

Discovery

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ONLY 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER 1450 MEMBERS

Buccaneer Blow Out Rally- February 2003

Where: Lazydays Rally Park, Seffner, Florida
 When: February 2-6, 2003
 Site Price: Five days-four night \$80.60 payable to Lazydays
 Rally Park upon your arrival or paid in-advance.
 Extra days: \$30.34 per day
 Telephone number: 1-800-626-7800
 Web address: www.lazydays.com
 Rally Price: One rig-two adults: \$34
 One rig-one adult: \$20
 Extra person: \$20

Many volunteers and many factors go into the planning of a rally. The volunteers give a great deal of their time. They have accepted, "this is our club and we want to make it the best." It is the club member's enthusiasm that attributed to the DOAI growth. It is with this attitude, "this is our club" that the Florida Discovery Rolling Gators are planning for the Buccaneer Blowout Rally at Lazydays Rally Park in Seffner (Tampa), Florida (exit 10 on Route 4).

In the preparation of any rally one of the major concerns is the rally price- keep the rally fee at an affordable amount. We negotiated with Rally Park management and received an excellent deal. Five days and four nights with all the amenities, breakfast and lunch, morning newspaper at your doorstep, large modern recreational hall with kitchen, classrooms, computer room, free driving instruction, heated pool and Jacuzzi, paved roads and sites, tennis courts and security- all for \$80.60. Rolling Gators chapter president, **Gene Patterson** and I agree that Lazydays Rally Park gives us the biggest bang for the buck. Many larger organizations charge as much as, if not more, for three nights and four days with 15 amp service and substandard facilities.

The rally registration fee of \$34 is the operational fee the Rolling Gators have to work with to put on the rally. This money will purchase dinners, pay for operational expenses and entertainment. We Gators can assure you that we will give you excellent dinners and superior entertainment. Also, be sure to come prepared for our FUN DAY on February 5. Bring your crafts, items for a flea market and goodies for a bake sale.

For years the Southeast Regional Officers have tried to arrange for Vane Scott to entertain and educate us on the history of the Star Spangled banner. Vane has appeared on television, before numerous national organizations, recreational rallies, educational institutions and live audiences accompanied by a philharmonic orchestra. Krista Marie is an accomplished vocalist. She has appeared on the Perry Como Show accompanying Perry in singing many of our favorite songs. We are very fortunate to have arranged for Krista to entertain us on one of her rare open evenings. Like Vane, Krista is booked many years ahead.

Vane will appear for us after the Monday evening dinner and Krista will join us after our Wednesday evening dinner. Bring your appetite for a roast beef dinner on Monday evening and a chicken and rib dinner on Wednesday evening.

Barney Alexander and Jim Roads of Lazydays, have assured me that they will give rally attendees driving instruction in the classroom and on the road. Sign up early for the course because the number of attendees limited.

Bill Hazel will give several seminars on the maintenance and operation of some of the appliances in motorcoaches. Bill is very knowledgeable on these subjects and can answer personal coach questions.

Bill Asterhoudt agreed to return and give his two-day seminar on microwave-convection oven cooking. I recall he roasted meats and fish, and made pastries while explaining the operation of the appliance.

Ken Scolaro, Sales Manager at Lazydays, has informed us we will have the newest off-the-assembly line Discovery Motor Coaches to examine. Rod Nichols and Gregg Bruce again will be available to assist purchase interested rally attendees. Take a ride with Gregg or Rod in a new Discovery.

Frank Bongiorno, our member expert on how to eliminate road and wind noise, has agreed to give a seminar on oil, air and fuel filters. This hands-on seminar will include care and maintenance of batteries, generator, transmission fluid and roof cleaning.

A Winegard service vehicle will ride through Lazydays Rally Park during our rally. The Winegard service crew is searching for faulty antennas. This is a free find and replacement service. Winegard's only request is that the motorcoaches booster switch be turned while we are in the park.

Thousand Trails will give a membership seminar. Those attending the class will be given a free four-day, three night certificate to attend the Clermont reserve.

The Florida Department of Transportation has changed the exit numbers on Route 4. The Lazydays Rally Park exit number is now exit 10. The commercial growth is extremely rapid at this exit. A TA Truck Stop, Bob Evans Restaurant and a Ford dealership have been constructed. These new endeavors have not altered the rural setting of Lazydays Rally Park. In the immediate area are three restaurants, two fuel stations, Camping World and the largest recreational vehicle dealership in Florida.

Presently the Rolling Gators are negotiating with a motorcoach washing company for a reasonable price to have our coaches washed. Upon your arrival at Rally Park we will inform you of any arrangement.

When you arrive at Rally Park, move your coach off the road and park in the large parking lot. Register at the office. After completing the registration form, return to your coach and follow the assigned guide to your site.

The Florida Rolling gators will have a welcome desk set up in the recreation building. After setting your coach up for a four night stay, come to the welcome desk to get your name tags, raffle tickets and goody bag. There will be a gala welcome party sponsored by the management at Lazydays. The reception speeches will be short, but the welcome party long.

