of hosts providing meals and activities, as is our usual practice, everything was left to luck and the ingenuity of those attending.



President John

As things turned out, most of our 16 national rally attendees were already well beyond the point of Kerrville, Texas, before Halloween! However, we did have five rigs and a visiting full-timer make it. We ate hamburgers, etc., at the local Elks Lodge as guests of Hank Smith. In that informal setting, we certified

election results and determined our officers for the next year: John Baker, president; Hank Smith, vice president; Shirleen Smith, secretary; Pete Palasoto, treasurer; and Ernie Moreno, wagon master.

And a big thanks to the Arizona folks who welcomed us and did a fantastic job in presenting the national rally ... a job well done! ❖

Dixie Travelers by Peggy Misenheimer

We held our fall rally at Hollywood RV Park in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi last November 1-4 with a total of 13 coaches. Hosts were Jean and Bill McCloud and Pauline Hempstead. Thanks to each of them for their hard work. Everyone attending enjoyed good food and fellowship. On one of the days Pauline Hempstead, Harold Gordon, Peggy and Ted Misenheimer played their usual 18 holes of golf. Another day, several members enjoyed a tour of Stennis Space Center, while others when shopping, etc., after which all met for a delicious seafood dinner at Tug’s Wharf. Plans for the spring rally have us set for Point Mallard RV Park in Decatur, Alabama, the first week of May 2008. Tentative plans are made to caravan to Branson, Missouri, in November 2008. ❖



President Kenneth

Florida Discovery Rolling Gators . . by Patti Brewer

Our Grandfather Mountain rally in North Carolina last August gave us much needed relief from the Florida heat. Those attending were Ron and Georgia Shane, Sandy and Sam Childs, Judy and Joe Fournier, Dan Jacoby, Donna Barker, Patti and Bill Brewer, and Patti’s dad, Corky.



President Sam

The rally was a great opportunity to spend an entire week with good friends. We visited old familiar places like the farmers’ market and the Jones House Lawn Concert. We enjoyed a jazz brunch at Canyons Restaurant in Blowing Rock, and we all hiked to Linville Falls at our own pace. The view is spectacular and all agreed the climb was worthwhile. Dinner at the famous Dan’l Boone Inn was a big hit, and we once again had our breakfast-in-a-bag one morning.

The *piece de resistance* of the rally was our whitewater rafting trip on Lake Watauga. We have a very gutsy group! Everyone except Corky participated and for many it was their first whitewater experience. We had great guides and they surprised us at every turn. The multiple runs through the Anaconda rapids was terrifying but exhilarating, especially with the clear bubbling water temps of 43 degrees!

Thanks to all who attended and worked (especially Bill and Patti Brewer) to make this annual rally a hit. We hope to see more of you next year. ❖

Heartland Discoverys by Elfers Marzahl

Our chapter gathered at the Tom Raper RV rally in Richmond, Indiana, in August, where Mel Tillis was the featured entertainment, along with great food. We had a marvelous time. *Continued on page 14...*

National Rally Photo Album



We were welcomed at the south gate, then...



We shopped at a great variety of vendors, then...



...were led to our parking spots, then...



...we checked out the new Ds from Earnhardt RV, and...



...we checked in at registration and met Geri, the registrar, and then...



...then we met first timers at their meeting.



We got all dressed up for Hawaiian night, and...



...we checked out the merchandise, greeted old friends, caught up with each other, and met new friends. A great beginning to a great rally.



...sang along with the Volcano Island Band as they played a selection of Harry Belafonte's songs.



The Sun City Poms wowed us with their agility.

The Mighty Cash Cats entertained with a great selection of Johnny Cash's best-known tunes.



Rally Photos, cont.



Lots of people having lots of fun and fellowship.



Fleetwood techs and their trailer of supplies and parts. Thank you, Fleetwood!



2006-2007 Board: Phil Yovino, Micky Racer, Tom Fields, Bob Soltwedel, Marshall Godwin, John Zidek, Dick Snyder, Jay Keneson, Frank Cason, and Garry Shirey. Thanks for your service to DOAI!



Stan Sassman of Fleetwood and his lovely wife, Cindy. Thanks for being with us!



The winning golfers and their awards



Max and Sandy Grigg. Thanks for the photo memories, Max!



The ice cream social presented by Earnhardt RV. Thank you, Earnhardt RV!



Ron Petersen played and sang. His hit song of the night: "I Don't Look Good Naked Anymore."

