



From the President



Dick Tracy

I will start on a personal note by offering thanks to the many DOAI members who have sent their good wishes and prayers for my wife Pat's health. As an update on top of her other problems, Pat fell in mid-November while trying to get into a Jeep, broke her right leg, and ended up in the hospital for a week followed by nearly three weeks in a rehabilitation hospital. So much for Thanksgiving. They did not put a cast on the leg as the break is to the fibula above her artificial knee. Needless to say, things have been a bit hectic, but she arrived home December 9th and is learning how to maneuver around the house with a wheel chair and a walker while the slow healing process begins.

Coming up in January is our next major rally, the **SE Regional Rally (January 30 thru February 5, 2023) at Lazydays** in Seffner, FL, hosted this year by the Blue Ridge Discovery Chapter. This rally has always been well attended, having 80 to 100 Discovery coaches or more participating. Hopefully by now you have made your plans to attend this great event. At the rally, both Pilots and Co-Pilots will be sure to have a great time with your fellow Discovery owners, enjoying central Florida weather, and learning so much about your coach at the numerous presentations that will be included with the rally, covering many maintenance and operating topics on your coach.

We have received news that Lazy Days will be closing their campground this spring, allegedly for renovations. However, they will not take reservations for future Camp Discovery rallies so our National Rally Master, Fred Jecks, is searching for other venues in Florida for future years. With luck we may know more and have information on the 2024 rally by the time of this coming Camp Discovery rally.

Diesel prices remain quite high but coming down some. I hope that you are still able to get on the road in your Discovery and enjoy the many benefits of joining your fellow DOAI members while enjoying the fun and great times seeing the many fantastic places in our great country. Many of you who belong to one or more of our DOAI Chapters have chapter rallies scheduled that are always great fun. For those who do not hold membership in a Chapter, please remember that all our chapter rallies are open to all DOAI members and I strongly encourage you to locate and attend a Chapter Rally where you will find many new friends and are sure to have a great time. And who knows, you just may decide to join the chapter,

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but that is not required. Just be sure to notify the chapter that you will be coming. Chapter rally schedules may be found in our DOAI Web Site at <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.html>. Just open the chapter links and the rallies rallies may be found there.

Our DOAI Web Site improvement efforts mentioned in my last newsletter article remain a priority and hopefully solutions will be forthcoming within the first quarter of 2023.

As always, if you see another Discovery wherever you may be camped, be sure to introduce yourself to them and if they are not DOAI members take a few minutes to tell them about DOAI and invite them to join. **Dick Tracy**

National Rally Master



Fred Jecks

The Northwest Adventurers did a super job as hosts for the 2022 DOAI National Rally. The Wyoming Stampede at the Gillette CAM-PLEX in Wyoming was a huge success. Glenn Magnuson and the Northwest Adventurers Chapter did a great job planning and conducting this rally and if you missed this one, you missed a great rally. Those that attended had a great time.

The Blue Ridge Chapter is continuing their preparations to host the 2023 Southeast Region Rally (Camp Discovery) at Lazydays January 30 – February 5, 2023, located at 6210 CR 579, Seffner, FL. As many of you know, this is more of a technical rally with many seminars discussing the various systems on your Discovery. There are also seminars for those that are not technically minded. Registration is online through the DOAI Website. This is always a popular rally and spaces are limited so don't wait too long to register. Registration cutoff is December 30, 2022. Lazydays recently announced the closure of the Front Porch Café so the free breakfasts will no longer be available.

The 2023 National Rally will be at the [Darke County Fairgrounds](#) in Greenville, OH, and will be September 18-24, 2023. The NE Region will be the host for this rally, with some help from the North Central Chapter. Greenville, OH, is about an hour from Decatur, IN, and about an hour from Dayton, OH. Registration will be online and should be available early in 2023.

Safe travels everyone.

Fred

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Secretary



Cindy Welch

Hello All, follows are the minutes from our National Board of Directors and General Business Meetings held at the National Rally:

Dick Tracy, President
 John Ricciardi, Executive VP
 Ron Wacker, Past President
 John Baker, VP for Development
 Cindy Welch, Secretary
 Linda Culbertson, Treasurer
 Fred Jecks, National Rally Master
 Gary Klemmer, NC Region VP

Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP
 Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP
 Mel Pless, SC Region VP
 Frank Miller, SE Region VP
 Bruce Plumb, SW Region VP

Non-Voting:
 Linda Griffith, Membership Coordinator
 Kerry Pinkerton, National Technical
 Coord for Major Rallies
 Jody Bruce, Merchandise
 Coordinator
 Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor
 Robert Orr, Webmaster

2022 National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Present:

Dick Tracy-via Zoom meeting, Cindy Welch, Linda Culbertson, Fred Jecks, Russ Baldwin, Glenn Magnuson, Mel Pless, Bruce Plumb, Linda Griffith

3:00pm Meeting called to order by Fred Jecks, presiding for Dick Tracy

Quorum was determined

Officers, Reports/Questions /Discussion:

Dick Tracy—1. Discuss and seek consensus on the need for DOAI Web Site lead person(s) to redesign the Web Site and maintain it up to date recognizing that the DOAI Web site is the public face of DOAI. This person(s) will need knowledge of, and preferably have experience in, web site design and development and will organizationally fall under Robert Orr but will interface directly with Officers and others regarding input for the web site.

Getting Robert Orr to do things is difficult, acknowledged his expertise and time commitments.

Maintenance items have overwhelmed Robert Orr.

Question: How do we go about correcting problem for assistance to Robert Orr?