We look forward to seeing you at Lazydays-

Pete Pizzano, Southeast Regional VP

A Message from our President

The Holidays have come and gone and we are at the beginning of a new year. For the DOAI, 2002 was an excellent year. Our membership continued to grow, we had four outstanding major rallies (Tampa, Tucson, Rayne, and Bowling Green), an increase in the number of chapters, and many enjoyable chapter rallies and activities. The 2003 New Year promises to be equally productive and enjoyable. The regional rally in February at Lazydays and the national rally in September in Washington both promise to be outstanding events. Personally, this coming year I am looking forward to attending rallies with as many chapters as my schedule will allow, hoping to renew acquaintances and meet some of our members whom I have not met at a regional or national rally.

This past year we did have two resignations from the DOAI Board which were disheartening. We certainly hated to see Bob Chinn our Executive Vice President move to SOB, but we obtained an excellent replacement in Tom Fields. Tom has been serving as our Executive VP since September and has done an outstanding job. Because of new responsibilities and time limitations John Veach found it necessary to resign as the Vice President of Development. Fortunately John will still continue as a member of the DOAI and assist with our website. John did a good job as VP and I enjoyed working with him very much. His professional attitude is wonderful. But again, we were able to get a first-rate replacement in Allen Shirley. Allen has just assumed his role as VP for Development, but his interest and personality assure that he will do a great job. My thanks go out to all of these individuals for their willingness to serve.

Although the Association's new officers will not be elected until next Fall, it is time to begin thinking of persons who will make good nominees. Hopefully we can have the slate of nominees ready by mid-summer before our National rally. If you know of someone whom you believe would do a good job, begin your contacts and get assurances of their willingness to run so that when nominations are called-for you

will be ready. I believe that we have a large number of very capable people who are willing to serve, but they may be reticent to be self-promoting, so we need to encourage them to get involved.

Bob Baugh, President

Things you may or may not know...

By Dom Bollella

A little background information from the author of the following "technical" tips column.

I have been behind the wheel of motorhomes since a year after I was married. I can thank my since deceased father-in-law for getting me "hooked". He purchased his first of four motorhomes in 1972, a 1968 Winnebago (18 feet of freedom), which I can safely say I piloted for at least several thousand miles, as he was a very generous man. I managed to also pilot all of his future coaches and his last being one he purchased from me. I have had seven rigs myself, starting with a 1973 Winnebago Chieftain 24. Through the years I have had three Class A gas units, two Mopars and one Chevy powered, one Class C (which went to Alaska in 1981), and 2 diesel pushers, an Oshkosh and Freightliner chassis model. I am now the proud owner of my "retirement home", a 2000 Fleetwood Discovery 36T turbodiesel with two slide outs. I have just retired from more than 30 years of teaching High School Science and I am looking forward to getting on the road more often after my bride retires. Over these many years of experience with motorhoming, I have seen countless changes in Rv'ing, as well as, changes in the RVs themselves. I have learned countless lessons, some of which I am sad to say from "I told you so..." or "I should have known better..." experiences, and many a "baptism by fire" from which I have escaped, usually without severe bodily injury. I do not guarantee that my words will be pearls of wisdom, but I'm sure somebody out there may avoid an "oops!" or two after reading some of what I have to say. Well, here goes....

“Down ‘an Dirty”

- 1- Always dump the black water tank first followed by at least 2/3 tankful of grey water. This helps clean and flush out the sewer hose.
- 2- Don't dump your black water tank until it is at least ½ full. This assures that solids will leave the tank.
- 3- When hooked up to a sewer line, DO NOT leave your dump valves open. Obviously the solids will only accumulate under the toilet, but not so obvious would be if you left the grey water valve open. Here too the solids and general soap sludge will remain at the bottom of the holding tank. It is recommended that the grey water tank be at least ½ full before dumping.
- 4- Flushing out your holding tanks FREQUENTLY will help keep the tank level probes clean.



- 5- Everyone has an opinion as to what to add to the holding tank(s) to control odor. You know that if you start out by using a formaldehyde based deodorant you will have to completely flush the tank with fresh water before using a “digester” type tank treatment. I prefer the Eco-friendly digestive treatments, especially with the larger holding tanks. Don't hesitate using some in the grey water tank every now and again, helps retard the ‘sour’ odor that can develop in that tank. When my coach is at home I usually open the emptied grey water tank's valve to allow air into the tank to retard the anaerobic bacterial growth (those are the ones that create the ‘sour’ smell).

“I'll Drink to That”

- 1- Before filling your fresh water tank when leaving for a trip add about 1/4 to 1 cup of bleach into the empty fill hose before filling the fresh water tank. Then, fill the tank and let it stand for at least 3 hours, I usually do this the day before and let it stand overnight. I also usually let the bleach water run through each of the cold water faucets, until you can smell the chlorine (smells like a freshly shocked swimming pool), this allows the lines for each sink to be sanitized. The next day drain the tank of the chlorinated stuff, and you might also run some through each of the faucets in the rig again including the hot water side (kind of a final touch for the germ conscious).
- 2- If your coach does not have a drinking water filter – get one! You may choose among a number of different types. Everything for filtering tastes, odors, chlorine, iodine, metals to bacteria and protozoa. Remember you don't have to go to Mexico for Montazuma to get his revenge.

