

BLUE RIDGE LEDGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE



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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another year has come and gone. Where does the time go? I guess as they say, time flies when you are having fun. By now most of us have arrived or are headed to our winter home. Webster Florida will again be

home for a handful of our chapter members. Many of us will attend the Discovery Southeast rally in Seffner Florida, hosted by the Mason-Dixon chapter. Our spring rally is set for the last week in April at the Ridge RV resort in Sevierville Tn. Rally agenda and registration is included in this news letter. This will be our final planning rally for the 2020 National rally scheduled for September also at the Ridge. Kathy and I visited the Ridge on our way to Florida. They have come a long way since our visit last April. The General Manager reported that they are two months ahead of schedule.

Our last membership roster had us at 60 members with 6 new members in 2019. DOAI board approved at the National rally in Pueblo to offer one year free membership to new members and ask that each chapter consider offering the same. Our club voted back in September and approved to offer one year free membership for new members.

DOAI has updated the DOAI web site along with the chapter map and Discovery friends. I found the site to be very user friendly. There is a link to each chapter and each chapter site will have a link to chapter member application and current and past newsletters.

Hope to see many of you in Florida. Also please consider attending our spring rally and help with planning for the National.

Safe travels

Jim Pinkerton

President
Blue Ridge Discoverys

Please join us for our Spring working Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee 24 April—1 May 2020. This is an important rally as we will be finalizing plans for the 2020 National Rally being held at The Ridge Outdoor Resort. If you were unable to attend the Fall Rally, you missed a good time. Hope to see you there. (Glenda)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

FMA
21-26 Jan 2020
Lazy Days, Seffner, FL

DOAI SE Rally
27 Jan-2Feb 2020
Lazy Days, Seffner, FL

Blue Ridge Discoverys
Spring Rally
The Ridge RV Resort
24 Apr-1 May2020
Sevierville, TN

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Friends & Members

Bill Humphrey's shoulder replacement went well. He can raise his arm, change a light bulb and have no more pain. See you soon.

(Bill Humphrey)

Eileen Haden is out of the hospital after a three week stay and she is doing great. She had a lovely Thanksgiving with her older son Brent and his family. She is flying to Valdosta, Georgia, to spend Christmas with son, Rayan and his family. Eileen misses all of her Blue Ridge family and wishes them all a very Blessed Christmas.

(Eileen Haden)

Although not life threatening, Diana and I have both had some health issues that we feel necessitate that we be more in proximity to our health providers. Because of that, and our desire to be close to family, we purchased a home in Castle Rock, CO, and are selling our motor home. We have enjoyed valued friendships and many good times with fellow BRD members. We will miss you. We are sad about making this lifestyle change but are at the same time happy to be better connected with our kids and grandchildren. We wish you all luck, safe travel and blessed times. If anyone is interested in our coach contact me off-line (rickblaher@gmail.com, 303/726-2934). They have a 2016 40E, 380 Cummins, 16 F150. The Blaher's will remain full fledged members until they sell their coach and may even show up at a rally.

(Rick & Diana Blaher)

I know we will all miss Diana and Rick.

On the same note, Due to Elaine's health with her back Charlie and Elain Harvell have sold their motor home. They have met a lot of friends during their 13 years as members of Blue Ridge and will miss camping and traveling with the chapter. They wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

(Elaine and Charlie Harvell)

Dick Pryor still has Blue Ridge Shirts on sale in various sizes. If you would like to order any, let Dick know the size and color, send a check, and Bob and I will bring them to you in Webster or Seffner. We leave here on 27 December so hurry. Dick can be reached at: rcpjr@charter.net or (931) 320-1202. He is also listed in your Blue Ridge Discoverys Roster.

Robert Orr, one of our own Blue Ridge Family, has worked diligently the last eight months to revamp the DOAI website. He has done a fantastic job. Please check it out at: <https://www.discoveryowners.com>

Bob encourages you to send him feedback or suggestions that you might have at: webmaster@discoveryowners.com. Great job Bob

Look for new merchandise at the January 2020 LazyDays Rally. Jody Bruce is adding T-shirts, red rain jackets, golf bag towels, and iron on or sew on patches with the Discovery logo.



It has been noted that some co-pilots do not receive the Discovery Express newsletter. If you are interested in receiving your own issue, please send a message to the DOAI Membership Coordinator, Elaine Holley, doaimembership@discoveryowners.com requesting you be added to the list. This item appears in the Discovery Express, but if you don't receive it, you won't know to request your name be added.

Congratulations to our member Dick Tracy for his new positions with DOAI. Marshall Godwin will continue as Registered Agent and Robert Orr with the Website Committee. Mike Hopkins remains on the Audi Committee. Me—I just hope to get thru the year as the new Editor of the Discovery Express.