1. Additional volunteers to help
2. Outside audit, outside firm to revise and update DOAI Web Site, revamping website form, mobile device etc.

3. Pueblo improvement but copyright not updated

4. Structural change update with high level contact to be updated quarterly

5. Need to update Google search which is our face to the public and membership.

6. Update with videos and pictures to keep fresh and needs to be kept current.

Fred Jecks proposed and seconded by Glenn Magnuson for:

Dick Tracy to send out an email soliciting a web designer to assist Robert Orr. One or more people stipulation: able to devote adequate time; contract firm. Proposal unanimous approval.

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Mel Pless—possible new members are willing to volunteer, since we are way behind with our own information.

Wix.com could host our domain, host website, have shopping cart

No merchandise available at National Rally shame on us, unable to give First-Timers any products. Need more capabilities for purchasing Discovery Owners merchandise with a more robust website. Merchandise should be available to purchase on-line. Not available yet.

Glenn Magnuson—the NW has a separate website; this could be a stop gap method.

Fred Jecks:

1. 2023 National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds, September 18-24, 2023, hosts are NE and Mid-West
2. PayPal is available for SE Region Rally with three (3) chapters involved, it's a hassle to do it, to direct payment to account and manual reconciliation
3. An option would be additional PayPal account for Camp Discovery; Hosts could start their own
4. PayPal account; cost is small with the fee paid by the user. For example: .70/\$15.00
PayPal for All Rallies: Seffner and National
5. Action: For Camp Discovery up to hosts to establish individual PayPal Accounts.
6. For Camp D should be a separate PayPal account because membership goes into General Account.
7. For National Rally fee for \$500 would be a \$20 PayPal fee
 - a. Burden on member, if cancel credit only rally amount not PayPal fee.
 - b. Option to pay by check
8. Sunshiners hosted Camp D which is a major rally with \$570 profit, Fred will send check for balance up to \$1000.

Linda Culbertson, Treasurer

Did not receive DOAI Financial files until July

Ill with pneumonia and stated she is not an accountant so had to learn accounting 101 in a week.

1. Provided Wells Fargo account summary
Received dues of \$8300
2. Distributed proposed budget for year 2023
Budget no change, insurance will probably increase, advertising, Rally disbursement leave as last year estimate of income probably spend more than income.
3. Taking in less due to decrease in participation
4. Question from BOD member...have you thought of short time investment of CD/Savings Account?
5. Looked at increase interest rate but did not want to complicate matters
6. There was a \$9200 expenditure for merchandise
7. Budget presented by Treasurer: Glenn Magnuson made motion to approve budget, 2nd by Mel Pless; all approved

Dick Tracy stated:

At Seffner, Camp D rally sell down excess inventory such as denim shirts and ball caps.

Question: how close to going on line? No feel for a time frame.

Related Bruce's wanting to divest themselves for being Merchandise Coordinator

Bruce Plumb—No report

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2022 National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Continued

Russ Baldwin: hosting NE Rally

Rally Master & Registrar Gary Klemmer and Phil Skiff to assist with organization

Google forms and spreadsheets assistance from Mel Pless

Make list of teams—identify committee heads—Bob Stewart

Hand Book based on Rally Master doing everything.

Budget-preliminary (food) budget \$399 or 425

Food budget very fluid

Glenn Magnuson stated Glenda Angus may not want to continue as editor of Discovery Express.

National Rally Handbook:

Add attachment to National Rally Handbook to include budget for golf carts

Good job to Glenn for a super job for the National Rally and to all NW members.

Mel Pless—back to website

We could have a sub group for BOD on groups IO as a centralized place for BOD documents on website or on Goggle but must be electronic.

Recommend place of storage for future BOD members

Communications via Group IO

What documents? For Board Jobs, business, it all comes back to a functioning website.

Sharing information from National Rally Hosts to assist next year's Host. Recommendation to laminate Coach Tags.

Bruce Plumb stated Colter LaVette—has a company to provide service, technical consultant and is happy to help.

Dick Tracy stated Robert Orr cannot continue as webmaster. Dick will contact Colter to discuss options.

Glenn Magnuson—proposed scheduling Zoom Meetings to discuss status of website issue in 60 days, prior to Thanksgiving.

Mel Pless 2nd proposal

Linda Griffith will host Zoom Meeting.

Mel Pless-made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Glenn Magnuson

4:35pm Meeting adjourned by Fred Jecks.

2022 General Business Meeting Minutes September 10, 2022 Gillette, Wyoming

Fred Jecks presiding for Dick Tracy

3:03 pm Meeting called to order

A quorum was determined

Pledge of Allegiance

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2022 General Business Meeting Minutes Continued

Fred Jecks:

Complimenting the Northwest for a terrific meeting with a lot of volunteer help—Thank You!

Thank you all for your generous support of the food donations, our donations completely filled up an SUV.

During the BOD meeting, discussion regarding the DOAI Website lack of attention and speed of Robert Orr. We are looking for a volunteer with website design experience. If anyone is interested, please contact Fred Jecks.

It was noted that Robert Orr has a full-time job, unable to do all that is required to maintain/update the DOAI Website. He will need someone to assist with the day-to-day obligations.

Fred Jecks-National Rally Master:

September 18-24, 2023 National Rally will be held at the Darke County Fairgrounds. Hosting primarily is the NE Region with assistance from Midwest. It will be near REV.

Cindy Welch-Secretary:

Minutes of previous meeting in Sevierville, TN, were approved earlier/no further action is required.