Chapter Reports, cont.

The next rally for some Heartland members was in El Mirage, Arizona, at the national rally.

This has been my final year as president of Heartland Discoverys, and it was so great to have had the honor of leading such a great club. The members are terrific folks and we hope to have many great years with the club, and also have a chance to help wherever possible.



President Bobby

Our officers for 2008 are: Bobby Simpson, president; Charlie Richardson, vice president; Carlyne Krauter, secretary; and Dick Snyder, treasurer. In addition, Echo Richardson will continue to edit our super *Heartland Quarterly* newsletter.

Our club had a great year in 2007, and 2008 looks to be even better with rallies in the planning stages. Charlie and Echo are planning a rally for May 4-7, in Springfield, Illinois. Contact Charlie (573.429.4884) for details. ❖

Midwest Discoverers by Peg Lavoie

The Midwest Discoverers met in the hills of Branson for our fall rally. We had the perfect weather for the week. We enjoyed seeing each other and getting reacquainted after our time apart with some wine and cheese social. We had time to play around in Branson, there is so much to see and do. We had a cookout provided to us from the great staff at America's Best Campground, a surprise visit from Minnie Pearl, went on a dinner and show cruise, saw the Shoji Tabuchi show and enjoyed a potluck dinner. It was a week filled with fun and laughter. It is always great to get back together.



President Peg

We held our officer elections. Our new officers are Peg Lavoie, president; Sam Calder, vice president; Steve Clarke, secretary; Dick Holmes, treasurer; and Rex Lavoie and Bill Simek as wagon masters. ❖

Quad-LATO by Gene Sawyer

This coming March will be our first anniversary. It has been a wonderful year learning, growing, and meeting one another. We have planned and held four rallies, with each getting better and better. Our last rally was held in Benton, Arkansas. Although attendance was small, the fun was big and food was great. We have a full schedule planned for this year, with invitations for joint rallies from the Discovery Texans and the Texas Discovery Road Runners.



President Gene

One of the specialties of this chapter is starting and completing a different puzzle for each rally. So far, we are batting 1000. It is amazing the world problems you can solve while hunting for puzzle pieces.

For information on upcoming rallies, contact Frank Sawyer at frank@fesawyer.com. He will be so pleased to hear from you. ❖

Texas Discovery Road Runners . . . by Jay Keneson

September 26 thru 29 found our chapter at the Stiway RV Park in Murchison, Texas. This was a "shop till you drop" event with much time spent at the Market Trade Days in Canton, Texas, the location of what is claimed to be the world's largest flea market and swap event. Just about any item one might need or want, new to antique, as well as live animals, can be found. Every craft creation imaginable and so many unique and interesting wares for gifts and perhaps for oneself are just waiting to be discovered. We all, especially the ladies, loved this rally and returned with some beautiful treasures and early Christmas purchases.



President Garry

Another interesting side trip was to the Texas State Fish Hatchery. This is much more exciting than you might imagine! The facilities have greatly expanded since our last visit with many new displays. A trolley trip around the grounds featuring the various breeding tanks was fun. Those who wished to fish at the end of this trip were provided a rod, reel and bait; everyone caught their limit (which they regretfully returned to the pond). They also have a great museum area and photographic display.

Happy hour and delicious meals, potluck and great restaurants, provided even more camaraderie. All attendees as always, enjoyed our time together.

When time allowed, some of the ladies drove to Tyler, Texas, and toured their world famous rose gardens and enjoyed a light lunch.

Our next chapter rally will be Victoria, Texas, December 10-14. We will report on this rally in the next issue. Have a safe and blessed holiday, y'all. ❖

Desert Rats by John Bujnovsky

On November 7, 2007, five couples met in El Mirage, Arizona, at the *Discoverys in the Desert* rally and formed the Desert Rats chapter of DOAI. The five couples in attendance (charter members) were: Carl and Betty Bailey, John (president) and Shirley (secretary) Bujnovsky, John (rally coordinator) and Debra Kettmann, Gary (vice president) and Patty (treasurer) Velasquez, and Ed and Marie Watson.



President John

We have since added another couple, Sid and Danna Street. We are still awaiting replies from eight other e-mails that have been sent to other DOAI members in Nevada.

We are currently in the process of setting up our first rally, at which time we will set up the additional three rallies for 2008.