I am forwarding a new Membership Booklet with photographs this quarter. I have asked members for whom I have no picture to send me one and the booklet will be updated after the first of the year.

2020 National Rally

As you know, the 2020 National Rally is heading to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Sevierville. The official rally dates are 28 September—4 October 2020. Early arrival for everyone is 26 and 27 September and you may stay over 4 and -5 October for the same rate. However, early or late days must be noted and paid for on the registration form. Make sure that on any of the requested arrival dates you do not arrive before 12:00 (noon). For Blue Ridge Discoverys committee chairs we have 15 spaces reserved for the 25th also. Once filled no additional spaces will be available.

(Bob Angus)



REMINDER

Hello fellow Blue Ridge Discoverys Members!

The time has come to renew our memberships. Dues are \$15 per year, and collected every two years in the amount of \$30. Collecting dues every other year reduces record keeping and eliminates the need for members to write checks yearly. Dues renewal now will pay your membership through the end of 2021. The deadline for renewal is January 31, 2020.

Please mail your check in time to be received by the end of January to maintain your BRD membership. If you are attending the DOAI rally in Seffner, FL, please save the cost of postage and give me your check while you are there.

Please make your checks payable to:

Blue Ridge Discoverys
and mail to:
Blue Ridge Discoverys
Mike Hopkins, Treasurer
5753 Hwy 85 N #4444
Crestview, FL 32536

We are not set up to accept credit card payments. Cash and checks are always welcome!

(Mike Hopkins)



TSD FUEL PROGRAM

Some of you are aware of this program but maybe not all. I saw it on the DOAI forum page and followed it for several weeks before I sent them a request since it requires your Social Security number and bank account information. After researching it I went ahead and applied and am completely sold on it now. The EFS fuel card allows RV'ers like us to take advantage of the same fuel discount that their fleet drivers get. The card works at most truck stops but currently the discounts apply only at Pilot/Flying J, Loves, TA, Petro, AMBEST and Road Ranger. The payment is automatically withdrawn from your designated account the next day, and you receive an email that shows the details of the purchase and your savings. They have an app that lets you track all your transactions and find the best discount from a list or a map on your phone. It shows a satellite view which provides a layout of the truck stop entrance prior to arriving. They have a web page that is updated daily with current rates at all the truck stops in each state so you can plan your fuel stops accordingly. I used this card on my way to Gaffney, South Carolina, and then on to Webster, Florida, and saved almost \$50 on both stops combined. I was a bit hesitant because of security concerns with my Social Security number but they only need it in case of a dispute resulting from insufficient funds. I may open a second bank account and put a limited number of funds in it just for this program. The discounts vary by location and which truck stop you use. It appears the largest discounts are consistently obtained at Loves. Using the Loves app you should even be able to turn on the pump from the app. You may get additional information at [TSD Fuel Program](#). They will call you for your account information and Social Security number so you don't have to worry about it being on the web or in the mail. I know Frank Cason, Mike Hopkins, and several others are users and several more are in the process of signing up. Just something to think about and a way of saving some money!

(Courtesy of Bob Angus)



Vent Fans

I was doing some cleaning on our three vent fans and decided to remove the fan blades to allow a better cleaning. Upon removing the center screw which secured it to the motor shaft, I found the center hub was broken. Also found the center hub cracked on the other two fans. Although these fans are made by Fantastic Fan, the company is now owned by **Dometic**. I called to check on replacement price and was informed they had a bad batch of fan blades sent to them and they went out on fans before they knew about it. They said they would replace all three if I paid shipping, which I did. To all our club members, you may want check your fans to see if yours are OK. (Courtesy of Harry Terrill)

Fan hubs



Left Overs!

Jim Pinkerton found several photos from the rally in St Louis that we have not seen and they are included here for your viewing pleasure. Thank you Jim!



From Left:

Chris Muskopf, Don Muskopf, Linda Terrill, Harry Terrill, Bob Angus, Corrine Miller, _____, Frank Miller, Teresa Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez, Mike Hopkins, Retha Hopkins



SAME FOLKS—
DIFFERENT VIEW

Blue Ridge Discoverys 2020 Spring Rally

Registration Form

THE RIDGE Outdoor Resort,
1250 Middle Creek Road
Sevierville, TN 37862.

Registration Form

Name: _____ DOAI Number _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Preparation for the 2020 Spring Blue Ridge Discoverys rally, aka: "National Prep Spring Rally" is moving right along. It will be held at "The RIDGE Outdoor resort, in Sevierville, Tennessee. You will be responsible for making your own reservations at the **The Ridge** Outdoor Resort (865) 505-3111 or (888) 559-2267. Be sure you let them know you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys. Please make your reservations no later than **March 1, 2020**. You may go to the website at <https://www.theridgeoutdoorresort.com/> for more information about the campground, and a map of its location in Sevierville.