Linda Culbertson-Treasurer:

Submitted proposed budget for 2023

Dues have decreased this year to \$2500, down \$4400 due to no 1st year dues

50/50 and Quilt Raffle are a wash

Rally fund: \$32K, Business Acct. \$25K and Savings Acct. \$50K

DOAI is doing fine at this time

Motion made by Mike Hopkins to approve 2023 Budget, 2nd by Glenn Magnuson

Passed unanimously

Russ Baldwin-NE Region VP

Reason for change of 2023 National Rally from Normandy Farms in Foxborough, MA, is they could not provide proper meeting space.

NE and Midwest will be working together.

Activities and tours near the rally are:

Air and Space Museum

Glenn Armstrong Museum

Wright Brothers Museum

Presented two (2) questions to the membership:

1. What are your favorite likes to have at the National Rally?

a. More social, more technical

b. Please send your responses to russbaldwin2@gmail.com

2. What do you want to see next year? Let Russ Baldwin know via email.

Glenn Magnuson-NW Region VP

A big thank you to all for the generous food contributions

Thanks to DT and Blue Ridge

Mel Pless-South Central VP

Welcome to the Lassiter's to the Discovery Texans

Thanks to the NW Adventurers for a great job during a trying time.

The South Central will be paying close attention to NW and NE since SC will be hosting the 2024 National Rally.

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2022 General Business Meeting Minutes Continued

Bruce Plumb-SW Region VP

- I qualified to be Region VP for Southwest after finishing my term as NC Region VP.
- Bruce gave the following history of Chapters.
There were two chapters in the SW Region: Discovery Texans-1999, Ozarks-2012.
In 2020-21, we lost two (2) chapters, D'Zonas decided to fold last fall.
California Chapter: Jim Sullivan bought another Brand so he was no longer eligible to be an officer.
No one volunteered to take over, so they became the Rolling Ralliers making them no longer a Discovery Chapter
There was only one (1) couple from California left. So, at last year's National Rally in Sevierville
Van Edelmann decided to start a chapter with 19-20 members, he held a rally and two are planned for next year.
This new Chapter is named the Four Corners Discovery Owners with two (2) new members.

Linda Griffith-Membership Coordinator:

- 1309 Current Members
- Inform her of any email and/or address changes
- A roster is sent to each Chapter President with new members for recruitment in their area.

Open to floor:

Pat Baldwin—anyone interested in the Book Club notification please provide email.

The next SE Region Rally is Camp Discovery and dates are January 30 to February 5, 2023

- Technical Seminars by Kerry Pinkerton, National Technical Coordinator for Major Rallies
- Question raised: any chance to change dates based on the Tampa Super Show, followed by the FMA Rally then Discovery Rally. These rallies are schedule in chronological order.
- Large FMA rally attract REV support, REV provide repairs with labor fees and parts at reduced cost.
- If move to dates of FMA rally there would be loss of participation.
- This is the last year (2023) of contract at Lazy Days
- Question asked: When we re-negotiate a new contract could we do before or at same time as Tampa Super Show?
- Lazy Days increased price by 30% that is why FMA moved to a different location.
- DOAI received NO support from REV
- Possibilities--we will see
- Camp D cost going up after this year
- Does Camp D have to be in Florida?
- No rally west of Colorado
- East/West decrease participation
- Arizona due to temperature versus Colorado

Will take comments under advisement:

1. National Rally
2. SE Regional Rally has 3 Chapters taking turns as hosts.

Motion to adjourn:

Mel Pless
2nd Glenn Magnuson

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40pm by Fred Jecks



Membership Coordinators



Linda Griffith

(Photo not available
for Le Brightman)

Since our last issue of Discovery Express please “Welcome” our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our “D’s” and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year free membership for every three members referred. Print out the DOAI Membership Application and carry a few in your coach for referrals. Ask them to list your name on their application so we know who to give the credit. Several folks just say, “Another Discovery Owner.” This list is covering new members August through October 2022.



James & Jamie Aksel, Yorba Linda, CA
 James & Mishelle Cary, Toquerville, UT
 Brad & Malinda Tedrow, Oviedo, FL
 Bob & Debbie Lassiter, Flower Mound, TX
 Mario Estrada, Fayetteville, NC
 William Cosentino & Michael Sitowitz,
 Green Cove Springs, FL
 Kent & Amanda Hathorn, Haughton, LA
 Cooper & Mary Ann Ragland, Springbranch, Tx
 Paul & Cindy Schebel, Spring Cove, IL
 Darrell & Deborah Boggess, Southside, WV
 Vince & Kriti Akers, Charlotte Hall, MD
 Don Spillane, Box Elder, SD
 Charles & Alison Moore, Euaharlee, GA
 Alejandro Sagol & Noelia Lise, Plantation, FL
 Louis Fabregas, Gray, LA
 Justin & Karen Morgan, Delaware, OH
 George Mackie & Trish Emerson, Farmington, AR
 Mike & Jamie Wanagitis, Bakersfield, CA
 Tommy & Mary Youngblood, Grantville, GA
 Joshua & Brianna Macy, Clay Center, KS
 Ellen & Marcus McBryde, St Pauls, NC
 Michael Murphy & Mary Clemen, Dyerwille, IA
 Rebecca & Steven VanSteenbergen,
 Southbury, CT
 Eric & Sabine Meyers, Cordova,, TN
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 Allen & Kathy Walker, Weeki Wachee. FL
 Michael & Debra Blancharf, Houma, LA
 Terri & keith Deeson, Lakeland, FL
 Michael Lesack, Arcadia, OK
 Bryan & Angela Strob, Hudson, FL