“Juice”

- 1- If your rig doesn't have a voltmeter built-in that can be easily accessed, purchase one. I have an old dial face meter that is wired directly to a two-prong plug that can be plugged in anywhere I can see it easily. Why do you need such a device? Campground power can often fluctuate. If voltage drops below 100 volts, you should turn off your A/C's and not use the microwave. Low voltage will damage the compressors when they attempt to cycle.
- 2- If you have an INVERTER, (newer and luxury coaches do) usually between 400 and 2000 watts. They will invert your 12 volt DC battery power to 110 volt AC, but there are several things you should be aware of. First, find out which outlets (or devices) are wired to the inverter. Usually, the front TV, VCR, DVD, CD player or any combination of TV plus accessory is wired to the inverter. Also, anywhere from one to several outlets is normally wired to the inverter. Why do you need to know this? The manufacturer doesn't know that you don't really know how much power it takes to run any or all of the things the inverter MAY serve. Batteries, 2 or 4, 6-

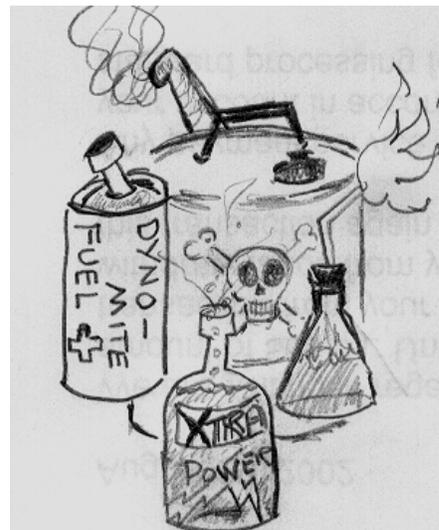
volt deep cycle “golf cart” type are installed to serve your needs. The needs include ALL the 12 volt lighting, radio, furnace(s) (fans and ignition), ignition for the propane water heater, etc. Now if you add too that load, a demand for 110 volts inverted from 12 volts, you may be asking TOO MUCH from your batteries. This would especially be true if you did so for any extended period of time. This can be as little as 15 minutes or up to several hours depending on the power demand. **YOU WILL KILL YOUR HOUSE BATTERIES.** An inverter is not an AC current generator. That’s why the coach with an inverter will come with a substantial AC generator (usually 4.8 to 8 kilowatts of output). Use your inverter wisely. Something that I was told by a dealer serviceman was to switch the inverter off at the inverter, and use the inside (at the systems panel) switch to turn it on and off.

Fuel additives:

Stabilizer additives are available for both gasoline and diesel fuels. Use them before storage. Modern gasoline does not require extra additives to run today’s gasoline engines. Leaded gasoline is neither recommended nor needed for any modern application. Octane boosters should be reserved for racecars not motorhomes. Modern diesel fuel purchased at major outlets and truck stops normally will contain all the necessary additives for the season. In the North during the colder months, an anti-gel will be present, while in the South during the warmer months an anti-fungal will be added. Problem: if you are a “snow bird” you should purchase the proper additive necessary for the direction you are traveling in. These can be purchased at any truck stop and most automotive supply stores. Add them to your fuel tank as the ambient temperature begins to shift. The low sulfur fuel question is raised often among diesel operators, and I haven’t heard a clear resolution yet as to what is needed or not as far as additives are concerned. I personally purchase a gallon or so of a reputable brand ‘all purpose’ diesel fuel additive and add it to my fuel at given intervals just to be on the safe side. I know that dirty diesel injectors and some water in the fuel can change the way a diesel runs so I try to stay on top of it with extra additive.

Water in the Fuel

Gasoline is somewhat forgiving of small amounts of water in the fuel. As a matter of fact, during WW II some of the more powerful fighter aircraft had water injection systems to boost the combustibility of the gasoline and lower the octane demand without damaging the engine. (Notably the P-51 “Mustang” and P-38 “Lightning” had water injection systems.) Now diesel fuel, on the other hand, is very sensitive to water being present. This is why you will note that your diesel power plant has a separator and various design innovations to compensate for water contamination. You will also note that your dashboard display has a WATER IN FUEL warning light (at least I know that my Freightliner Chassis does). The fuel-water separator that you should access and observe at every fill-up is a 10-micron filter with a ‘glass’ observation bowl attached to its bottom. It is a bit larger than a quart sized oil filter and the bowl is obvious, with a drain valve at the bottom. This filter should be



located where it can be observed and drained if necessary without having to crawl under your coach or into the engine compartment. If it is not located conveniently, you should look into having it moved so you can get to it

easily after each fuel stop. You will note that your chassis manual states that the bowl should be drained after each fill up if water or debris is evident. Debris is easy to see, and water will manifest itself as a “bubble” at the bottom of the bowl. Diesel fuel is colored with green additive that will make the water, if present rather obvious. By the way, if your fuel is red, not green, you have purchased home heating oil not properly taxed for over the road use. This use is illegal in all states since road tax is not exacted from heating oil. Diesel fuel and home heating oil are both classified as D-4 so they will both burn in their respective neighbor’s place. But, heating oil does

not have the additives needed for diesel engine use, especially for turbocharged diesels.

(Editor's Note: out thanks to Dom for coming forward and offering to do this article for us. We hope you find his experience and information interesting and helpful.)

