

GLENDA M. ANGUS, EDITOR

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another winter has come and almost gone, depending on where you are. March 1st saw most of us heading back to our home base. Blue Ridge was again well represented at the Southeast rally in

Seffner. Our membership took a slight hit in January.18 members did not renew their dues for various reasons, but because of the members attending Camp Discovery and working the room, we picked up 10 new members.

Welcome to the club Jeff and Barb Albrecht, Micheal and Norma Boles, Bob and Kelley Counter, Ken and Renee Diaz, Gary and Sarah Giddens, Ohara Howard and Patricia Porter, Larry and Joette Lewis, Janet and Kevin Stephens, David and Gail Summerhill, Garrie and May Vass. We now have 54 coaches on our roster.

I would like to announce we have a new Membership Director. Chris Muskopf has graciously volunteered to take on those duties. I know she will do a great job. Thanks Chris

A Number of Blue Ridge members again wintered at Florida Grande RV Resort in Webster Fl. During the month of February we had 11 BRD coaches at the Grande. Other DOAI members floated in and out during the season.

I know the situation with COVID-19 is dominating all of our lives and affecting a lot of our travel plans. Our Spring Rally in Sevierville Tennessee, previously scheduled for April 24 has now been rescheduled for an arrival date of July 31 and depart on August 7. You should have received an email from Mike Hopkins with more details so I won't go in to detail only to say that this rally is primarily for prep and planning for the National rally and we need maximum attendance. So if you have canceled or can now attend please consider doing so. Just contact The Ridge RV Resort and let them know you are with the Blue Ridge Group, and let Mike Hopkins know you will be attending. Remember there is no rally fee.

Please take care of yourself. Follow the guidelines. We will make it through this.

Travel safe and stay healthy.

Jim Pinkerton

Please register for the <u>National Rally</u> in Sevierville, 27 Sep-4 Oct 2020. Our newly scheduled Spring Rally is an important rally as we will be finalizing plans for the 2020 National Rally being held at The Ridge Outdoor Resort. Please keep up with information from our President regarding news about that rally. (Glenda)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Apr 2020

Blue Ridge Discoverys Spring Rally The Ridge RV Resort 31 Jul-7 Aug 2020 Sevierville, TN

> DOAI National Rally 25 Sep-4 Oct 2020 Sevierville, TN

FMA Rally LazyDays, Seffner, FL 19-24 Jan 2021

DOAI SE Rally Lazy Days, Seffner, FL 25-31 Jan 2021

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Vice President Tom Leydic

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Asst Secretary Laura Johnson?

Treasurer Mike Hopkins

Asst Treasurer Don Muskopf

Wagon Master Tim Ridgley

Historian Glenda Angus

Membership Chris Muskopf

BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS CHAPTER MEETING SEFFFNER, FLORIDA JANUARY 29, 2020

President Jim Pinkerton called the chapter meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mike Hopkins led the chapter in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Linda Terrill sent the Secretary's Report to all chapter members via e-mail on October 1, 2019. The minutes were re-sent to all chapter members via e-mail on January 28, 2020. President Pinkerton confirmed everyone had received the minutes. He asked for any corrections or revisions. There were none.

Bob Angus moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Richard Money seconded the motion to accept. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mike Hopkins sent the Treasurer's Report on January 2, 2020. He presented a brief review of the summary. We presently have \$6,811 in the bank account. Presently there are no expenses incurred for the Spring 2020 rally. President Pinkerton called for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Frank Cason moved the report be accepted as presented. Bill A. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mike Hopkins provided the Chapter with a membership update. Presently we have 65 coaches in the club. Four new members have joined just this month, January 2020. Five new members were present at the meeting. President Pinkerton welcomed the new members asking them to introduce themselves. Present were: Jeff and Barbara Albrecht, Christopher (Kit) and Mary Clark, Gary and Sarah Giddens, Doug and Terry Gibbs, and Randy and Karen Kemp.

RALLY REPORT:

Rally Master Tim Ridgley discussed potential rally sites. Several members have sent him suggestions for rally locations. He asked for members to send him any suggestions for potential rally sites.

Tim yielded the floor to Spring Rally host, Frank Cason. The Spring 2020 Rally is scheduled 04/24/20 to 05/01/20 at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, TN. Frank has 25 sites reserved for the Chapter. Presently there are 17 coaches registered. Frank reminded the Chapter that this really is a "working" rally. He reminded the Chapter that each coach will need to contact the resort and make their own reservations. The toll-free number is 888-599-2267 or dial direct to 865-504-3111. Make sure you tell the reservation desk you're with Blue Ridge Discoverys. Early arrival and late departure dates can be up to two (2) days at the rally rate of \$56.36 per day.

