### Blue Ridge Ledger



### NEWSLETTER OF THE





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#### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well, I am sure glad the campaign is over. It's been a tough, long 10 months. I want to thank all my supporters for their hard work. Without your efforts my campaign would not have been successful. I traveled over 4000 miles and although I

received a bit of financial aid from some of you I spent mostly my own money. I should have a campaign financial report completed shortly.

Oh well, here we are and I will commit to you to do my very best leading our great club for the next 2 years.

From a personal note, since our last rally in Waynesville, Gail has had a new hip installed. The surgeon used a fairly new method called Computer Aided Orthopedic Surgery (CAOR) and her recovery has been remarkable. In a week she had discarded her walker and another 2 weeks her cane. In 5 weeks her surgeon said she needed no more therapy.

We just returned from our camp in the mountains after spending 2 months there. I killed a nice turkey gobbler which we had for Thanksgiving and a super nice 8 point buck, both with my bow.

We had a super rally at Waynesville in September. We had 23 member coaches and one guest. This was a free rally (except camp fees) hosted by the Officers. It was a great rally with large campfires every night. Some played golf, some went shopping and sight seeing and a special trip was made over the mountain to view Elk (in the wild) do their thing during mating season. Saw lots of Elk and some large 7x7 and 8x8 bulls doing their bugling.

We will be attending both the FMA and DOAI rallies at Lazy Days. We will have a chapter

meeting at Lazy Days. Next will be a chapter rally at Chattanooga April 24-28 hosted by Bob and Barbara Zumwalt, John and Julie Barry, Cliff & Maxine Phillips, Ron and Ann Spearman and Pat and Sue Stanton. They have a great rally planned. If you have not registered please do so soon. Looks like we are going to have a good attendance. There is a lot planned and in addition so much to see and do in Chattanooga.

There have been some problems with the old applications for membership as it relates to a couple issues, mainly dollar amount to send with application, so a new membership application form has been designed to hopefully solve those problems and is attached. Please throw away all old applications and only hand out the new forms.

Glenda has done a super job with our newsletter but needs your help with items of interest to put in it. So if you have made some modification to your coach, added something, know of a good maintenance tip, made an interesting motor home trip or even have any good recipes please send it to Glenda so she can share it with all of us.

Happy and safe travels

Glenn Camp

# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

DOAI Southeast Rally Lazy Days, Seffner, FL 27 Jan - 1 Feb 2013

Spring Rally 2013 Chattanooga, TN 24-28 Apr 2013

DOAI National Rally Bethpage Camp-Resort Urbanna, VA 8-12 Oct 2013

#### **OFFICERS**

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Carol Manley can always be depended upon to provide us interesting information. She provided us with the following tips for this months newsletter.

When preparing for an RV trip, we all have a list of items we wouldn't think of not having on board. I used to stress for days about what to take and spent the first few hours of a trip wondering what I left behind that I will need down the road. Then one day it occurred to me that it pretty much doesn't matter if I leave something behind (expect for my favorite pillow). There is always a way to fix that problem. On the other hand, I've discovered our lives on the road are much easier with a few websites and iPhone apps. (I think most of these apps are available on tablets also.)

Here's my list of apps and websites I would hate to leave home without:

<u>www.rvparkreviews.com</u> Before we pick any RV site we read the reviews. You find out things that wouldn't be mentioned on a park's website, like how close it is to a train or a major highway, etc.

<u>www.tripadvisor.com</u> This is a great place to find a good restaurant. Not only will it give you the top places in town, if you take the time to read several of the reviews, you may discover an especially good dish to order. This site also has reviews of hotels and local attractions. We've made some surprisingly interesting side trips using this as a guide.

- **myPilot** This app will list Pilot and Flying J's near you, give the price of fuel, and even let you plan your route and show where the stations are on the route.
- **rest stop finder** There are several available and each is about \$1.00 to download. We use our particular app a lot.
- camp & RV This shows campgrounds, service stations, Wal-Marts, and even Elk Clubs that allow camping.
- Peterson Birds of North America It's just fun.
- **Night Sky** No matter how often we use this, we are always amazed by it. It will show you planets, constellations, and stars.
- Quick Sleep In case you didn't believe RV Park Reviews and are parked next to a busy highway, Quick Sleep plays background music that really helps drown out the outside noise.
- **Flashlight** One of my all-time favorite apps. I forget to carry a flashlight but I always have my phone with me and I just turn this handy app on and find my way around the darkest RV parks.