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1-800-322-8216

Want to know where to get propane??
Go to this address on the web-
<http://www.propanegas.com>

A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN- MaryAnn Crowell

PLEASE let us know when you have a change of address. It costs us \$.70 for every newsletter returned because the address is wrong. In addition, it costs us an additional \$.70 for mailing to a revised address-a total \$2.10!

So, PLEASE help us out and keep us up-to-date with your address.

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 Badges \$5.50, hangers \$3, s/h \$1 each

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 (1-866-580-6401)

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What's our DOAI Website address?

<http://www.discoveryowners.com>

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

Don't forget, you are all reporters and will be derelict in your duties if you don't get that article in before the deadline for the next newsletter. We can take your information handwritten, as long as it is readable, typed, by snail mail, by e-mail or disk (Microsoft Word), or by FAX. The addresses are below for your newsletter editor:

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MEMBERS WITH DISCOVERY ITEMS FOR SALE (Key Word is **DISCOVERY** item)

No listings for this issue.



THE SUNSHINE CORNER

This section of the newsletter is to note requests by members to mention those of us, our friends or loved ones that feel that our good thoughts or prayers might bring some comfort. Any requests brought to our attention will be placed in the next issue of Discovery Express. **This issue's requests for Sunshine are:**

None were received. This is good news!

Editor's Note- thanks very much to all those that provided articles for this issue

**Westward HO!
DOAI Band**

Second call for all you talented musicians to form a DOAI Band to play at next National Rally September 2003

First practice session _ - at NW Adventurers Chapter Yellowstone rally on June 11th -14th in Emigrant, MT

**Second practice session _ - preceding the National Rally to be held at Benton County Fairgrounds Tri-cities, WA.
National Rally September 23rd-27th
Practice days September 22nd-23rd**

Performance – at the Grandstand - Friday Night September 26th

Please send an e-mail to Leo Everitt at

eckerhill@earthlink.net

Advise instrument(s), previous experience, ability to conduct, solo capabilities, musical arrangements, any other suggestions or information you think pertinent.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOOD TIMERS

As of press time for the newsletter we were not prepared to provide an update to our status. Due to many factors beyond our control our activity has been nil in the past year. We hope to have a mailing to all members by February about a rally and reorganization meeting in Southern California very soon. Hang in there Good Timers- we look forward to seeing you soon!

FROM THE DISCOVERY TEXANS

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A great time was had at I-35 RV Park just out of Waco at Elm Mott with 21 rigs attending the rally Nov. 14-16. Many attendees visited the Texas Ranger Museum and Dr. Pepper museum and good remarks were heard from them, particularly about the Ranger Museum. A couple of us visited the Armstrong-Browning Library at Baylor University and were certainly impressed with the beauty of it. More than anything, it is a museum but it does have books, sculptures, art work & memorabilia of Elizabeth Barrett & Robert Browning. Road trips by other members were made to President Bush's Crawford Ranch area and the Branch Davidian Ruins & memorials

there.

Future rallies:

- . Jan. 16-18 Quail Springs, Uvalde, TX
- Feb. 2-6 Lazy Daze, Tampa, FL
S/E Region rally
- Mar. 20-22 Havens Landing, Montgomer, TX
- May 15-17 Guadalupe River, Kerrville, TX
- July 17-19 Palo Duro, Canyon, TX
- Sept. 14-16 Cowtown, Aledo, TX (near Ft.
Worth)*
- Sep. 23-26 Tri-County Fairgrounds near
Richland, WA Nat'l DOAI rally
- Nov. 20-22 Seabreeze, Portland, TX

*Note that the rally in September has been changed to Sun-Tues in order to allow time for those who want to head NW to the National DOAI rally in Washington State.

Discovery owners are invited to visit us at any of the rallies listed above and consider membership in the Discovery Texan chapter. There are two rules governing membership in the chapter: 1. Be a member of DOAI & 2. Have a Texas address. Contact any of the officers listed above for information or to make reservations at one of our rallies.

FROM THE NORTHWEST ADVENTURERS

LET'S GO WESTWARD HO!!!

About two hundred years ago Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived at the confluence of the Yakima, Snake, and Columbia Rivers. In commemoration of this event, we are having a Discovery Motor Home Rally for vehicles that are

somewhat advanced of the miles of necessary walking and canoes that arrived in 1804.

Lewis & Clark opened up this area and documented the many natural, wonderful resources that we now enjoy. We would like all of our members to come here and to view and benefit of this northwest beauty.

Field trips will be available via jet boat (60 miles per hour) into the Hanford Reach to display atomic bomb history and wildlife to our members. Also available, will be the Sacajewia Park with presentations concerning this early history. Since then a giant wine industry has been created. There are over 60 wineries and many beautiful golf courses.

We will have a welcome wine party, dinners and tremendous entertainment. There will be numerous vendors and seminars.

The facilities are at the Benton County Fairgrounds which we feel are very convenient to the vendors and seminar buildings and comfortable camping on grass with electricity and water.

For Discovery Owners that wish to arrive early or stay later following the rally, we have made arrangements at a wonderful RV park in the area for those wishing to. We feel all should want extra time her, for there is much to see and do in this wonderful northwest region.