We are looking forward to adding more members, as well as having fun and building new relationships with all of the Desert Rats and DOAI. ❖



Digital TV Alert by Bob Cook

Be ready for a big surprise on February 19, 2009. This is the date that all TV stations will cease broadcasting in analog. On this date, if your TV/VCR/DVD recorder is connected to rabbit ears or an outside antenna, these devices will need either an integrated digital (ATSC) tuner or an external Digital TV (DTV) converter box to receive TV signals.

You will need a DTV converter box if both of the following are true:

- ☞ You use rabbit ears or an outside antenna (such as the batwing on your D)
- ☞ Your TV/VCR/DVD recorder does not have a digital tuner (most TVs made after March, 2006 will have a digital tuner, except for smaller TVs)

Note that you *do not* need a DTV converter box if your TV/VCR/DVD recorder gets its programming via satellite or cable (even if it does not have an integrated ATSC tuner).

You can get a free coupon that will reduce the price of a DTV converter box by \$40. Go to <http://www.dtv.gov> or call 888.388.2009. There is a limit of two coupons per household and there is a limited number of coupons, so call early. The coupons are valid for 90 days from the date of your request. ❖

Computer Corner

Save Your Sanity by Bob Cook, DOAI Webmaster

When it comes to computers, there are many things to go wrong. Short of a hardware problem, follow the advice in this article to save your sanity the next time something goes wrong.

The subject this issue is *Disk Imaging*. Simply put, a disk image is a single file that contains all the data and structure of everything on your hard drive. Specialized software is required to make this image, and there are several pay and free programs available. I use **Acronis TrueImage** which is easy to use and has powerful additional features to make daily incremental backups to your image.

Making your disk image will only take about 20 minutes. Of course, you will want to make your image when everything is working fine on your computer. Now, assume your hard drive fails or a new software program or update renders your computer useless. Instead of spending countless hours trying to fix it, or reinstall Windows and all your programs, just reinstall your image and everything is back up to snuff.

You will want to keep your disk image on external media, not on your computer's hard drive. Instead, keep your image on multiple DVDs or an external USB hard drive. This way, you still have your image if your computer's hard drive fails.

Reinstalling a known good, clean image is also an excellent way to remove any malware that you suspect may be on your computer, especially since much of this cannot be detected or removed.



Webmaster Bob

I partitioned my computer's hard drive into two drives. My C: drive contains Windows XP and all my programs, and my D: drive contains **all** my data. I moved the My Documents folder to the D: drive because I use other software to backup my data. This is a key point – if you save anything to your C: drive after you make your image, you will lose it when you reinstall your image (assuming you have not been making daily incremental backups to your image). Segregating my data onto its own partition keeps my C: image small and lessens the need to either make a new or incremental image to only those times when software patches are installed.

You can view a video about Acronis TrueImage at www.homenetworkhelp.info/index.php?pg=videos and click on the Acronis TrueImage video link. ❖

A Note of Thanks by John Baker

It is an honor that you chose me to serve as executive vice president of DOAI. Thank you.

DOAI is a top-notch organization filled with top-notch people, and it is my privilege to know many of you and to see you around the country.

I look forward to this challenge. I shall do my very best to execute the duties of the office well. Please feel free to contact me if you have any needs that I can serve. ❖



South Central VP
John

Interesting Website by Nina Soltwedel

Did you know that our DOAI website has links to an assortment of other sites of interest to RVers? One of the latest added to our stable of links is www.loverving.com.

This interesting and informative site is loaded with RV information of all kinds, and contains many more links that will prove helpful to RVers, whether part time or full time.

Sandy Macleod of *loverving.com* writes: "We invite you to visit us and see for yourself all the information and links to further information we have pulled together under various categories. From these sites, you will quickly and efficiently find just what you are looking for, without wasting valuable camping time."

To get to the website, go to www.discoveryowners.com and click on "Links." Happy surfing! ❖

Fleetwood Technical Information

Interior Care and Cleaning by Neil Buschur, Fleetwood Owner Relations

Typically the same products and methods you use to clean your home will also work well in your RV. However, while RV fixtures, furnishings, and appliances often look similar to those at home, they may be made from different materials that require special care. Please review the following suggestions to help keep your RV in pristine condition for many years to come.

ABS plastic, vinyl, and fiberglass surfaces (bathtub, shower pans and enclosures): Clean with a mild soap and water solution, a mild household spray cleaner, or a mild bleach solution followed by a complete water rinse. Fiberglass can also be waxed using a product made specifically for this purpose. Caution: Using cleaners that are not compatible with ABS plastic will void the warranty. Read instructions.