The rally will not be providing any evening meals, except Thursday evening. Thursday night BRD will provide pizza. At that time during the business meeting you can report where you have dined and your experiences.

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Bob Angus, National Rally Master reported on the September 2020 Fall National Rally. He said he expected 125 coaches in attendance. The caterer has been approved for 3 dinner meals. Bob has received commitments for 3 other meals from REV, Lazy Days, and General RV.

Bob asked the Door Prize Chairman, Don Muskopf, to discuss door prizes. Don said we needed 125 gifts ranging from \$25 to \$50. He asked everyone to assist with gathering these gifts. He asked each coach to present at least 3 door prizes. Don said he has already obtained possibly as many as 10 gifts from donors. He knows other committee members have gathered as many door prizes as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Pinkerton continued to discuss club shirts. DOAI is moving to accept use of a fulfillment company which makes shirts, hats, and flags with logos. BRD can piggy back with DOAI and use the BRD logo.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Pinkerton reported Rick Blaher requested to no longer be Membership Chairman. Chris Muskopf has agreed to take on the role of Membership Chairman.

President Pinkerton discussed the upcoming Chapter elections. Richard Money is heading the nominating committee. He will be contacting a couple of members to assist with obtaining nominees for the offices. The officer positions opening are as follows: Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. President Pinkerton asked all members to consider becoming an officer.

Kit Clark announced a block party at Florida Grande is being planned and he will send out invitations to those members present.

President Pinkerton asked if there was any other business. There being none he called for a motion to adjourn. Bill Johnson moved to adjourn. Tom Abel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Linda G. Terrill, Secretary





Thank you to our secretary, Linda, who always does such a great job!

This and that!

I am well and doing ok. I don't drive any long distance anymore but did fly to Georgia for Christmas to be with my younger son and his family. It was wonderful as well as all the holiday wishes from Blue Ridge Discoverys! Hope u all r well & happy. Fondly (Eileen Haden)

As some of you will recall our Chapter made a donation to Jim and Brenda Fairfax regarding this project. Below is an update from Jim and Brenda

FROM A GR TEFUL NATION INSTITUTE, INC.

January 16, 2020

Blue Ridge Discoverys 5753 Highway 85 N #4444 Crestview, FL 32536

Dear Blue Ridge Discoverys Members:

As promised, we stated we would provide updates on the progress of the project, *From A Grateful Nation – A Eulogy*. We are continuing to move forward with the project. Recently, we had a productive meeting with the President and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

Our approach to date has been to seek small donation funding primarily from the veteran community. The outlook of 2020 appears positive as we continue to explore avenues of support. Our goal is to raise \$300K.

We are grateful for your past contribution and will continue to keep you apprised of the status on the project.

Sincerely,

James A. Fairfax President (Founder)

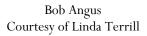
The Mason Dixon Chapter sponsored an excellent rally at the DOAI Southeast Region Rally in January at Seffner, Florida. The Chapter provided aprons for members who were hosting so they were readily identifiable if needed. There were a lot of new activities and you missed a fun time if you were unable to attend. Almost 800 pounds of nonperishable food items were donated by DOAI participants. Fifty-fifty sales set a record and all our winners donated their winnings to the charity. We hope you will strive to do as well when we host the <u>DOAI 2020 National Rally</u> in Sevierville beginning 28 September 2020. Register now on line at <u>DOAI</u>.

Thank you to all our Blue Ridge Members who assisted Bob and the Mason Dixon Discoverys in selling fifty-fifty tickets. You helped make it a success.



Photos courtesy of Bob Angus











Refinishing My Oxidized Slide Ends By Mike Hopkins

A couple of years ago, the black finish on the ends of the slides on my 2014, 40G began deteriorating. I'm not sure what caused it, but oxidation began a few weeks after I had the coach professionally washed and waxed. Perhaps the wash crew used a chemical that started the process, or perhaps the black fiberglass just began to lose its protective coating due to age and weathering. However, the oxidation was occurring only on the ends of the slides, and not on the coach body. And, one slide end on my kitchen slide was not affected, and still has a good finish.







The result of the oxidation was a dull, splotchy finish. Oxidation was worse between the inner studs. Rain water would leave streaks that would not wash off. Washing and waxing had little to no effect on the appearance of the finish.