Look forward to seeing you September 23-27, 2003.

FROM THE NOR'EASTERS CHAPTER

Mark your calendars! The Nor'easters are stirring up the winds again. The first big blow is planned for June 9th to 12th, 2003 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. A fall get together is in the air for October 10th to 14th at Bayshore Estate Park in Sandusky, Ohio. If you're going to be in either of these areas and would like to join us get in touch with **Jan Lockwood**, our campout coordinator. Her Phone number is 607-797-5475. Her E-mail is

Lockwood2@stny.rr.com. Or see **Dorie Baker** at the Lazy Days rally in February. Her E-mail is dorieann@aol.com.

FROM THE FLORIDA DISCOVERY ROLLING GATORS

Our chapter is growing. We still invite all Florida residents, and part-time residents to join us. We have had two very successful campouts and have more planned. In March we will have a campout at Miami Everglades KOA and in April we will be at Jolly Roger RV Park at Grassy Key.

We are hosting the Buccaneer Blowout Rally at Lazy Days, Tampa in February. We're calling it the Buccaneer Blowout in honor of the Gasparilla Festival being held in Tampa February 1-2, 2003. For nearly 100 years pirates have invaded Tampa Bay. The unruly plunderers take over the city in honor of the mythical legendary pilot Jose Gaspar. The festival is one of the county's largest and most unique outdoor celebrations. So come join us for the fun.

Gene Patterson- President

The Rolling Gators met at the KARS complex on Merritt Island for a rally hosted by **Ron & Georgia Shane**.

Friday evening we met in the outdoors pavilion for a social hour. Saturday morning there was a continental breakfast at the pavilion while officers met at the Patterson's rig for a meeting. The rest of the day was free for us to do what-ever, flea marketing, gambling cruise, golfing, or just staying in out of the heat. Saturday evening we all met in an air conditioned room for our social hour and a brief member meeting to discuss the Lazydays February regional rally. We also had a 50/50 raffle which was won by the Tobins. We carpoled to Rusty's Seafood and Oyster Bar for dinner. Sunday morning saw us again in the outdoor pavilion for breakfast and we ended the day with pot luck dinner. Monday morning we said our farewells.

Rally Schedule:

Jan. 27-30, 2003 Lazydays Rally Park. For info call **Ron/Brenda Sliger** 321-757-0593 or E-mail Ronald.W.Sliger@saic.com
 Feb. 2-6, 2003 Regional Rally- Lazydays
 Mar. 14-16, 2003 Miami Everglades KOA. For info call **Tom/Judy Ebbert** 305-852-9762
 Apr. 28-May 5, 2003 Jolly Roger RV Park, Grassy Key. For info call **Ron/Georgia Shane** 386-467-3017

Submitted by **Georgia Shane & Sharon Zimmerman**

FROM THE SOUTHERN ARISTOCRATES CHAPTER

Be advised that we have changed our name from the Southern Aristocrats Chapter to the Dixie Travelers Chapter.

FROM THE PIONEERS CHAPTER

New officers were elected at our July meeting. They are:

President-	Bob Hixon
Vice-President-	Jim Hess
Secretary-	Donna Hiss
Treasurer-	Olive Kennedy

FROM THE LOUISIANA MUDBUGS CHAPTER

Since becoming a new chapter of DOAI in May, 2002, The Louisiana Mudbugs enjoyed two rallies in 2002. Our *Inaugural rally* was held at Bayou Chicot State Park on August 16-17th. 12 coaches were in attendance. A chicken a Sausage Jambalaya Dinner was hosted by members **Joe & Edith Lefebvre** from Baton Rouge on Friday night following drinks and appetizers. A terrific Shrimp Boil was hosted by members **Steve and Leland Kokinos** from Houma Saturday night. The weather was hot, but the food was even hotter!!

Phil and Dot Yovino also joined our group this weekend and enjoyed the activities. David Sonnier with Kite Bros. in Kinder drove down one of the new 2003 Discovery coaches that we could all "oooh and aaah" over. Our business meeting was held Saturday morning and tentative plans were made for rally events for the upcoming year. **Buzz & Judy Sutherlin** did a great job of planning our first Mudbug event!

Our second rally of 2002 was held on October 25-27th at the Lake Claiborne State Park near Homer, Louisiana. Members in attendance were: **Carolyn and Keith Barnes, Dottie and Bobby Houck**, all from Ruston, **Glenda and Joe Reed, Deezy and Sam Williams**, all from Simsboro, **Anne and Johnny Gros** from Duson, **Anita and Bob Scott** from Baton Rouge, **Jane and Soc Lorant** from Shreveport and two new couples from Lake Charles, **Mary and Howard Campbell and Betty and Alfred Miller**. A **BIG** Mudbug welcome to the Campbells and Millers!!

Dinner was prepared both evenings by **Joe Reed** with his **MONSTER** smoker cooker that he used to smoke brisket and pork loin with all the trimmings. He also prepared bacon, eggs and biscuits for breakfast two mornings. As you can see we really pigged out on the food. The wives had prepared several side dishes and desserts to round out the menu, even making two freezers of HOME MADE ice cream!! The weather was cool, so we had a roaring fire to sit around and

enjoy our food and fellowship. You can't beat that for a great rally!