I'm guessing we all have a list of sites we often refer to. I'd love to hear about the web sites and apps you wouldn't leave home without.

(Carol Manley)

The Guide to your Final Destination

In addition to Carol's wonderful information, Paul Hart found a great web site he would like to share with everyone. It is called TruckMaster Fuel Finder. A few items you are able to view are amenities, maps, updates, fuel prices and rates, lodging, etc. Go to the link below and try it.

http://www.findfuelstops.com

# TIPS FROM THE PROS

Many of us put out a light for our AMERICAN flags to keep them lit at night. The problem I had was that the plug on the 2010 LE's and on my 2012 are located in bays that don't have "slots" like on

the older models that allow the door to close without pinching or cutting the cord. Frank Cason and I solved this issue by installing a weatherproof plug on the firewall up front under the hood. Simply find a power source (usually the line going to the dash receptacle) and cut and install your plug in line. Since I had Tom Raper install an additional plug by the drivers seat I simply installed a junction box in the electrical access under the dash and ran the waterproof cable and wire thru an existing hole in the firewall over to my plug. Then you just connect your cord, drop it down and out to your flag light and you are good to go!

Junction Box — Power Source in Coach





Weatherproof Plug on Firewall



(Courtesy of Bob Angus)

**Connected Cord** 

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An innovative change to Frank and Isabel Cason's coach. If you have ever tried, without success, to clean off those grease and food splatters from the Fleetwood wall paper, try this change. Any spray cleaner and a few swipes, cleans like new. Yes it will easily clean off those fried bacon and eggs! Frank is a perfectionist and it looks like this wall tile was in the RV when purchased. Isabel loves the ease of cleaning and the new professional look.

This wall tile comes in a variety of colors and patterns. It can be purchased at Lowe's or Home Depot. Don't forget to ask for your military discount, if you are retired or active military.



(Courtesy of Frank Cason)

The Guide to your Final Destination



# Travel Guide

Ivan & Carol Manley modified their kitchen area. They removed their booth area and replaced it with a cabinet, table and chairs. Fleetwood quoted \$12,000 to complete the change. The Manley's made the changes for less than \$3,500.

Ivan and Carol have been on several trips since installing the new dinette - they feel that it was the best change they have made. The credenza holds their computer and printer and leaves room for a lamp, paper, pens, etc. - a worthwhile investment.

Several people have been onboard to see the change and cannot tell the difference between the Fleetwood cabinets and the new ones. Even the door handles match.

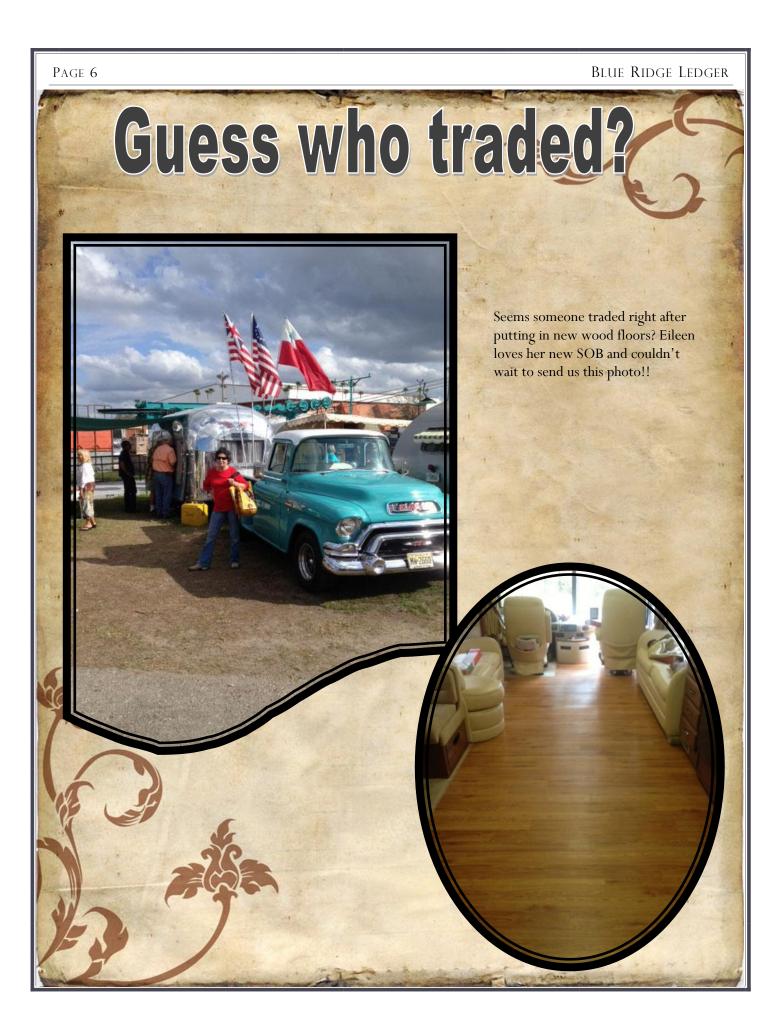
The table will seat two or four persons.