Daniel Bachrach & Jodi Dominguez, Lithia, FL
 Joseph & Joyann Guzek, Crossville, TN
 J.C. & Dorothy Hammond, Kerrville, TX
 Marc Brunet & Elizabeth MacDonald, Elliot Lake,
 Ont
 Jonathan & Lisa Connelly, Mesa, AZ
 Charles & Ana Lindsay, Lutz, FL
 David & C.A. Praedel, Madison, WI
 Kelly & Dawn Sleeper, Saint Charles, MO
 Brian & Charlene Brown, Absecon, MO
 Robert & Krista Bizzell, Knightdale, NC
 Peter & Julie Wechsler, New Port Richey, FL
 Keon & Toi Hayes, West Friendship, MD
 Gregg Erbaugh, Beaver Creek, OH
 Joe & Kim Dwyer, Lakeside, CA
 Jerry & Debbie Jones, Cleveland, TX
 Marvin & Shirley Palanuk, Grand Coulee, WA
 Kyle Royston. Shelby Township, MI
 Jimmy & Miranda Farish, Atkins, AR
 Benoit Laverdure & Sinead Fritzpatrick, Mineral, VA
 Kirby & Sherri Johnson, Fayetteville, AR
 Curtis Coyle & Deana Dobbs, Grand Prairie, TX
 Tom & Jane Bergman, Elkhorn, WI
 Douglas & Joni Stephens, Burlington Flats, NY
 Steve Bruett, Apache Junction, AZ
 Bradley & Susan Thaxton, Clanton, AL
 Seth Katz, Tampa, FL
 Leif & Rebecca Atkinson, Green Cove Springs, FL



Region Reports

Southeast Region Vice President



Frank Miller

2022 has been a year of recovery from the Shock and Awe of the Covid 19 impact on our ability to fully appreciate all the benefits of membership in DOAI. Particularly through the Fall months, participation in the Groups.IO Discovery Owners Forum has been strong and very helpful to those needing assistance with coach related issues. Through the shared resource of many knowledgeable members, solutions to wide variety of questions, addressing problems, locating parts and replacement techniques, and good old fashion comradery have benefited the membership. If you haven't as yet taken advantage of this marvelous

resource, you can check it out at the following link. You will need the DOAI Member Number and password (provided to you when you joined).

<http://www.discoveryowners.com/egroup.asp>

Our local DOAI chapters are the supporting foundation for the DOAI organization. If you have not as yet joined one (or more) of our local area chapters, I would encourage all members to take advantage of the fun, comradery, and friendship that is available when participating in a local chapter. For the Southeast Region (which includes the states of AL, DE, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV) the local chapters are Mason-Dixon Discoverys, Blue Ridge Discoverys, and the Florida Discovery Sunshiners. For specific information about each of the chapters, including chapters for all of the DOAI regions, please see:

<http://www.discoveryowners.com/chapters/chapterhome.html>

Speaking of DOAI Chapters, the 2023 Southeast Region Rally is being hosted by the Blue Ridge Discoverys Chapter in Seffner, Florida, at the Lazy Days RV Resort, January 30 to February 5th. The theme is "Celebrate Mardi Gras, Let The Good Times Roll!", a great winter get-away!

As part of the SE Region Rally, Camp Discovery provides a technical information exchange that is unique to the structure, systems, and configuration of your Discovery Motor Coach. For new Discovery owners in particular, it is a way to quickly gain detailed information regarding key systems and equipment in their coach. In addition, there are a variety of non-technical options, including member sharing ideas on how to make the RV experience more enjoyable. The host chapter is working hard to make this an exciting fun-filled time for everyone!

If you haven't already signed up for the SE Regional Rally and need more information, details and the on-line registration link is at

<http://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.html>.

When you get a chance to talk to another Discovery Owner that hasn't joined DOAI, encourage them to look at the Discovery Owners benefits found on the web at

<https://www.discoveryowners.com/home.html>.

They'll be glad they did!

Frank

Region Reports Continued



Gary Klemmer VP

North Central Region Vice President

Well it's coming to the close of 2022 and I know many of you are heading to warmer climates (including myself), along with making your 2023 year in advance winter reservations. How quickly this year started and ended.

I would like to first start out thanking so many of you for your support, cards, and phones in losing my best friend, advisor, wife Nancy, and co-pilot of 50 years. I know she will be missed not only by me, but by so many in the DOIA group. During her short battle with cancer she made me promise to keep myself involved with the DOIA, along with the chapters we are members of, which I will continue. Again thanks for your support and caring.

The Midwest group is moving ahead straight and strong, Phil Skif has taken over the role of President with Val Whipple working beside Phil as VP. It has been very interesting seeing both the Midwest and the NorthEast chapters plan two rallies together this year and both were big successes. So much so, they will be working on joint rallies again along with co-hosting the National Rally at the Darlene County Fairgrounds near Dayton Ohio Sept 18-24 (remember to put this on your calendar). The Midwest Chapter is working on rallies to be held April 23-28 and Sept 10-17. If you have any interest in attending one of their rallies (contact Phil at 248-613-6444), or by that means attending any of the DOIA chapter rallies, they are open to all DOIA members. (And it sure makes it easy to grow your friendship network by attending other chapter rallies.)