The fall leaves around the lake and surrounding hills were enjoyed along with shopping in the antique malls and sight seeing in the hills of North Louisiana.

At the Saturday business meeting one of the EIGHT couples that made the Bowling Green Rally gave a report on the activities in Kentucky. Plans were made for many members to meet up for the Lazyday rally in Florida (The Louisiana Mudbugs plan to be well represented in Florida) and the dates were set for our next chapter rally on March 21-22, 2003 in Marksville, LA.

We are growing larger and stronger by the month and wish to invite any DOAI members living in Louisiana to join our Louisiana Mudbug Chapter. For more information contact **Carolyn Barnes**, President at 318-251-2568 or **Anne Gros**, Secretary-Treasurer at 337-873-8598. We look forward to seeing ya'll soon! **See us below??**

See what fun and social glee you are missing if you are not a member of one of our chapters. If you don't live near one, contact your Regional Vice-President for information on how easy it is to form a new chapter near you.





Let's Go ! Westward Ho!

To
Benton County
Fairgrounds
Kennewick, WA
September 23rd– 27th 2003

Vendors, Entertainment, Seminars

Fleetwood Support

Four Nights, E/W (Dump Available)

3 Dinners with entertainment following, including a

Wine and Cheese –Light Dinner -RV Comedian

(Tues)

Dinner-Lewis and Clark Presentation/Cloggers (Wed)

Dinner-Montana Cowboys – Ringling 5 (Friday)

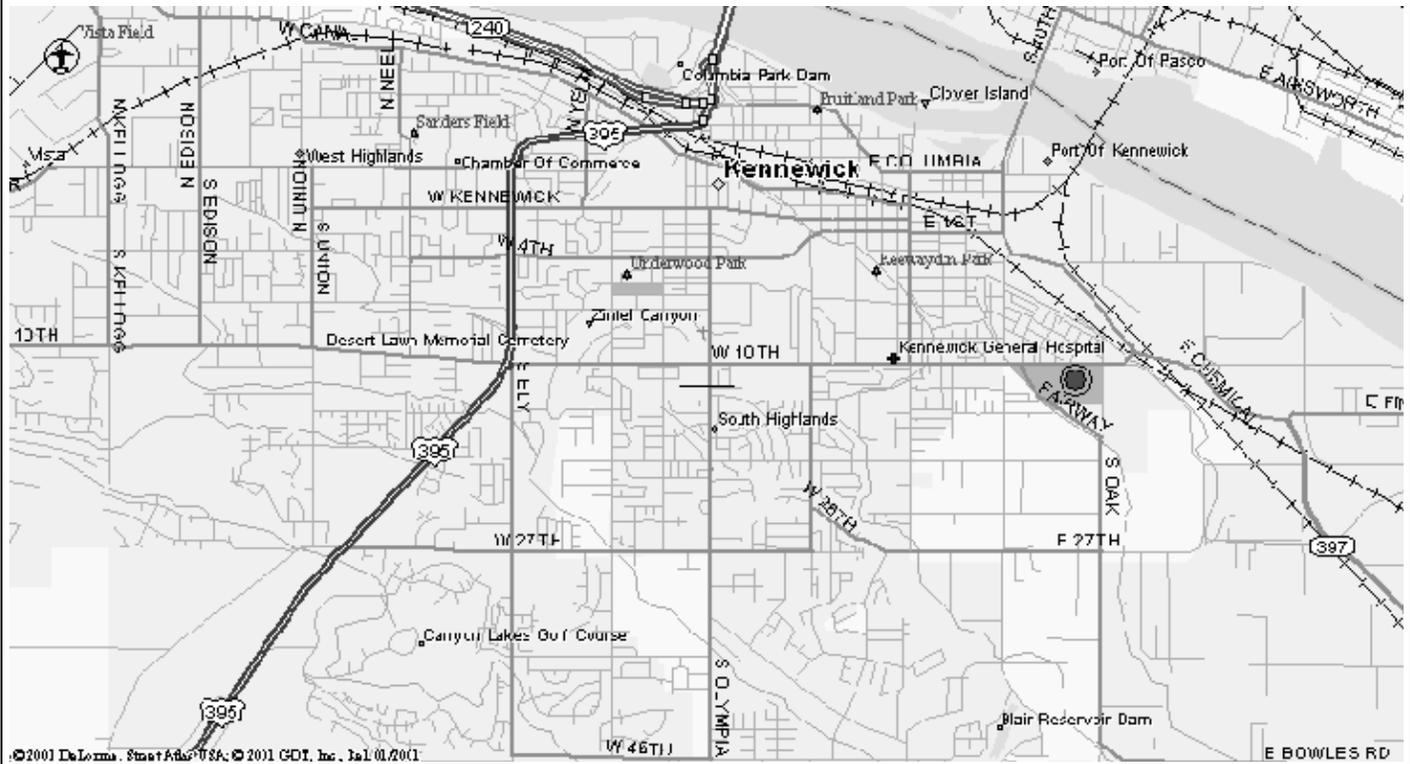
Ice Cream Social

First Timers Seminar

4 Large Facilities for Seminars, Meetings, Vendors

And if you desire

Golf Outing, Jet Air Boat Tours, Wineries



Location and Directions

Benton County Fairgrounds

1500 S. Oak Street

Kennewick, WA 99336

N 46° 11.786' W 119° 05.993'

From either I-82 E or W

Take

I-395 N to W. 10th Street

Right at Light to S. Oak and

Right Into Fairgrounds

Have A Safe Trip

EARLY ARRIVAL INFORMATION

The contract for lease of fairgrounds prohibits arrivals before opening day
September 23rd (except for setup committee members)

It is recommended that those coming early make reservations direct at nearby
 Sandy Heights RV Resort by calling toll free 1-877-894-1357 and get a nearly
 30% reduced rate of \$21.03 for DOAI National attendees. You must tell them
 you are a member of DOAI.