#### Other changes Ivan and Carol made

- Has water input going to the filter then a pressure reducer and then into the usual system flow.
- Installed hooks over the left driver's panel to hang keys and similar items.
- Placed a dark round self-stick felt backing (used on backs of photos) on the toilet lid to keep it from touching the back wall and leaving marks.
- Used velcro on the back of the cabinet door below the entertainment center to hold all remote controls.
- Used a spray on adhesive under the drawer liners to keep items from sliding.
- Placed a 5' x 18" x 3/8" plywood under the left most two cushions on the coach to even out the support.

The Guide to your Final Destination

(Courtesy of Ivan Manley)



# Legend of the Green Jacket

Among the RV'rs of Blue Ridge Discoverys Group there are some avid golfers and some savvy shoppers. So while the golfers "golfed" the savvy shoppers found a local flea market in Dillard, GA, and there they discovered a green jacket (much like the Masters). They decided this would be a perfect award for the top golfer—there was much discussion about size but it was determined that "one-size fits-all" would have to rule.

And so it was — The first winner was Frank Cason at the Dillard, Georgia, Rally in October 2009.

In June 2010 Glenn Camp took top honors at Bluff City, TN, and was awarded the Green Jacket. Now here is where we go off track—Glenn forgot to bring the jacket back for several rallies—could it be he just hated to part with it?

This brings us to the Myrtle Beach rally in April 2012 where Bill Humphries reigned supreme. And wouldn't you know it—"the one-size fits-all" finally fit. It was rumored that church bulletins and movie stubs were found in the pockets when the jacket resurfaced. Go figure!

Wrapping up the 2012 golf experience at our October rally in Waynesville, NC, Francis Sullivan's superb golfing skills led her to out perform all players—even beating out team mates Eric Elya, Buddy Reynolds and Charlie Harvell, for top honors; thus gaining the "green jacket."

Who will win at our next rally? Who will claim the "Green Jacket?" Join us in Chattanooga, TN, at our April 2013 Rally. Be there to see another historic moment!

(Anne Spearman & Frank Cason)

## FOR THE COOK

"Isabel's Fried Squash"

- 2 Bags of frozen crookneck Squash
- 1 Medium Onion, chopped (1/2 Bag frozen onions may be substituted)
- 3-4 Tablespoons of bacon grease

Place squash in frying pan with onion and bacon grease. Add water to cover about half way. (If using frozen onions, use a bit less water.) Cover and bring to a boil. Turn to lower temperature after boiling begins. Cook till water has evaporated. Mash and serve

(Courtesy of Isabel Cason)

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# DOAI QUILTERS

The National Rally for DOAI will be in Urbanna, VA, this autumn. DOAI quilters will be making two quilts this year to raffle off for charity. The Blue Ridge and Mason —Dixons will be the primary clubs hosting the rally. It would be really nice if the Blue Ridge chapter could have a couple of quilters work on these quilts to represent the South East Region if possible. As of now, most of the quilters who have signed up are from the western regions. Only four from our area (Mason-Dixons) are planning to help piece the quilts. We really need your help to represent our area. We need to get started very soon to be ready for national.

If you are interested in participating, please call or email Mary Anne Weinberg at MAW9966@verizon.net or 540 226-8514.

(Mary Anne Weinberg)



Sarah Wallace is selling her coach because of health problems. If you are in the market, please consider hers.