The OZARK chapter grew one new coach (Brea and Tim Hendricks), growing the chapter to 26 coaches. Welcome Hendricks to both the DOIA and Ozark groups. This chapter will be going thru the officer election process next year but is still being guided with two rallies in 2023. They have their spring rally set for May 18-20 at [Mountain View RV park](#) in Mountain View AR. I attended one of their rallies at this park and enjoyed good food, great conversations, building new friendships and on Friday and Saturday night going to the town center and enjoying free live music at a number of locations. If interested in attending this rally please contact Bruce Plumb at 417-239-4544. Their Fall rally is being arranged by Ricky Keen (501-247-2124) and will be held Oct 12-15 at [Blowing Springs RV Park](#) in Bella Vista AR. The more attendees the stronger the bonds and friendships become. Try to fit one these rallies in your calendar, plus you can mark off the State of Arkansas on your bucket list.



Mel Pless

South Central Region Vice President

Good day fellow DOAI members. What a great club we have in DOAI! Since you are reading this Discovery Express newsletter, you are very much aware of the value of our national club. Perhaps you have received advice from the Technical forum or benefited from a Discovery Friend. Hopefully, you also enjoy the benefits and joys of being a member of a regional chapter, maybe even several chapters. What is overlooked many times is the fact that volunteers are the lifeblood of both our national club and regional chapters.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to enjoy things like reading this newsletter, attending national/regional rallies, getting sage advice from the forums, etc. For example, Glenda Angus puts

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South Central Region Vice President Continued

together our Discovery Express newsletter, which you are reading right now. She collects information and articles from numerous people and then puts it together so the newsletter can be published to all our DOAI members. Unfortunately, there are too many people to mention individually; however, you can see a partial list at the end of this newsletter on the DOAI Directory page. Even that list does not detail the volunteers needed to make local chapters run smoothly.

I bring this to your attention to remind members that the club can always use your assistance. If a position at the national or regional level is open, please consider volunteering your time to ensure our great organization continues to thrive. If you are not aware, the organization has lost a couple of regional chapters because individuals in those respective chapters did not wish to volunteer their time. As such, these chapters had to fold due to the lack of member support in filling the necessary roles. This can happen at any point in time when we all become lackadaisical and assume others are going to step-in to fill the need. Many times, these roles have “term limits” that require them to be filled by others. Having new people willingly volunteer to fill a position not only ensures the survival of the national and regional chapters but also helps to bring new thoughts and ideas into the mix. **PLEASE** remember to support our club by volunteering.

As you will see in Linda Griffith’s article, the Discovery Texans finished off 2022 with a great rally in November at the Skyline Ranch RV Resort in Bandera, TX. We were excited to have all the first-time attendees, new chapter members, and DOAI guests. Below is a list of the 2023 rallies that we have scheduled. We welcome any DOAI member to join us at any of our rallies! You can contact me, the Discovery Texans Rally Master, at discoverytexans@gmail.com or mpless@pless.org for more information.

2023 Discovery Texans Rally Schedule

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|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 11 – 15 | Rusk KOA | Rusk, TX |
| Mar. 8 – 12 | Knights of Columbus RV Park | Hallettsville, TX |
| May 3 – 7 | Buckhorn Lake Resort | Kerrville, TX |
| Nov. 8 – 12 | Whistle Stop RV Resort | Abilene, TX |

Mel



Chapter Reports



President
Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge Discoverys

Blue Ridge membership is at 63 with 9 new members in 2022.

Our 2023 Spring rally will be at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard GA. Dates are arrival on Monday, April 24, and Depart on Saturday, April 29. Reservation is open. River Vista phone number is 706-746-2722. When you call tell them you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys and give them our rally reservation number 81247. We probably won't have our in house rally registration form and rally fee set until late January. It will be on line through google forms.

Our 2023 fall rally will be at Holiday Travel Park of Chattanooga, Rossville, GA. Arrival is Monday, September 25, with departure Saturday, September 30. Reservation and registration will be open late February.

In our recent officer elections we were unable to fill positions for the Rally Master, Secretary and Assistant Secretary positions. However, our new officers for 2023-2024 are:

President - Mike Hopkins
Vice President - Kelley Counter
Treasurer - Don Muskopf
Assistant Treasurer - Frank Miller
Past President - Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge is hosting the DOAI SE Region Camp Discovery Rally January 30 - February 5 at Lazy Days in Seffner FL.

Mike Hopkins, Tom Abel, Cousin Kerry and I met with the event coordinator at LazyDays along with National Rally Master Fred Jecks on December 1st. Meals and entertainment are set. We are working on the agenda. It should be a great rally.

As of December 1st there are 73 coaches registered with DOAI and 10 others with Lazydays but not with DOAI. Be sure if you are one of these ten, complete the on-line registration form with [DOAI](#). There are only 20 slots left. If you are new to DOAI and own your first Discovery, this is a must attend rally.

After the National Rally in Gillette six Blue Ridge coaches along with Friends of Blue Ridge traveled West to Vegas then turned and headed East arriving at Florida Grande October 27th. That is 6000 plus miles. We had a great time.



