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Midwest Discoverers

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(Please send articles, pictures, recipes, tips, etc. to Jeanne)

Parade Company Tour, Detroit, Michigan



This was one of the highlights of our Midwest Discoverers' Spring Rally at Camp Dearborn in June 2021. Please note the clowns on the end, former President John Hooper and first lady Mary Ann. Someplace I would never have visited, but a chapter rally

enabled us to experience this. Thanks to Phil & Ruth Skiff, and John and Mary Ann Hooper for hosting this rally in Dearborn, also another place I would not have visited except for the Midwest Discoverers. Other exciting events were a visit to the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, and Belle Island State Park, and museum. Of course, as always, we ate and drank, had campfires, ate, told stories, tasted moonshine, had jello told stories, got rained on, laughed... A good time had by all. We had 15 coaches in attendance, and had attendees from Florida, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Alas, our International members from Canada were still in captivity.



Upcoming Events 2022

Monday, Jan., 31st –
Sunday, Feb. 6th, 2022

2022 DOAI Southeast Region Rally – “Team Discovery” at Lazy Days, Seffner, FL – Rally Registration is on DOAI website. Camping reservations direct with Lazy Days – 800-905-6627, only until 12/31/2021

Saturday, May 21st –
Thursday, May 26th

Noreaster Discoverys/Midwest Discoverers Combined Spring Rally at Flory's Campground in Ronks, PA (the Lancaster area)

Hosts: Russ and Pat Baldwin

Campground reservations need to be made directly with campground by Dec., 2021.

Flory's Campground: 717-687-6670.



Please see article in this newsletter with more information and details. Other ???'s Russ: 508-572-8002 or Pat: 508-572-4418

From the President



President Chris has been in contact with you all thru e-mails of late. He's been doing a great job of presidenting since assuming office. If you

missed the Dayton rally put on by him and Diane, Ed and Lisa Monin, Rick and Linda Slagle - you must be 10 pounds lighter than the rest of us. As reiterated by Phil Skiff numerous times - all our rallies are not going to be like this one. The chapter rally again was an awesome experience,

cicadas and all.

Lots to see and do in the Dayton area which included the Air Force museum, as you can see President Chris and first lady



Diane emerging from Air Force One. We also visited the Packard museum, had lunch at the Carillon Brewing Company, and had a rainy day visit to the Carillon Historical Park.

Did I mention, we ate, drank, and had Huge campfires that started at 3:30 p.m., and lasted until 3:30 a.m. Rick brings his own trailer of camp wood, another thing not to expect at each chapter rally.

Another great job Rally Hosts: Chris and Diane Wooddall, Rick and Linda Slagle, Ed and Lisa Monin.



Again, we had about 15 coaches, the facility was really nice with a covered pavilion for our meals and such. We do always seem to have a bit of rain, but that doesn't seem to dampen our spirits, we just move to higher ground, right? A little known fact, but President Chris almost paid for everyone's 1st night stay personally. I think he got straightened out with campground!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

More Dates to put
in your phone!

2022/2023

Don't forget Jan., 2022 - DOAI Southeast Region Rally, Lazy Days 1/31/ - 2/6/22

May 21-26th, 2022 Noreaster/Midwest Combined Spring Rally, Lancaster, PA

Labor Day, Monday Sept. 5th - Sunday, Sept. 11th, 2022 - Nat'l DOAI Rally, Gillette, WY

Cam-Plex Heritage Center 1635 Reata Drive Gillette, WY 82718 (details to follow)

Tuesday, Sept. 13th - Sunday, Sept. 18th, 2022 Midwest Discoverers' Rally Wisconsin Dells, WI

River BayCamping Resort, W1147 River Bay Road, Lyndon Station, WI 53944 Campground rates are \$55.00 per night, includes water and 30/50 amp, may have sewer by then or dump station available. Make reservations now, 608-254-7193, we only have 15 sites, you have until 30 days prior to cancel with a mere 10.00 fee

Mon. Sept. 25th - Sun. Oct. 1st, 2023

National DOAI Rally, Foxburo Massachusetts

Normandy Farms Campground, 72 West Street Foxburo, MA

Discussion at our membership meeting in Sevierville, TN., was that if we had a National rally in Boston, this might be a good time to schedule a chapter rally prior to/or after in the Washington,DC area.

New members - The Blue Ridge parking staff put these Midwestern region people right next to already Midwest Discoverers members, and our recruiters signed these folks up -

Welcome to the Midwest Discoverers.



Steve and
Regina Boggs
from Ohio



Carol and
Jerry
Anderson
from
Michigan

Stephanie and Mike
Koenig from Missouri
with Bonnie



Darrel and Marilyn Boggs from Ohio with Layla



**Vice President
Phil Skiff and his
lovely wife Ruth**

The DOAI national rally for 2021 was held in Sevierville, TN last

month with great representation from the Midwest and NorEaster chapters. We took up a whole cul-de-sac at the beautiful Ridge resort. The rally was packed full of events, great meals, entertainment, and a day of technical seminars from the Camp Discovery curriculum.

The week before, we had 15 coaches up in Milford, MI for the Midwest fall rally which was also a great event. For those who haven't been able to attend a chapter or national rally recently, I highly recommend you consider attending a future rally. We've got a great schedule of rallies going into 2023. It's time to come out of covid-hibernation!

Speaking of rallies – we need one or two couples to help coordinate the next fall rally in the Wisconsin Dells. This will be a “host less” rally with no one being asked to do heavy event and meal planning. Jeanne Stewart has already found a park and made preliminary reservations. We now need someone to do some lightweight coordination – getting a “fire master” signed up, plan a couple of potlucks and perhaps a meal out or catered. There won't be a rally fee or chapter provided meals. Our happy hour and fire pit mayhem will be BYO. It would also be helpful if someone could do some investigation of local places, events, etc., and make a list to send out.