2003 NW National Rally Registration**Names/Address/Phones** _____ **DOAI #** _____**First** _____ **Last** _____**Address** _____**City** _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____**Phone Home** _____**Phone Cell** _____**E-mail** _____**Co-Pilot Name****First** _____ **Last** _____**EMERGENCY CONTACT** _____**PHONE NUMBER** _____**First Time AT National RALLY** Yes _____ No _____**Motorhome****Year** _____ **Model** _____ **Slides #** _____**Toad** Yes _____ NO _____**Trailer** Yes _____ **Length** _____**Handicap** Yes _____ NO _____**Special Need** Yes _____**If Yes, please explain what is specific requirement****Willing To be a Volunteer leader?** Yes __________ **volunteers signup at rally** _____**or call Rally masters- Arnie Thompson 1-877-238-7095****Jerry Woods 1-888-857-7048****Interested in playing golf ?** Yes _____ No _____ **# Players** _____**-For planning purposes only. Actual signup at rally****RALLY FEE****\$130/coach (2) Persons** _____**Additional Attendee/s- ___ x \$35/person** _____**Setup Personnel ADD \$12/night #** _____**TOTAL FEE DUE in USD** _____**Note—No early Arrivals Permitted****See further info on Page 2****Make Check Payable To: DOAI****Send Registration and Check To :****Jackie Everitt 7591 SUSANS CIR****PARK CITY, UT 84098**

TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2002

1/1/02 Through 12/31/02

INCOME

2002 Lazydays Rally	\$14,727.89
2002 Tucson Rally	19,947.00
Bowling Green Rally	21,673.00
Donations	6,000.00
Interest Income	317.55
Lazydays 2003 Income	3,945.76
Louisiana Rally	42,288.20
Membership Dues	23,782.45
TOTAL INCOME	132,681.85

EXPENSES

2002 Tucson Rally	19,400.46
Advertising – new members	206.00
Bowling Green 2002 Rally	25,487.34
Chapter Expenses	3,149.90
Colorado 2001	4.19
Discretionary Funds	257.31
DOAI Web Site Access Fees	300.00
Donations Given	50.00
Insurance	1,756.00
Lazydays Rally 2002	23,946.60
Lazydays Rally 2003	300.00
Louisiana Rally	36,384.93
Membership Expenses	3,438.38
Newsletter	9,491.54
Office Expenses	960.69
Rally Gifts	1,329.66
Reimbursement of Board Expenses	4,203.64
Telephone Expenses	1,033.20
Travel – Official Business	1,460.54
Virginia Rally 2001	6.00
Washington State 2003 Expense	529.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	133,695.94

OVERALL TOTAL	(1,014.09)
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Comments:

Donations – Fleetwood donated \$6,000.

Chapter Expenses- each new chapter receives \$500 to offset startup expenses, a coffee urn and certificate.

Discretionary Funds- compensates officers for expenses related to starting/assisting new chapters.

Membership Expenses- compensates the Membership Chairman for paper, ink and postage.

Newsletter- costs for printing, collation and mailing.

Rally Gifts- small items (DOAI keychain, etc.) given at rallies.

Reimbursement of Board Expenses- National and Regional rally fees.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2002 (continued)

DOAI ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of 12/31/02

BANK ACCOUNTS

Edward Jones Money Market Account	\$31,260.28
First State Bank, Livingston, TX	20,282.36
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TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$51,542.64

ASSET ACCOUNTS

Inventory- DOAI shirts, etc.	1,865.56
Motosat Datastorm System	4,995.00
Rally Advance- Wash St. 2003	2,000.00
Wash. 2003 Fairground deposit	1,000.00
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TOTAL Asset Accounts	9,860.66

LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

DOAI Rally Account	(8,679.59)
National Surcharge	(3,465.00)
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TOTAL Liability Accounts	(12,084.59)

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OVERALL TOTAL	49,318.71

COMMENTS:

Motosat Datastorm System- Allows our Webmaster, Bob Cook, much improved capability to update and upgrade the DOAI web site- www.discoveryowners.com.

Rally Advance, Washington State, 2003- This fund gives the rally master funds to immediately pay rally expenses.

DOAI Rally Account and National Surcharge- These are funds specifically set aside to help fund future rallies (\$4,000 has been designated for the Washington State 2003 rally).