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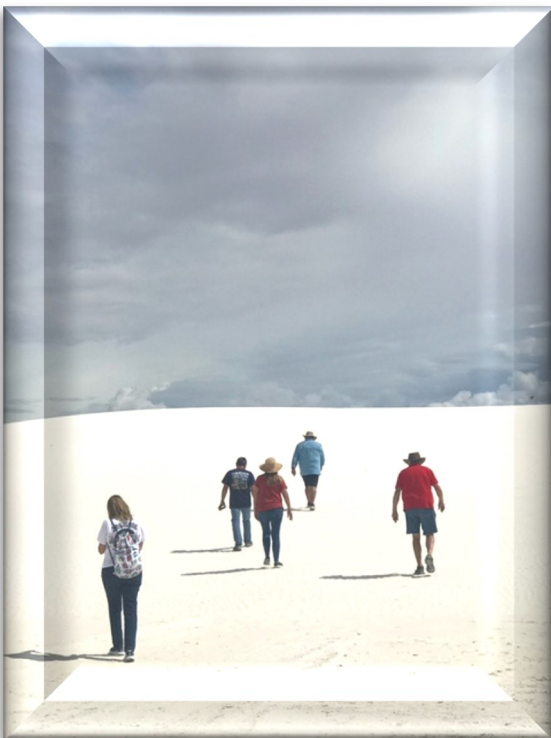
Rising from the heart of the Tularosa Basin is one of the world's great natural wonders - the glistening white sands of New Mexico.



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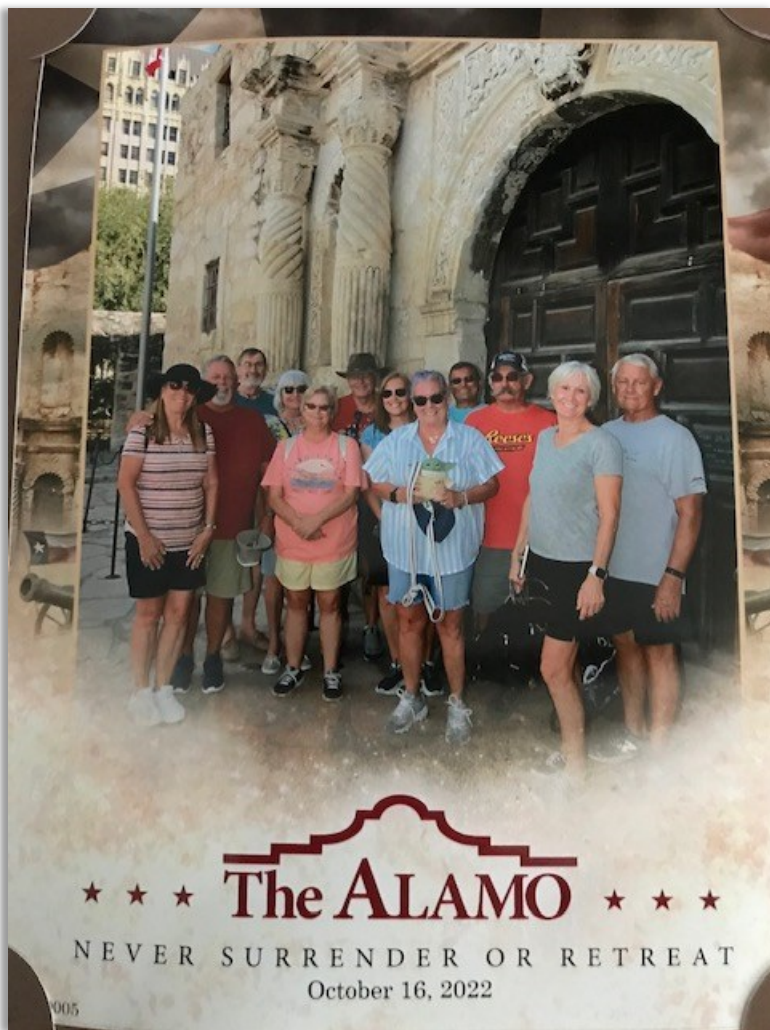
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Blue Ridge Discoverys Continued



Remember the Alamo



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys

Greetings from the Mason-Dixons. Winter is here for the area covered by our chapter. A number of our members avoid the coldest of months by following the sunny weather south or southwest. For those staying north, now is the time to winterize or use other measures to avoid damage from freezing temperatures.

If you need an excuse to go south, look no further than the annual SE Region Rally. It has all the features of a major DOAI rally with the added benefit of Camp Discovery and Florida sunshine in the middle of winter. The next SE rally will be at Lazydays, Seffner, FL, January 30–February 5, 2023. The Mason-Dixons will host this rally in 2024.

It is looking more likely the 2024 SE Rally will be in a location other than Lazydays. They are closing the campground for “renovation” this coming April and have not announced when, or if, it will reopen. I know our National Rally Master is looking at other potential locations in central Florida. DOAI has held the SE Rally at Lazydays every year since 1999, with the exceptions of 2009 (Sevierville) and the Covid years of 2020–2021.

The spring 2023 chapter gathering will be at Old Millstream Campground, Lancaster, PA, May 17–21, 2023. Additional information can be found on the [Mason-Dixon Chapter](#) section of the DOAI website.

Be safe and take time to appreciate this great RV lifestyle. Marshall



Good times

Ashland, Virginia

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Mason Dixon Discoverys Continued



Ted & Kathy Howe

Left to right:

First row (seated): Donna Crinklaw, Debra Pruyne, Alice Austiff, Mary Anne Weinberg, Diane Pophin, Danna Mason, Sara Akers.

Second row: Helen Blackwell, Dennis Kiser, Jerry Pruyne, Roger Austiff, Larry Weinberg, Dan Pophin, Jim Mason, Vince Akers.

Third row: Toni Calzone, Stan Lesniak, Julie Lasniak, Courtney Lesniak, and Jake (friend of Courtney).

Not pictured, but attended: Marshall Godwin.