This is the kind of fun we have at chapter rallies - Ruth tried on the Raggedy Ann head at our visit to the Parade company tour in Detroit. Pretty heavy, was Ruth's comment, and not easy to get on. Maybe we'll see her this year in the Thanksgiving Day parade live from Detroit!



Midwest Discoverers/Noreaster Discoverys

Combined 2022 Spring Rally

(Monday, May 21st – Thursday, May 26th, 2022)

Flory's Cottages and Campground (Good Sam Park)

717-687-6670) Call for reservations **NOW**, we have reserved 15 sites.

Pat and Russ are looking forward to hosting the Spring 2022 Combined Chapters meeting Rally in Lancaster, PA., We have selected a number of tours and activities that highlight the Amish/German heritage and other venues of the local area. There will be plenty to do, shopping for handmade furniture and crafts, delicious homemade foods, farmer's markets, dining, theatre shows, and museums.

Our Rally will be held at Flory's Campground in Ranks, PA., beginning on Saturday, May 21st and departing on Thursday, May 26th, 2022. We have **only 15** sites set aside for us. Additional days can be reserved both pre and post rally directly through the campground. We recommend booking the campground early since the Friday after is Memorial Day weekend.

Campground reservations can be made anytime from now until the end of December directly with the campground. The campground owners will contact all registered rigs in December with a request that a deposit be made by 2/1/2022. Refunds are available up until 30 days prior for a \$10.00 fee. Rates for 2022 are: \$67.00 for 30 amps, \$70.00 for 50 amps (includes cable TV & (Wi-Fi). Discount rates available for 5+ and 10+ days. You will need to mention you are part of the Discovery Rally group when making reservations. We will have use of a pavilion for meetings and meals, refrigerator, freezer and outlets for crockpots. No cooking equipment available, and sadly no campfires.

Flory's Cottages and Camping (Good Sam Park) 99N. Ronks Road, Ronks, PA 17522 Phone: 717-687-6670

Preliminary itinerary for Rally is on next page. We will send out registration sheets and updated information sometime around the first of the year. We are hoping to keep the rally fee around \$130.00 per person, but depending on increases in food and beer prices this may increase slightly.

We are excited to be hosting the Rally in one of our favorite areas of the country, if you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to email or call us.

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Most of you by now have seen the tentative itinerary put together by Russ and Pat, if not it was in mailings sent out by President Chris. More information will be coming out after the first of the year, please if you have even a thought of attending, make your reservation, you will not be charged until February 2022, and if you cancel 30 days out, only a \$10.00 charge.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Phil Skiff, as President Chris Wooddel was not present. Sixteen members were present, including new members Jerry and Carol Anderson, and Stephanie and Mike Koenig. The meeting was held at the motorhome of Les and Val Whipple at the National Discovery Owners' meeting in Sevierville, TN., Secretary/Treasurer Joan Fairweather was also not present, being held hostage in "Oh" Canada. President Chris has corresponded with Joan who has graciously agreed to stay on as secretary/treasurer. A notification will be sent out to all Midwest members regarding this, as the chapter will need to waive the by-laws in order to have Joan serve another term. Our bylaws state officers can only serve two two year terms. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the members had agreed at the meeting in Detroit to ask Joan to serve an additional term.

Old and new members were introduced.

Future rallies were discussed, most notably the May 2022 Midwest/NorEaster combined rally in Lancaster, Pa., President Chris has sent out numerous communications regarding this rally, as have Chairpersons - Russ and Pat Baldwin. Members are encouraged to call for campground reservations asap, as there is no initial charge, a deposit is due on 2/1/22 and only a standard \$10.00 fee if canceling 30 days prior to rally. The rally is scheduled for Saturday May 21st with departure on Thursday, May 26th.

A discussion was also held regarding our Fall 2022 rally. The National Discovery Owners' Rally is in Gillette, WY. Discussion centered on the Wisconsin Dells area, for members coming home from the rally, and members who were not attending the National rally would not have so far to travel. No official vote was taken, no one has stepped up to host rally, but the consensus was the Wisconsin Dells location was good. Jeanne Stewart is looking into locations.

Motion made to adjourn by Jeanne Stewart, seconded by Stephanie Koenig, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Stewart, host secretary

For those of you who never met our Treasurer, Joan Fairweather, with her husband Maurice. Seen here in times, when they were not quarantined in over 19 months. They are Discovery Owner's members (1998), and we are proud to claim Midwest Discoverers' members as well. We miss you, safe travels!



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Rally pictures from Brookfield, Ohio; Dearborn, Michigan; and Sevierville, Tennessee



Nat'l Rally Sevierville, TN



Air Force Museum, Dayton, OH



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Detroit Rally, Dearborn Campground

Sevierville, TN



Campfire?? in



A visit to the Bush's Bean plant in Tennessee

Thanks to Val for many of the pictures, believe me she has plenty more, and fortunately in Dearborn, her old phone finally bit the dust, so beware, there's lots more to come.

Officers and Chairpersons

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Spring 2021 Rally Chairs:

Lancaster, PA area

Russ (508-572-8002) & Pat (508-572-4418) Baldwin

Fall Rally Chairs:

Wisconsin Dells area

Campground Reservations – Dell's River Bay Campground riverbay@dellsriverbay.com

608-254-7193



Registrations for SE Regional in Seffner, FL., (2021) "Team Discovery"

DOAI and the Florida Sunshiners who are hosting the Florida rally are utilizing a new registration form done entirely online and using PayPal to receive payments.

Look on the DOAI website for rally registration. If you don't feel comfortable using PayPal, you will be able to send checks by mail. Contact Lazy Days direct to book camping - 800-905-6627.