Over time, I tried several remedies, none of which worked very well. Some of the products I tried were Dawn dishwashing liquid, Simple Green, Rainex Bug and Tar Remover, Mothers Back To Black finish restorer, McGuires Oxidation Remover, McGuires Black Quick Wax, McGuires Ultimate Compound, and even black shoe polish, both wax and liquid. The shoe polish actually worked best to reduce the color variation, but still didn't give a very satisfactory finish, and didn't last very long until the splotchiness returned.



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Blue Ridge Ledger



While reading some of the online RV message boards, I saw some posts from people who had the same problem. They mentioned good results by using a couple of different products made for fiberglass. One of the products was the Poli-Glow system, and the other was the Shine-On system. Both were similar in description, and somewhat similar in price. I chose the Poli-Glow system, as it seemed to have a little better feedback from customers. The kit was about \$96 after tax.

The kit included a quart of Poli-Prep concentrate, a canister of Poli-Ox powder cleaner, a quart of Poli-Glow finishing liquid, a white scrubbing pad, a couple of 3M Scotch-brite 1200 grit sanding pads, a microfiber application mitt, and a couple of rubber gloves.

Following the instructions, I started out using the Poli-prep concentrate. The concentrate is diluted with water using 1/3 to ½ parts concentrate. The diluted mixture is sprayed onto the fiberglass surface and scrubbed with the white scrubbing pad. I spoke with the company about how much concentrate to use in the mixture, and they told me the concentrate is basically a de-greaser, and to use less water if the surface needs heavy cleaning.



After scrubbing and rinsing, I still didn't have a uniform color, so the next step was to use the

Poli-Ox powder. It is a lot like a Soft-Scrub powder, and serves as a rubbing compound. Using the sanding pads with powder applied, I scrubbed the surface until I had a uniform color. At this point the surface is still dull.

The final step is to apply the Poly-Glow clear coat. It is applied with the damp white microfiber applicator mitt. It is applied gently to the surface, like a varnish rather than a wax. The instructions say it takes a minimum of 4 to 6 coats to bring the fiber-glass back to full luster. I put 7 coats on.

The final result was amazing! I was truly shocked at how good the slides look now. They are almost like factory new. I wish I had heard about this stuff a couple of years ago, as it would have saved me a lot of grief and frustration.





As most of you know Tom and I took an adventure to Australia, Vietnam, and Cambodia last fall. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot.

Our winter was spent in the Rio Grande Valley in Mission, Texas. Quite different from Florida. Our favorite part of this adventure was understanding more about our Border with Mexico. Thank goodness for the US Border Patrol. We saw them every day hard at work and discovered a nest of Great Horned Owl in a Palm tree near our site. Hope everyone had a wonderful winter looking forward to seeing everyone this spring. (Courtesy Katy Leydic)



Our ride to Dinner in Saigon, Vietnam

Loved watching the baby Great Horned Owl grow up



Border Patrol Guarding our border

Hand pulled ferry across the Rio Grande—started 1740



Border Wall in Mission, Texas

Webster, Florida 2020

What a fun time at Webster, Florida, some of you missed. Lots of cold days, but on warmer days, friends came together to enjoy food, drink and good conversation.

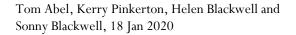


Stan Nieminski, Harry Terrill, Linda Terrill, and Debbie Fryer





Kathy Ridgley





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Kerry Pinkerton





Judy Johnson, Richard Money, waitress, Mike Weiher, Bill Humphrey, Linda Gremelsbacker