Acrylic surfaces: Wipe with a damp soft cloth, avoid any abrasives or chemical cleaners containing ammonia (for example, the lighted entry handle).

Appliances: Clean surfaces and door seals with a mild soap and water solution, or appropriate wood cleaner for the refrigerators that have wood panels on the front. Inspect vents to outside for blockages from dust, dirt, insect or bird nests.

Brass surfaces: Use a high quality commercial brass cleaner. Avoid any cleaners containing abrasives or chemical cleaners containing ammonia.

Solid surface counter tops: Wash with soapy water or ammonia-based glass cleaner. To remove water marks, wipe with a damp cloth and towel dry. Remove stubborn stains with a mild abrasive cleaner. Caution: Using bleach solutions to remove stains can cause damage if it comes in contact with upholstery or carpeting. Counter tops should be disinfected occasionally. Wipe surface with diluted household bleach (one part water to one part bleach). Rinse top thoroughly with water and wipe dry.

Carpeting: Vacuum carpets regularly. When steam cleaning, avoid over wetting. Periodic professional cleaning is recommended.

Draperies, shades and bed coverings: Periodically vacuum drapes and blinds using a soft bristled brush attachment. Gently spot clean with a slightly damp cloth. To remove stains, drapes and bedspreads should be professionally dry cleaned.

Flooring:

Laminate flooring – Wash with a quality commercial floor cleaner, or a mild soap and water solution. Remove cleaner as fast as possible and dry floor to prevent possible swelling of the joints.

Ceramic tile – Use any quality household glass or tile cleaner. Caution: Never use floor wax on tile floors; they can become dangerously slippery. Grout can be cleaned using a commercial grout cleaner or 50 percent bleach/water solution and a toothbrush. Protect adjoining carpet areas.

Glass and mirrors: Household glass cleaner can be used to clean shower glass and wardrobe mirrors. Be careful not to saturate wardrobe mirror edges or damage to the finish could result.

Holding tanks: Dump the black tank first, then the gray tank. This way, you will be flushing out the dirtiest water with progressively cleaner water. When your RV is connected to a sewer/septic intake, leave the drain valves closed until the tanks are full and ready to dump. Dumping a full tank provides a sufficient amount of water to flush solids from the tank.

Caution: When cleaning your RV interior, remember that all chemicals combine in your holding tank where they mix together and have the potential to create toxic gases. Make sure your holding tanks are dumped and flushed immediately after cleaning.

Stainless steel and porcelain surfaces: Use a mild soap solution, spray-on foamy cleanser or abrasive-free powder, rinse thoroughly with water and wipe dry to avoid streaks.

Toilet: Clean with a non-abrasive cleanser or a mild soap and water solution.

Upholstery:

Leather – To help retain its luster and remain supple, use a high quality cleaning product and soft cloth to remove dirt and oils, then follow with a leather-moisturizing product. In a dry climate, treat more frequently.

UltraLeather® – Use a mild soap and water solution or household spray cleaner and follow with a clean damp cloth.

Fabric – Frequent vacuuming will keep fabric upholstery free from dust and dirt. Minor spills should be blotted, not rubbed, to prevent staining. Dry clean only to remove stains. Use a fabric protector to prevent stains.

Walls and ceilings:

Padded vinyl ceilings – Spot clean only using a damp, soft cloth and a mild household spray cleaner, or soap and water solution. Avoid over wetting; this can damage the padding. Avoid cleaners containing solvents.

Wallpaper – Use a mild soap and water solution to avoid any grease buildup. Wipe dry.

Wood surfaces: Any high quality liquid or spray wood cleaner can be used to polish and protect the woodwork in your RV. Low humidity areas require more frequent treatment to prevent wood from drying out and cracking. In dry hot climates, leave open containers of water in your RV when storing longer than thirty days to keep wood from drying out.

As you can see, with a little care on the interior of your RV, you can look forward to the excitement of knowing that every time you step into your motor home, it will be that same warm feeling you had when you first purchased it. This will play a big part in allowing you to enjoy the RVing experience for many years to come.



Good For You!

From time to time we recognize those dealers or service people who go above and beyond the call of duty to help when DOAI members have problems with their RV. Have you had a positive experience? Write the editor and tell us about it.

Garry Shirey writes: "Most of the time I don't toot anyone's horn, figuring that the service tech is getting paid for the job he does. However, in this case, I feel that I need to say something regarding a recent electrical problem I had with my trailer tow package on our D.