We have 25 full hookup sites reserved. Friday, April 24th & Saturday the 25th have been designated as Early Arrival. Adjust your schedule to arrive at the resort after 12 Noon, especially those arriving on Sunday. The rally will commence on Sunday with a meet and greet, then the opening meal. Plans are to have two meals, they may be catered or we will go to Dinner Shows, Sunday night and Thursday night. The meals are still being worked. My plans are too have them finalized by Thanksgiving. Departure will be Friday May 1st, you must depart prior to 1100 hours. Mike Hale, the General Manager has given us the rally rate for the early arrival days. You can have two before the rally and two after the rally. Reservations can be made now, let the park know your arrival and departure dates. Any and all suggestions are acceptable on the two meals.

The Rally Resort Site Fee will be \$56.36 per night



Blue Ridge Discoverys 2020 Spring Rally

Agenda

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Friday	April 24 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Early Arrival Happy Hour on the Outside Deck, bring appetizers - BYOB Dinner on your own
Saturday	April 25 5:00 pm – 6:00pm 6:00 pm	Early Arrival Happy Hour Downstairs Meeting Room bring appetizers - BYOB Dinner on your own
Sunday Yellow Shirt	April 26 4:00 pm – 5:00pm	Happy Hour on the Outside Deck, bring appetizers - BYOB Dinner on your own
Monday Green Shirt	April 27 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 5:00pm – 6:00 pm	Rally Master, Bob Angus & members will investigate, plan and decide on program for National Rally Happy Hour on the Outside Deck, bring appetizers - BYOB Dinner on your own
Tuesday Blue Shirt	April 28 9:00 am - 4:00 pm TBD am 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Rally Master & members will investigate, plan & decide on Program for National Rally. Golf at the Sevierville Golf Club, Highland Course. (Tee time TBD in January) Happy Hour on the Outside Deck, bring appetizers – BYOB Dinner on your own
Wednesday Maroon Shirt	April 29 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Rally Master & members will investigate, plan & decide on Program for National Rally Happy Hour on the Outside Deck, bring appetizers – BYOB Dinner on your own
Thursday Yellow Shirt	April 30 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm 5:00 pm - ????	Rally Master & members will investigate, plan & decide on Program for National Rally Chapter Meeting Happy Hour bring appetizers - BYOB , Pizza Party Down Stairs Room Pizza Provided by BRD
Friday	May 1 Depart by 11:00 am	Farewells, goodbyes, check out and safe travels.

FOR THE COOK



Cranberry Nut Bars

(makes 24 bars)

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour (all purpose)
1/3 cup margarine
1 1/4 cups fresh or frozen cranberries (sliced)
1/2 cup chopped nuts



Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8" square baking pan. Beat eggs in a medium mixing bowl until thick. Gradually add sugar, beating until thoroughly blended. Stir in flour and melted margarine, blend well. Add cranberries and walnuts, mixing gently, just until combined. Spread evenly in pan. Bake 40-45 minutes until golden brown. Cool and cut into small bars.



BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS BADGE ORDER

MR. KEN BADGES 'N SIGNS

2505 Clintonville Road - Harrisville, PA 16038

Email: mrkenbadges@aol.com

(800) 398-8307



White/Blue badge with pin.

A magnetic "pinless" option is an additional \$2. (Not recommended if you have a pacemaker)

Bolo tie and slide are available for an extra \$2.50

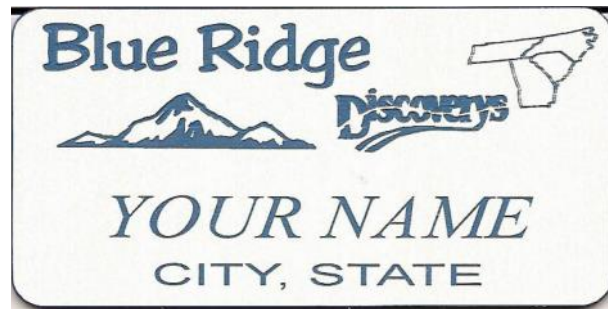
NOTE: The pinless option and bolo option may both be used on the same badge

Phone _____

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____



Name as you want it engraved

Name as you want it engraved

_____ Name Badges @\$7.75 \$ _____

_____ Bolos (Blue) (White) @ \$2.50 ea \$ _____

_____ Magnetic Pinless Option @ \$2.00 \$ _____

_____ Blue Ridge License Plate (6x12) @ \$22.95 \$ _____

_____ Tag-up bracket for LP hanging @ \$6 \$ _____

_____ Shipping & Handling \$1.25 per badge: \$ _____
\$4 for LP & tag-up

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to "Mr. Ken" and mail to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale. You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