2006 Fleetwood Discovery 39L with 4 slides, 2 A/C, 2 entertainment centers with surround sound, leather interior with heated seats, cherry cabinets. Washer/dryer, outdoor kitchen with stainless sink, Refrigerator, propane grill and entertainment center; built in satellite system, cat 330 Diesel engine, Onan generator, power gear hydraulics. New front tires, extended warranty, \$90,000

I listed it on National Multilististing on Internet under RV for sale by owner and you can see pictures of it. It is the one that says Brandon MS. They will help someone get it financed too

(Sarah Wallace)

# Current Events

Richard Money has started making arrangements for our 2013 Fall Rally. It will be at the Oaks RV Park, Charleston, South Carolina, beginning October 2 thru 6. The park fee will be \$35.80 which will include taxes. Since the DOAI National rally will be in Virginia beginning October 8th, a suggestion has been made for a rolling rally from Charleston to Virginia. It will take two days to travel arriving in Virginia on the 8th. I'm sure you will hear more about this Rally in the future.



# **Calendar Events**

## **Blue Ridge Discoverys 2013 Spring Rally**

Best Holiday Trav-L-Park

Chattanooga, TN April 24-28, 2013 Early Arrival: April 22-23, 2013

#### **Registration Form**

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2013

Rally Fee: \$25.00 per coach (\$12.50 per person)

Name:		DOAI Number:			
Address:					
Email Address:	Phone Number:				
Arrival Date:	te:Departure Date:				
Call Best Holiday Trav-L-Park at 1-800-693-2877 to reserve your site. Tell them you are with the Blue Ridge Discoverys. The nightly rate is \$33.15 with no tax for a 50 amp site. \$31.45 for a 30 amp site. The park is holding 25 sites for us until March 24, 2013.  Number of people attending rally:  X \$12.50 each = \$					
Golf Golf at Eagle Bluff Golf Club near Chickamauga Lake norther per person includes tax and cart fees.	ast of the city, about 15 mile	es from the campground. Cost			
Number of seniors 60+:	X \$27.32 each =	= \$			
Number of non-seniors:	X \$32.78 each =	\$			
	TOTAL =	\$			

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## Blue Ridge Discoverys 2013 Spring Rally Form (cont'd)

Voll	kswagen	P	lant	Tour
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This is a free walking tour of the new Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga which opened in May of 2011. It assembles all of the VW Passats purchased in the USA --- 150,000 per year. The tour is approximately 90 minutes long and you will be walking for a minimum of 30 minutes. Solid shoes (no open toes, flip-flops, high heels) and long pants must be worn. There is a maximum of 20 per tour. A finalized list of names must be sent to VW 48 hour prior to each tour. Please list your names below next to the tour time you prefer.

10:30 departure for	11:30 tour	Name:		Name:
12:30 departure for	1:30 tour	Name:		Name:
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campground and a gr	as been servi reat place for responsible	ng Chattanooga our group breal for their own che	kfast. We will have a privat	Their East Ridge location is close to the e room and breakfast is served buffet many are planning to go so Wally's
1	Number plan	ning to attend t	he group breakfast at Wally	y's:
Rally Questions:	Bob/Barbar bz2@me.co	om	·	k payable to Blue Ridge Discoverys
	770-595-38	86	Rally Fee	\$
Mail check and Registration form To:	Bob Zumwa 2969 Gavin Duluth, GA		Golf Civil War Dinner Theat	\$ er \$
			TOTAL	(Courtesy Frank Cason)

### Blue Ridge Discoverys 2013 Spring Rally Itinerary

### Campground

Best Holiday Trav-L-Park

1709 Mack Smith Road Chattanooga, TN 37412 800-693-2877 or 706-891-9766

www.chattacamp.com

April 24-28, 2013 Early Arrival April 22-23, 2013

Street address may not work correctly in your GPS. Use settings below or follow directions listed here.

GPS settings: N34°58.755 W85°12.767

#### **Hosts**

John & Julie Barry Cliff & Maxine Phillips Ron & Anne Spearman Pat & Sue Stanton Bob & Barbara Zumwalt

#### **Directions**

If Northbound on I-75 take Exit 1B. If Southbound on I-75 take Exit 1.

In either case, go right at top of ramp, then turn left at light at Mack Smith Rd. & go for 1/2 mile (see signs). Best Holiday Trav-L-Park is on the right, RV's enter at first driveway or third driveway.