"I went straight to the best information on the **Freightliner** chassis. The first fellow I spoke with told where the offending fuse was, and I set about to find the elusive little monster. It was exactly where he told me.

"Not having a mini 20 amp fuse, I had to go to town and I bought six of the little puppies ... just in case. I replaced the bad one and started to check out my handiwork, and discovered I still had no power.

"After much head scratching, I called Freightliner back and got connected with a gentleman named **Lamont**, who was the most helpful and patient man I've had the pleasure to speak with over the phone.

"Lamont guided me through every aspect of the wiring harness, and even called me back whenever my cell phone would lose signal and disconnect us.

"Much to my embarrassment, I discovered my test light had a burned out bulb. I thanked Lamont and went back to town and replaced the bulb. Came home and checked everything and it was as Lamont said it would be. Thank you, Lamont!" ❖

Heartfelt Thanks

To all of our dear friends in DOAI: John and I and our daughter, Arlene, and her family thank you all for your kind notes of sympathy and encouragement after the passing of our grandson, Joey. He was truly a remarkable young man and touched so many lives in such a positive way in his short life. He will be sorely missed, but the things he taught us will never be forgotten. God bless. — Alice and John Ricciardi

Discovery Modifications

What do you do when you own a 1998 36A Discovery ... one of the rare models without a slide ... and you love it and want to keep it, but need more space? Well, you do what Brad and Liz Finn have done ... make modifications!

Here's what the Finns have done, in Brad's own words (with help remembering by Liz):

"We removed all the living area furniture and removed the factory-installed carpet/pad, replacing them both with a thicker and better designed carpet to hide more dirt. In the front entry we installed a custom cut piece of plastic, the type used at your desk for your wheeled chairs. This piece extends from the top of the steps over past the driver's seat and to the back of the front seats. The carpet is visible through the plastic, but this makes a nice, easy-to-clean entryway while maintaining the look and insulation quality of the carpet. The carpeting on the entry steps was also removed and refinished with remnant vinyl pieces (from the bathroom) and oak trim.

"When we reinstalled the passenger seat, we mounted the floor base back by five inches, which greatly opened the entryway for carrying in supplies.

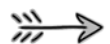
"While up in the front of the passenger seat, I opened the firewall and added storage shelves, finished in oak to match the new step trim and other furniture. I moved the house receptacle and replaced inside shelf unit, then moved the power take-off and telephone jack to the side of the firewall panel for easier access.

"The kitchen floor remained the oak, which was refinished. We took out the kitchen table and replaced it with a three-drawer unit I built, then a custom piece of counter top, and then we added two chairs. We gained a lot of space and storage in drawers, and designed the factory tabletop for added surface when needed.

"In the bathroom and bedroom I removed the factory-installed rug and replaced with top quality vinyl that looks like slate, professionally installed. The vinyl is extremely heavy and has a cushioning quality as well as insulates from sound. The vinyl ends at the foot of the bed, and extends into toilet room and closet, a clean transition and so much easier to maintain. Each side of the bed has been recarpeted over heavy pad for warmth and noise insulation.

"I added a storage cabinet above the toilet. We also removed the washer/dryer which we never used and placed shelves in the large open area, which is ideal for the containerized boxes for shoes, bottled liquids, etc.

"I added inverter-controlled plugs on two other locations in the living areas of the coach. By tapping into the existing



Discovery Modifications, cont.

power at the receptacle in the corner of the kitchen and washer/dryer cabinet, I added one additional set of plugs by the floor transition kitchen/living room, and next to the passenger seat down the passenger side of the coach. I used finished wiring conduit and matching receptacles.

“Lighting was poor in the living area, so between the cabinets, along the window valances, I installed oak shelves and attached suspended lighting from the underside of each, dimmer controlled for either mood or bright lights. The passenger side is fed by the inverter circuit, so is available with the inverter turned on as well as shore power when the inverter is off. Wiring is hid along valances, then come down to the window shelving for both windows; the dimmer switch is mounted on the wall.

“On the end of the kitchen cabinets, facing front of coach near the outside wall, I added a house current receptacle so as to have another in addition to the one at the front of the counter. I also added a hot rod to the water heater and placed the switch in front of the kitchen base cabinet near the ground fault receptacle.