Sharon Niemenski, Stan Niemenski, Anne Fletcher, Dan Fletcher, Waitress

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Welcome Dinner



Anne & Tom Spearmean Good to see them—it's been awhile







Bill & Laura Johnson





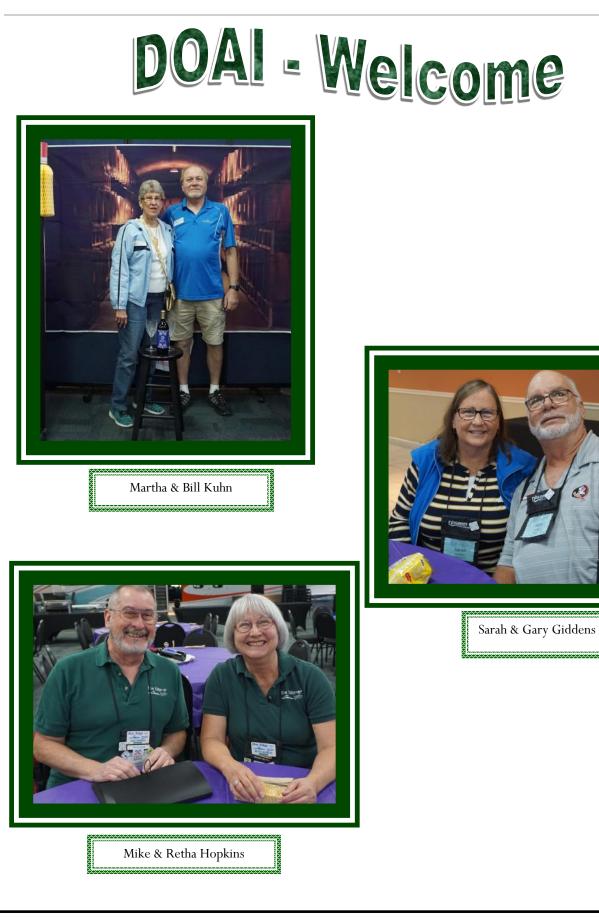


Richard Money & Judy Johnson Dancing the night away



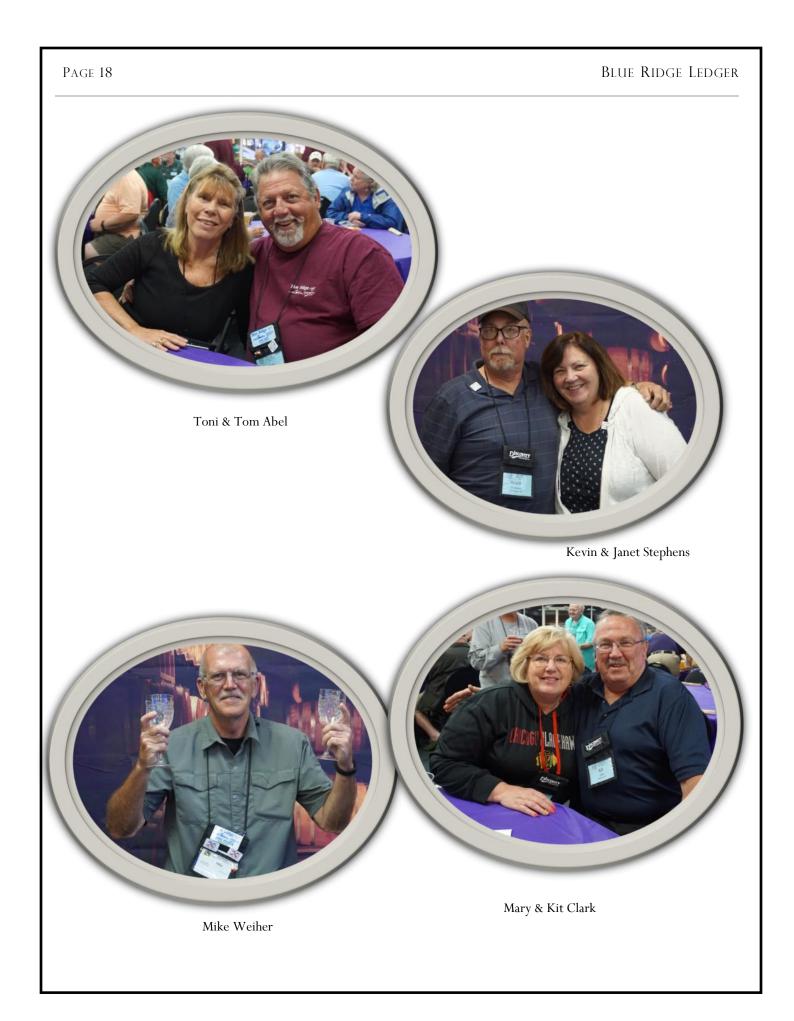
Mary Anne & Larry Weinberg





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  Richard Money & Judy Johnson
      Helen & Sonny Blackwell
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Dan & Anne Fletcher



Photo Courtesy Retha Hopkins



Birthday Girl, Retha Hopkins



Barb & Jeff Albrecht, 30 Jan 2020



Kerry Pinkerton, What's Up?



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Angels Among Us







Bob Angus

Jim Pinkerton

Webster, Florida

(Photos courtesy Jim Pinkerton)



PINEAPPLE PRETZEL SALAD (Mike Weiher)

Ingredients

1 Cup crushed pretzels 1/2 Cup melted butter 1/2 C sugar



Mix above ingredients and pat in 9x13 pan. Bake @ 350 for 8 minutes. Cool. Break into pieces

Mix and refrigerate

8 oz cream cheese1/2 Cup powdered sugar16 oz cool whip1 lg can crushed pineapple, drained

Add pretzel mixture just before serving. Serves about 8

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BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS

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