#### **Itinerary**

Mon-Tue	Apr 22-23		Early Arrivals
Wednesday (Blue Shirt)	Apr 24	5:00 6:00	Cocktails on the Green - BYOB (appetizers provided by the rally) Welcome dinner on the green with Chef Frank Cason, South Georgia BBQ (provided by the rally)
Thursday Yellow shirt)	Apr 25	7:30-9:00 9:00 6:30	Coffee at Wagon Master's coach (breakfast on your own) Departure for Golf Tournament at Eagle Bluff (10:00 tee time) Non-golfers on your own Group dinner at Shogun Japanese Steakhouse (1806 Gunbarrel Rd)
Friday (Maroon shirt)	Apr 26	7:30-9:00 10:30 12:30 3:00-6:00 6:00 7:00	Coffee at Wagon Master's coach (breakfast on your own) Group 1 departure for 11:30 Volkswagen Plant tour (20 max) Group 2 departure for 1:30 Volkswagen Plant tour (20 max) Camping World – see new Fleetwood models and meet Fleetwood rep. Business Meeting & Cocktails on the Green – BYOB (appetizers provided by the rally) Dinner on your own
Saturday (Blue shirt)	Apr 27	7:30-8:30 9:00 10:30 5:00 6:00	Coffee at Wagon Master's coach Group breakfast at Wally's Touring on your own Civil War Dinner Theater Lunch Show. Buttonwillow Church, Whitwell, TN. Depart at 10:30 ET. Show starts at 10:30 CT. (45 min. drive) Cocktails on the Green – BYOB (appetizers provided by the rally) Dinner on your own
Sunday (Blue shirt)	Apr 28	7:30-9:00 11:00	Coffee at Wagon Master's coach (breakfast on your own) Checkout, goodbye and safe travels

Blue Ridge Ledger Page 12 Pictures Selow are Richard Money, Linda Ossorne, and Eileen & Patch Haben. Richard & Paritalizes was at a planning session for a New Years trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Richard enjoyed New Years with blue Ridge members Eileen & Hank Haben, Bill & Anne Humphreys, Bruce & Margaret Ellen and his friend Linda Osborne.



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### ORDER FORM FOR BLUERIDGE MERCHANDISE

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
Blue Ridge Discov	rerys Banner \$25.00 Each Number Ordered
Blue Ridge Discov	rerys Caps \$13.00 Each Number Ordered
(\$8.00 Each)	T-Shirts (Enter Quantity below)           Small Med LG         XLG           XXLG         XXXLG
Long Sleeve Blue 7 (\$13.00 Each)	F-shirts (Enter Quantity Below) Small Med LG XLG XXLG XXXLG
(\$8.00 Each)	w T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)  Small Med LG XLG  XXLG XXXLG
Short Sleeve Maro \$8.00 Each) (\$9.00 Each)	on T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below)           Small Med LG           XXLG XXXLG
Long Sleeve Maro (\$13.00 Each)	on T-Shirts (Enter Quantity Below) Small Med LG XLG XXLG XXXLG
Blue Golf Shirts \$3 Ladies:	0.00 Each (Enter Quantity Below) Small Med LG XLG XXLG
Mens:	Small Med LG XLG XXLG
Yellow Golf Shirts <u>Ladies:</u> <u>Mens:</u>	\$30.00 Each (Enter Quantity Below)  Small Med LG XLG XXLG  Small Med LG XLG XXLG
OTHER ITEMS (Ja	ckets, etc.) AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
TOTAL COST OF OF	· · ·
Mail Order Form a	and check to:
Proforma Business 1 Marcus Drive, Suite Greenville, SC 29615	e 104

(864) 239-0050 (Fax) (864) 239-6611 or (cell) (864) 979-0107

nancy.quinn@proforma.com

#### BLUE RIDGE DISCOVERYS BADGE ORDER

# MR. KEN BADGES 'N SIGNS

2505 Clintonville Road - Harrisville, PA 16038 Email: mrkenbadges@aol.com

(800) 398-8307

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

White/Blue badge with pin.



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 Blue Ridge Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_ Name\_\_\_\_\_ YOUR NAME Address CITY, STATE 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 \_\_\_\_

#### **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)

Mail this application and your check in proper amount to our treasurer:

Bob Zumwalt 2969 Gavin Place Duluth, GA 30076 Phone: (770) 595-3886 Email: bz2@me.com

Date:	DOAI Me	mber Number*
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)

<sup>\*</sup> 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 Bob Zumwalt and he will coordinate with the DOAI Membership Chairman.