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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alice and I are now in Alaska. I thought the roads in the lower 48 states were bad; I don't think I will complain much about them any more. We have been fortunate having good weather most of the time.

Our May rally has 14 coaches registered to attend. THAT'S GREAT!! I know all the hard work by the Kiebler's and Blackwell's will make this a memorable rally. I'm truly sorry that Alice and I can't be there.

Marshall Godwin contacted me about doing another Southeast Region rally at Lazydays in January 2012. At first I was truly against the Mason-Dixons doing this rally again. I had contacted several other chapters but no one felt they could do the rally. Unfortunately, I have the responsibility as the DOAI Southeast Region VP as well as the Mason-Dixon President to consider the best interests for both organizations, and after much consideration, I realized if we did not do this, many people would not enjoy the good times that are had at this rally and also miss out on the educational seminars that are so important for all of us. Marshall has arranged the rally like it was the past two years, to follow the Fleetwood Motorhome Association (FMA) rally at Lazydays so that for those who want to attend both can do it. This will give everyone a chance to have work done by the Fleetwood technicians at the FMA rally.

I asked Marshall to contact the new Florida chapter, the Florida Discovery Sunshiners, and strongly suggest they help the Mason-Dixons do this rally so they can learn what is necessary to put it together and have a successful rally, and also for them to do it by themselves in the future. This way it could be

possible to have three chapters, The Mason-Dixons, The Blueridge Discoveries and the Florida Discovery Sunshiners rotate doing the SE Region Rally.

Marshall told me that the Weinberg's have already offered to help, so if you are called, please be understanding and help, I know Alice and I will.

Safe travels to all.

TREASURERS REPORT

The balance in the Mason-Dixon Account as of May 1, 2011 is \$5747.49.

MASON-DIXON CLOTHING

Dick Tracey has been getting in touch with our members telling them about the new Mason-Dixon Discoverys shirts. If you are interested, contact him directly, at 610-207-2016 or dtracy@pdt.net.

PRAYER LIST

Butch Mauck
Charles Smith recovering from heart surgery
Mabel Pritchard, Elizabeth Deal's mother
Reuther Haden (Grandson of Eileen and Hank Haden)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

3 John Ricciardi
5 Clifford Gordon
14 Robert Fowlkes

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

2 Mary Anne Weinberg
10 Pat Tracy
12 Leon Fleming
14 Hank Haden
15 Eileen Haden
30 Lee Grazier

ANNIVERSARIES

15 Bob & Elizabeth Deal
18 Dick & Pat Tracy

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

Should I really join Facebook? (Priceless)

When I bought my Blackberry I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship.

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something

themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do toot a lot."

P.S. I know some of you are not over 60. I sent it to you to allow you to forward it to those who are.

UPCOMING RALLIES

May 19 – 23, 2011

Old Mill Stream Campground, Lancaster, PA

October 17-22

DOAI National at Shawnee, OK