



## **THE MASON-DIXON HERALD**

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This will be a short newsletter this month, not much to report on.

First thing to mention is the Mason-Dixon Rally in Frederick, MD. All that attended had a great time. They enjoyed campfires, pot lucks, going out for dinner the local attractions and best of all the camaraderie. We also have to mention that Dick and Sue Smith were presented with Life Membership into the Mason-Dixon Discoverys for all the work they have done and continue to do.

Next I need to speak about the 2010 Southeast Regional DOAI Rally. The Mason-Dixons will be the host for this rally. We need to determine a location, a theme, and dates. A theme has been suggested as "Camp Discovery" where we would have seminars on our Discoverys, on how to do our own maintenance and minor repairs. The seminars would be geared specifically for Discovery Motorhomes. It was also suggested to keep the rally very basic by having pot luck meals and little entertainment. This would keep the cost down quite a bit. We need input, so please let me hear from you.

Lastly, I wanted to mention an incident that occurred to Alice and my 2000 36T Discovery. After the DOAI National Rally in Indiana, Alice and I went to Niagara Falls, NY and then to New Bedford, MA. During our trip, we experienced some severe road construction and poorly maintained roads on I 90 in particular.

It is believed that the conditions caused serious damage to our coach. The brackets that hold the coach to the chassis broke. This caused the coach to just rest on the chassis, and not be secure. The brackets that broke are located just forward and rear of the rear axle. We knew we had a problem of some sort when our 'Low Air' alarm sounded and we were not losing air. We contacted Freightliner about the alarm and we were advised it would be OK to drive the coach to a repair facility in East Providence, RI. It was the mechanics at Altrui Brothers Freightliner that located this damage. We were told that this damage is rare, but it does occur. There is no maintenance for this, only visual inspections that can be done when checking your tire pressure. I have included a couple of photos of the damaged brackets to show what they look like.



L bracket forward of left rear tire



Bracket forward of right rear tire



Crack in bracket aft of left rear tire



Broken bracket aft of right rear tire

We'll let you know if there was any other damage when we get our coach back.

Safe travels to all.

## TREASURERS REPORT

As of 10/01/2008 the balance in the checking account is \$2,567.62.

## MERCHANDISE

Ron Keibler has gotten a price of \$10.00 for golf shirts with our Mason-Dixon logo screen printed above the shirt pocket. He is in the process of getting prices for hats, sweatshirts and tee shirts.

A separate email will be sent to all when we get all the information.

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Sonny Blackwell who is doing well after his surgery

Marie Money who is also doing better

Elizabeth Deal's mother, Mable Pritchard, is home now but still needs our prayers

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

5 Debbie Fowlkes  
6 Richard Money  
10 Tony Bohn  
18 Clyde Eddins  
21 Janice Davis  
28 Marie Money  
31 Rose Eddins

#### ANNIVERSARIES

6 John & Alice Ricciardi  
10 Ray & Lalia Nuzzolo  
19 Clyde & Rose Eddins  
23 Clifford & Pam Gordon  
30 Richard & Carol Hanna

### NOVEMBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

3 Arlie Graybeal  
7 Carol Hanna  
9 Marshall Maulk  
10 Allen Headly

#### ANNIVERSARIES

8 Tony & Paula Favario  
9 Sonny & Helen Blackwell

- 11 Anne Fletcher
- 17 Hugh McAdams
- 22 Rex Shuping
- 27 Marti Katterhenry

## **UPCOMING RALLIES**

There is an informal New Years' Eve gathering planned for Willow Tree Resort, Longs, SC. (just north of Myrtle Beach). The resort normally is sold out for this event so contact them directly at 1-866-207-2267 for reservations.

All chapter members are highly encouraged to attend the upcoming SE Region Rally, 19-26 April 2009, at River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, TN (near Pigeon Forge). The registration form can be found online at the DOAI website or in the fall issue of the Discovery Express. A copy of the registration form for this rally is attached to this newsletter.

Tony and Heide Bohn are planning a rally in the area of Chincoteague, VA in May, 2009

Bill and Marti Katterhenry are planning to host an early summer rally at Caney Creek RV Resort, Harriman, TN. (about 20 miles west of Knoxville). This is a beautiful water front RV resort with activities for the whole family.

Dick and Sue Smith will host a late summer rally at Grandfather Campground, near Boone, NC. The High Country area of North Carolina is a stunning part of the Southeast. There are many outdoor activities in this area.

Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg and Marshall and Becky Godwin will host a fall rally in the Jamestown / Williamsburg, VA area. This is planned for the last week in October.

Look on the Mason-Dixon chapter section of the DOAI website for updated rally information. The website will be updated as information becomes available.



**2009 SOUTHEAST REGION RALLY**  
*Discover The Smokies*  
**April 20-26, 2009**  
**River Plantation RV Park**  
**1004 Parkway, Sevierville, Tennessee**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

**REGISTRATION:**

\$347.00 per coach with two adults (April 20-26) .....	\$ _____
\$276.00 per coach with one adult (April 20-26) .....	\$ _____
\$71.00 each additional person/child (April 20-26) x _____ person/s = .....	\$ _____
\$28.00 early arrival Sunday, April 19 .....	\$ _____
\$20.00 DOAI membership (if not already a DOAI member) .....	\$ _____

**OPTIONAL TOUR AND OTHER EVENTS:**

<b>Tour 1:</b> Tuesday am, April 21 - Bush Bean Factory Tour .....	\$12.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
<b>Tour 2:</b> Tuesday pm, April 21 - Bush Bean Factory Tour .....	\$12.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
<b>Golf Tournament:</b> Wednesday, April 22 .....	\$40.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
<b>Country Tonite:</b> Thursday, April 23 .....	\$13.75 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____
<b>Red Hat Tea:</b> Saturday, April 25 .....	\$1.00 x _____ person/s =	\$ _____

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:** *Discovery Owners Assn., Inc.*    **Check Enclosed/Total** ..... \$                     

**MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

Buddy Reynolds, Registrar  
205 Morgan Ct., Greer, SC 29650-2828  
Home 864.268.2052 – Cell 864.979.9202  
2blreynolds@bellsouth.net

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 30, 2009**

Cancellation may be made up to January 30, 2009 – **AFTER JANUARY 30, 2009 – NO REFUND**

➔ ➔ ➔ **COPY FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS** ← ← ←

You will receive a confirmation of your registration via email