All Mason-Dixon photographs provided by
Helen Blackwell





Chapter Prez
Phil Skiff

Midwest Discoverers

Greetings from the Midwest Discoverers.

We had a great fall rally with the Noreasters Chapter in the Wisconsin Dells. Many had never been to that area before and found it wonderful. We experimented with a very relaxed, less rigorous schedule, but did find time to visit many local venues and enjoy an incredible river boat tour.

The boat trip on the Wisconsin river was the highlight of the week. We spent several hours cruising the beautiful gorges and channels with an adept tour guide. We made stops along the way to explore narrow channels on a boardwalk, and see the world-famous, death-defying, rock leaping dog.

We also used the rally to jump-start planning for the 2023 National Rally to be held in Greenville, OH. Midwest will be supporting the Noreaster chapter hosts. You won't want to miss it.

Our spring and fall rallies are planned to be held at or near the national rally site to help with preparations.

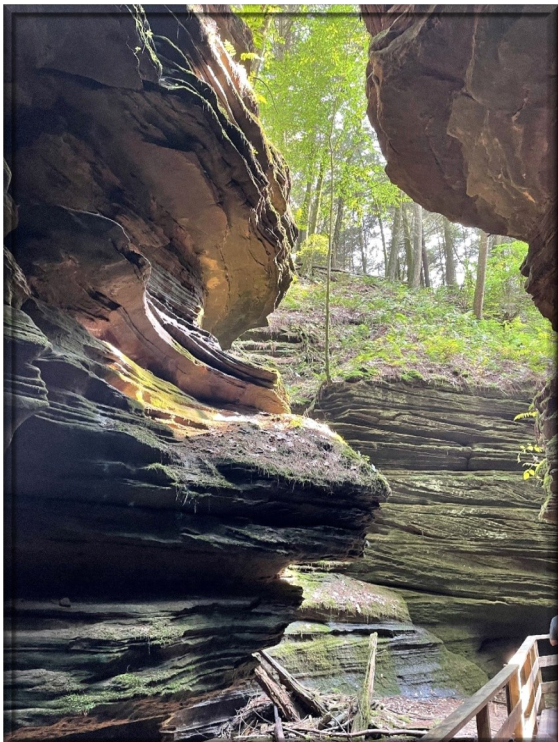
The Midwest Discoverers chapter is open to all DOAI members who frequent this area. We have members from as far away as Florida and Canada. There's rally information and a membership application on our chapter page at the DOAI website. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Safe travels! Phil



Noreaster-Midwest Chapter Dinner at Moosejaw

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Midwest Discoverers Continued



Boardwalk tour of gorge along the river



Transportation at Moosejaw Pizza



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Who doesn't love a fish fry by the lake

Midwest Discoverers Continued



Discovery section in the park
Ready for our potluck night



On the Wisconsin River tour



Scenic stop on the river tour



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys

Hi everyone. If you have seen the news lately, you know that old man winter is upon us in the Northeast. Some areas close to where we are (western New York), got 7 feet of snow last week. You have to be here to realize just how much snow that is. Only six players on the Buffalo Bills roster are taller than that, but a nail biter to be sure, they beat the Cleveland Browns in Ford Stadium in Detroit where the game was moved due to SNOW. Fortunately, most of the snow has melted and we are just waiting for round two of 2022 winter. Can't wait to get to Florida.

As you may be aware, the Noreaster Discoverys are hosting the DOAI National Rally in September 2023, along with our great friends, the Midwest Discoverers. Due to many complications with finding an appropriate venue, the rally will be in Greenville, Ohio. This is only an average 600 miles from the few Noreaster Discoverys' members but hey thinking we have no reasons to complain as to distance that the NorthWest Adventurers had to travel to host the National Rally 2022 in Gillette, WY. I don't know what we'd do without our Midwest partners. The behind the scenes planning is continuing through the winter under direction of Pat and Russ Baldwin. We have some great things planned, including an excursion to the [USAF Museum in Dayton, Ohio](#). Also, we are only about an hour from Decatur, Indiana, where our coaches are built, so that's also a place you might want to visit. The National Rally group is looking into possible tours for there, but if you need to visit professionally – keep these dates in mind - **(DOAI National Rally, Sept. 18 – 23, 2023)**. We hope to have a lot more information at the Southeast Region Rally in Florida held January/February, and in the next Newsletter.

Hope to see you all in Seffner, Florida, at the SouthEast Rally. Safe Travels, **Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!** Bob Stewart

In case you missed it on the Midwest page —our Fall Noreaster-Midwest Discovers Rally



Some good looking moose



President
Linda Griffith

Discovery Texans

Discovery Texans are still a growing chapter, and we are always trying to recruit new members. We invite all DOAI members to come as a guest if they will be in the area that we are holding our next rally. Our November rally was held in Bandera, TX, which is southwest of San Antonio, Tx. We had 28 rigs present. We had 4 Guest coaches join us that were already DOAI members and three of the guest rigs joined our chapter. The fourth coach was Dave and Jan Hesterly from Verona, WI, as they were passing through Texas on their travels. Dave is a wonderful photographer that took a lot of great pictures during our rally and shared them with us for our albums we that we publish on our DT groups.io website for our members to enjoy.

Linda Griffith & Cheryl Langley hosted the Wednesday night Meet & Greet and served a barbeque brisket supper with all the trimmings. On Thursday morning we had the Technical Round Table led by Don Griffith. Following was the Multimeter Seminar hosted by Gary Osburn. The ladies had a luncheon in town at the brick's River Café. Thursday night supper is always Potluck which everyone enjoys. We had the game Left, Right, Center after supper hosted by Mel & Becky Pless. Winners were Cherie Sutton & Jon Howser. Lots of fun.