Respectfully submitted,

Mac McIlvaine, Treasurer

Discovery Owners Rally Survey

1. How far would you be willing to travel to attend a rally? _____ miles
2. How many days should the rally be? 3___ 4___ or ___
3. Would you want to return to same facility? ____ How many years before you would come back to the same facility? ____ years
4. How much advanced notice would you want for rally dates?
5. Should annual national rally only be in the fall of each year? Yes___ No ___
6. How many regional rallies should we hold each year? ____
7. Where should we hold regional? _____
8. Where would you want to hold national rally in 2004 _____
9. Where would you want to hold national rally in 2005 _____
10. How important are local area attractions? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11. How important is full hookup? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
12. How important is holding the rally at five star resort 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
13. How important is holding the rally at fair grounds (w/e) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
14. How important is commercial entertainment at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
15. How important are commercial vendors at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
16. How important are factory seminars at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
17. How important is free day at a rally? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
18. How important are Discovery owners seminars (pilots/co-pilots) 1234567810
19. How important is breakfast at a rally? 12345678910
20. Are you willing to pay \$5.00 each for a full breakfast? Yes___ No___
21. Would you be willing to have a potluck meal to hold down cost of rally? ____
22. What price range should we structure our regional rallies \$ _____
23. What price range should we structure our national rallies \$ _____
24. Give first, second & third choice of area of country for a rally & what season?
25. List the top three items that influence your decisions to attend a rally.

Please take a few moments to fill out this survey, as it will help us better serve you.

Return it to:

Mary Ann Crowell 207 Co. Rd. 3000 Lott, TX 76656.



OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BUCCANEER BLOWOUT RALLY of 2003 LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK at SEFFNER, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 2 – 6, 2003

ALL PAVED PLATFORMS and GRASSY SITES with CABLE, ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER HOOKUPS.
SITES WILL NOT BE PRE-ASSIGNED SO- TO PARK TOGETHER YOU MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER

PLUS

VENDOR DISPLAYS & SEMINARS, NEW COACHES, GAMES, HOT TUB, TENNIS, SWIMMING,
ENTERTAINMENT, BINGO, COMPUTER HOOKUPS & COMPUTERS, CAMPING WORLD, FLYING J,
CRACKER BARREL, ON THE ROAD DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS,
THEME PARKS AND HISTORICAL SITES NEARBY. ALSO TWO DINNERS.
FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH COMPLIMENTS OF LAZYDAYS.

Feb. 5th WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR FUN DAY

Craft Classes will be scheduled on Feb. 5th along with a flea market.

Bring your white elephants, books for swapping and a cake sale.

BRING ARTS/CRAFTS FOR SHOWING AND SELLING

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC. (DOAI)

MAIL TO: EDNA PENDERGRASS, REGISTRAR

3261 MAPLE HAMMOCK DRIVE

SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34235

PH: 941-355-8720

EMAIL: epender2@aol.com

No Refunds after January 19, 2003

Cut on dotted line and save for your records. Return the completed form below with your check

Please help us plan ahead – Register early by January 19, 2003

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Co-Pilot _____

Address:

Home _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Alternate _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

DOAI Member Number _____ MH year _____ Model _____

Handicap Parking? Yes ___ No ___ Is this your first DOAI rally? Yes ___ No ___

Guest Name(s) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you interested in playing Golf* Yes ___ No ___ # People _____

*For planning purpose only. Actual signup will be at registration.

RALLY FEES

\$34.00 Per coach with two adults \$ _____

\$20.00 Per coach with one adult \$ _____

\$20.00 Each additional person \$ _____

Total \$ _____

PAY RALLY FEES TO EDNA PENDERGRASS

CAMPING FEES

Rally nights – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th \$80.60

Early arrival per night \$30.23

Late departure per night \$30.23

PAY LAZYDAYS AT CHECK-IN

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Welcome to an organization open to all owners of Discovery Motorhomes by Fleetwood, intended to foster social opportunities and information exchange among members.

Dues are **\$20** for the first year, and **\$16** each year thereafter, due in the initial month joined.

Please, payable in US funds only!

Mail with checks, payable to: Discovery Owners Association, Inc., to MaryAnn Crowell, Membership Director, 207 County Road 3000, Lott, TX 76656. Questions-call 888-594-6818.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ CO-PILOT _____

Street _____ CITY _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Discovery: Year ____ Length _____ Slide? Yes ___ No ___ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Discovery VIN # _____ FIN# _____

Travel/Motorhome Memberships: _____

Hobbies/Interests*: _____

Areas of Expertise/Background*: _____

Positions in Discovery Owners Association, Inc. of possible interest to you* _____

Indicate willingness to participate as a volunteer if called upon*: Yes ____ No ____ Activities of

Particular Interest _____

What are you looking for from this organization? _____

Comments: _____

*Indicate which family member if appropriate

DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR DUES ARE DUE?
REMEMBER- RENEWAL FEE IS \$16 NOT \$20.**

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL BELOW AND WE TELL YOU YOUR RENEWAL DATE-

DON'T BE DELINQUENT – BE ELOQUENT - BE ON-TIME

**So please review if you are past the renewal date in the label below, as we
Discovery Owners should stick together, and we really want you with us!**

**DISCOVERY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MARYANN CROWELL, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
207 Country Road 3000
Lott, TX 76656**

**PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
EZ MAILER**

Address Service Requested