Payment by Credit Card:: _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ Discover

Account# _____ CCV# (# on back panel) _____

Name on Card _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ORDER FORM FOR BLUE RIDGE MERCHANDISE



Signs Now

1537 Ft.Campbell Blvd., Clarksville, Tn 37042
Phone:(931) 503-3030 Fax:(931) 503-3035
Cell:(931) 320-1202 E-Mail: signsnow@charter.net

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Blue Ridge Discoverys Banner \$25.00 Each Number Ordered _____
(18"X36")

Blue Ridge Discoverys Caps \$13.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Blue Ridge Speciality Caps \$18.00 Each Number Ordered _____

Short Sleeve Blue T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$8.00 Each) (\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____
(\$9.00 Each) (\$11.00 Each) XXL _____ XXXL _____

Long Sleeve Blue T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$13.00 Each) (\$15.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Short Sleeve Yellow T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$8.00 Each) (\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____
(\$9.00 Each) (\$11.00 Each) XXL _____ XXXL _____

Short Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$8.00 Each) (\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____
(\$9.00 Each) (\$11.00 Each) XXL _____ XXXL _____

Long Sleeve Maroon T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
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Short Sleeve Dk Green T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$8.00 Each) (\$10.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____
(\$9.00 Each) (\$11.00 Each) XXL _____ XXXL _____

Long Sleeve Dk Green T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)
(\$13.00 Each) (\$15.00 Each) Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Blue Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)
Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____
Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____

Yellow Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)
Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____
Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____

Maroon Golf Shirts \$28.00 Each (Enter Quantities Below)
Ladies: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____
Mens: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ XXL _____

OTHER ITEMS (Jackets, etc.) AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

TOTAL COST OF ORDER \$ _____

Make check payable to Signs Now and mail it to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale.
You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

Payment by Credit Card: _____ Master Card _____ Visa _____ Discover _____
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Name on Card _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Blue Ridge Discoverys Order Form



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White/Blue badge with pin.
A magnetic "pinless option is an additional \$2.50 (Not recommended if you have a pacemaker)

Phone _____
Email _____
Name _____
Address _____



Name as you want it on badge

Name as you want it on badge

- _____ Name Badges @ \$7.75 each \$ _____
- _____ Magnetic Pinless Option (Additional \$2.50) \$ _____
- _____ Blue Ridge License Plate (6x12) @\$22.95 each \$ _____
- _____ Tag-up bracket for LP hanging @ \$6.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Ceramic Coffee Mugs @ \$6.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Mouse Pads @ \$3.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Shipping and Handling Additional \$ _____
- _____ **TOTAL** \$ _____

Make check payable to Signs Now and mail it to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale. You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

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Name on Card _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS

A Chapter of Discovery Owners Association, Inc. (DOAI)

Membership Application

Membership is open to all members of DOAI. Dues are \$15 per year and collected in two-year increments of \$30. Collecting dues every other year reduces recordkeeping and eliminates the need for members to write small checks yearly. Initial dues are prorated at \$1.25 per month in order to synchronize with this schedule. If you cancel your membership, there is no refund for the current year. However, the next year will be refunded if already paid.

If your membership is mailed in:	In ODD number years, your initial dues will be:	In EVEN number years, your initial dues will be:
January	\$15.00	\$30.00
February	\$13.75	\$28.75
March	\$12.50	\$27.50
April	\$11.25	\$26.25
May	\$10.00	\$25.00
June	\$8.75	\$23.75
July	\$7.50	\$22.50
August	\$6.25	\$21.25
September	\$5.00	\$20.00
October	\$33.75 (2 yrs + 3 mon)	\$18.75 (1 yr + 3 mon)
November	\$32.50 (2 yrs + 2mon)	\$17.50 (1 yr + 2 mon)
December	\$31.25 (2 yrs + 1 mon)	\$16.25 (1 yr + 1 mon)

Make your check payable to **BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS** in proper amount and mail to our Treasurer:

Mike Hopkins
5753 Highway 85 North #4444
Crestview, FL 32536

Phone: (770) 363-2888
Email: chindog@chin.org

Date: _____ DOAI Member Number¹ _____

Pilot's Name: _____ Co Pilot's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () ____ - _____ Pilot's Cell: () ____ - _____ Co-Pilot's Cell _____

Pilot's Email: _____ Co-Pilot's Email _____

Discovery Year: _____ Length: _____ Model: _____

Optional:

Pilot's Birthday: _____ (mm/dd) Co Pilot's Birthday: _____ (mm/dd) Anniversary _____ (mm/dd)

¹ You must be a member of DOAI to join. If your application has been submitted but you have not yet received your member number, please contact Mike Hopkins and he will coordinate with the DOAI Membership Chairman. (Revised 1/07/2017)