“Our coach had facing couches, and in the kitchen we also had two floor-mounted swivel chairs. When I removed the couches and modified the kitchen, I sold the swivel chairs and one couch. We placed a Euro recliner and foot stool in place of the couch. We kept the second couch, which is a sleeper couch.

“Counting the new flooring and install labor, wood supplies, new counter top, Euro recliner, electrical and lighting, miscellaneous items for remodel, we spent less than \$1,000 considering we sold the removed furniture to offset the costs.”

Brad and Liz's Photo Gallery



Counter with chairs, and on the right, with table top inserted.



Tile through bathroom into bedroom



Redone entry, and vinyl protector, and below, the new front storage



New Euro recliner replaced leather sofa. Below, another view.



Note new lights above valance.

DOAI's Membership Perks by Nina Soltwedel

DOAI eGroup and Bulletin Board (Forum)

Are you a member of either or both of these great venues? Each is well worth the time to set up a screen name and password, and if you get just one problem solved by posting your question by either, it will have repaid you tenfold.

The bulletin board is similar to the eGroup except that the subjects are arranged by specific "threads." You can click on any subject you wish, read all the postings, and add your comments or questions as you wish.

The eGroup, on the other hand, is such that a single posting will go to everyone in the group, not just the individual as it would in the bulletin board. And with the eGroup you can opt to receive each posting as it happens, or get daily digests, or to simply read everything online at your leisure.

Recently, DOAI member Steve Clarke sent the following note: "Since I made a post recently observing that the DOAI forum has lost many contributors, it needs to be said that many really valuable persons remain. These people are technically up to date and also diligent about helping fellow D owners with problems and/or questions.

"Some of the more frequent contributors are Larry Ward, Pete Shaffer, Marshall Godwin, Bob Cook, and of course there are others. Some have logged over 700 posts. As an example, Pete Shaffer showed me how to fix my generator myself, and it saved me at least \$300 plus the satisfaction of having accomplished this."

Steve is just one example of the many who have been

helped by the generous folks who take time to share their experience and expertise with others. I urge you to logon to the eGroup and the bulletin board and see what awaits you. The more people who participate, the more likely it is that anyone with a problem will find an answer.



Editor Nina

And I urge those who have been participants only in the eGroup to check out the bulletin board. Your input there could help many. And if you're a bulletin board-dedicated person, try the eGroup sometime. Go to www.discoveryowners.com and follow the instructions for joining each group. We're waiting for you!

A Bulletin Board Example

A bulletin board member commented that she was having a difficult time baking in the propane oven, that it doesn't seem to heat as evenly nor as accurately as the convection oven. She solved the "burning on the bottom" issue by purchasing the "air" cookie sheets and placing any cake pans, etc., on the sheet inside the oven.

DOAI member Barb McCormack responded that she lined the bottom of the oven with four six-inch unglazed tiles, and that this small modification works in keeping cakes, cookies, etc., from burning on the bottom. Obviously the heat-absorbing and radiating properties of the tiles is a good accompaniment for the propane oven. Thanks, Barb! ❖

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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.

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Items for Sale

This page is available to DOAI members, free of charge, on a space-available basis. 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. 2004 Mazda pickup also available. Located in Texas. **Nancy Neal;** 847.373.5143; nn445@aol.com
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More Photos from *Discoverys in the Desert*



The opening party began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Ed Cozens playing the bagpipes while the Dysart high school ROTC color guard presented the colors. The rally attendees enjoyed the excellent food and great entertainment each evening.

The Red Hat luncheon was well attended, and the assortment of red hats was awesome. Even Chef Jeff claimed to be a Red Hatter!

Many great seminars were scheduled, and the candy making one was a sweet success.



Donuts and coffee were served each morning on the patio, courtesy of the Munzells. Each night the dancers hit the floor and had a great time. The fajitas the first night were a big hit with everyone.



These are the people who made the 2007 national rally a reality and a success ... the members of Arizona Discovery Owners chapter. The rally master was Wanda May (seated front), and her intrepid crew were (left to right) Sandy Grigg, Max Grigg, Geri Cozens, Ed Cozens, Joan Munzer, Bud Munzer, Judy Osborn, Carl May, Chuck Osborn, Joe Eisenman, Rockie Eisenman, Russell Hinkle, Linda Hinkle, Richard Bouckhout, and Berni Bouckhout. **Thank you, each of you!**

We extend special thanks to Max Grigg for taking photos throughout the rally and posting them online for everyone to see. All the rally photos in this issue were taken by Max (even that group photo!). ❖



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