After the Board of Directors meeting Friday morning we had the Washer tournament hosted by Randy Langley and the winners, Stan Keifer and Becky Pless, were presented Trophies for First Place. Friday & Saturday night suppers was hosted by Noel & Rhoda Montgomery and Matt & Suzan Cullen. They served a Taco Bar on Friday night and a Pork Tenderloin with all the trimmings on Saturday night. We do eat good at our rallies. After supper on Friday night we had a great time playing Bingo led by Lynn Henry and assisted by Don Griffith. We also had the big screen set up in the rally hall to watch the Astros play the World Series games every night.

We had our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning. Elections were held for President and Vice President. Linda Griffith will serve her second term as President and Cheryl Langley will serve her first term as Vice President. We also discussed our upcoming rallies for 2023 and the fact that Discovery Texans will be hosting the 2024 National Rally.

We are excited to be attending the SE Region Rally again. Discovery Texans always have a high attendance at this rally. The weather is nice in Seffner, Florida in January. We love getting together with our DOAI friends from other chapters. We also look forward to enjoying the fresh strawberries at Parkdale Farm in Plant City, Florida.

If you find yourself passing through Texas on your travels, contact us and see if you can join us at one of our four rallies we have in January, March, May and November. Hope to see you down the road. Linda

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Discovery Texans Continued



Cheri Sutton with Rich & Krista Bland
Enjoying our social hour



Gary & Debby Osburn watching the Washer
Tournament



Supper in the rally hall





Jeanne Stewart

Book Club

--Hello Fellow Readers

Hope your Thanksgiving left you satisfied, and now onto the next holiday. I have chosen this book for our next Rally at the SouthEast Regional at LazyDays in Seffner, FL, where I trust it is warmer than western New York.

I have not read this particular book by Marie Benedict, but have read others by her, and thought this would be a good choice.

Usually, I pre-read, but I wasn't sure we were included on the schedule to have a book club slot. Thanks, to that very efficient, Glenda Angus, she contacted the President for the Blue Ridge Chapter, and Voilà, we are on the schedule, hoping it is not early in the morning.

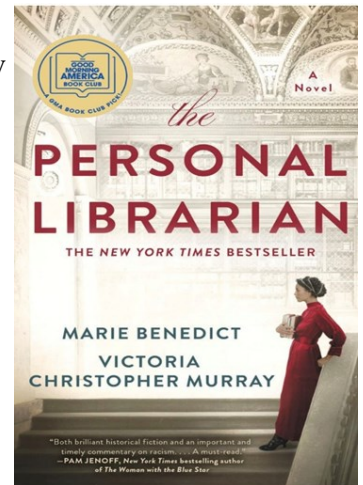
Thank you again to Pat Baldwin for hosting the book club meeting in Gillette, WY, as I was unable to attend. I will send out an e-mail attachment as well to the ladies I have in my Book Club list, since I hear many of you do not read the Discovery Express newsletter. If you know of someone who is coming to the Rally, and might be interested in attending the book discussion, please pass this information on.

Also, please bring a list of books you might recommend, I will pass on to those that might want a copy.

We will be having a book club meeting at the National meeting in Greenville, OH, September 18-24th, 2023.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy holidays, and a happy, healthy New Year

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2023 Calendar of



Important Dates

Newsletter deadlines include reports from all executive officers, region vice presidents, coordinators, chapters, major rally masters, as well as regular recurring features. Other deadlines include those items listed as responsibilities of officers as detailed in DOAI Bylaws and Standing Rules, plus deadlines set by financial and governmental institutions, as well as certain necessary one-time deadline submissions, or deadlines in connection with biennial DOAI elections (2022 is an election year). Due to the variance in national rally dates, certain required submission dates will change from year to year.

JANUARY 2023

- 1 – January *Discovery Express* published
- 15 – Planning commences for 2023 National Rally
- 31 – **Deadline** for Commonwealth of Virginia registration fee and annual report submitted by DOAI Registered Agent

January 2023

- 30-Feb.5—Southeast Regional Rally, Seffner, FL
- TBD—BOD meeting, Seffner, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 – National Rally Master submits preliminary budget for 2023 National Rally to BOD
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter officer list to Secretary
- 15 – **Deadline** for chapter membership list with membership numbers to Membership Coordinator

MARCH 2023

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for April issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for previous year's financial and audit reports to Editor

APRIL 2023

- 1 – April *Discovery Express* published

MAY 2023

- 15 – **Deadline** to file DOAI 2022 tax return with IRS

JUNE 2023

- 1 – Regional Rally Master submits budget for 2023 Regional Rally to National Rally Master and BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for July issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for notice of general meeting to be held during 2023 National Rally to Editor

JULY 2023

- 1 – July *Discovery Express* published

AUGUST 2023

- 1 – President and Treasurer develop 2024 DOAI budget for approval by BOD
- TBA – **Deadline** to register for 2023 National Rally

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor
- 5-11 2022 National Rally CamPlex Gillette, Wyoming.
- TBA – President and Treasurer present 2023 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting
- 2023 National Rally Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio from September 18-24

OCTOBER 2023

- 1 – October *Discovery Express* published
- 6 – DOAI insurance policy and surety bond expires

NOVEMBER 2023

DECEMBER 2023

- 1 – Rally Master of 2022 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD
- 1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor
- 1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2023 budget to Editor

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