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Hi to all and hope this newsletter finds everyone eager to get their Discovery ready for some traveling.

Several of The Mason-Dixons attended the FMCA Greater Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) in Richmond, VA this month. John and Alice Ricciardi, Sonny and Helen Blackwell, Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg, Toni Calzone and Marshall Godwin and his son got together several times and had our own Mason-Dixon Rally. Although the temperature was in the upper 90s we kept our cool and took advantage of having all of our officers present except for our Wagon Master, Bob Deal, and had a meeting. At the meeting we discussed upcoming rallies and the purchase of a banner for display at the rallies. There were a few other items discussed, but nothing major.

The Blackwell's and Weinberg's volunteered to co- host the upcoming rally at Bethpage Campground in Urbana, VA, July 9 to July 13. They will be assisting our Wagon Master. This will be a fun time for everyone. While at the GEAR Rally, I spoke to the people from Bethpage and they assured me that although the cut-off date for reservations was June 15th, if someone wants to attend they will find a site for them, so it is not too late to make arrangements to go.

Toni Calzone volunteered to help Bob Deal find a location for our October rally in the Gettysburg area of PA and help to co-host. Anyone else interested in co-hosting, contact Bob Deal. When a few people help, it is fun and easy for everyone.

We also discussed the possibility of returning to Willow Tree for New Years again this year. Please let us know what your feelings are about this. If there is an interest, we will try to start making arrangements.

With the cost of fuel, we are trying to have our rallies locally, within our area. If you have a favorite campground that would handle about 10-15 coaches, get the information to either Bob Deal or me. It would also be great to have someone co-host the rally, but it would not be necessary.

While we are on the subject of rallies, I would like to know if you are planning to attend the National DOAI Rally in Goshen, IN in September. If you are, please let us know so we can try to meet somewhere near the Rally Park so that we can enter together and park together.

I would just like to make mention about our dues, there are still a few members who haven't paid their 2008 dues. It seems most have paid DOAI but forgot the Mason-Dixons. If you are not sure if you're paid-up, contact either Alice or me and we will let you know.

Elizabeth Deal has been maintaining a scrap book for Mason- Dixon rallies and gatherings. If you have any photos, I'm sure she would like to have a copy, just be sure to identify them. In recognition of Elizabeth's efforts I would like to name her Historian for the Mason-Dixon Discoverys.

My last tidbit of information is to congratulate Bob and Elizabeth Deal on celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Safe travels. Til we meet again.

John Ricciardi

RALLY SCHEDULE

July 9 – 13	Bethpage Campground, Urbanna, VA		
September 8 to 14	2008 DOAI National Rally, Elkhart County 4 H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN		
October	Gettysburg PA area Dates and Campground to be determined		

Attendees at Richmond GEAR Rally, John & Alice Ricciardi, Helen & Sonny Blackwell, Mary Anne & Larry Weinberg, Toni Calzone and Marshall Godwin