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FROM THE PRESIDENT - URGENT

2020 DOAI National Rally Cancelled because of COVID-19

The DOAI Board of Directors held an on-line meeting on June 22nd to review the status of the 2020 DOAI National Rally. After considerable discussion and review of concerns and various factors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the Board, with considerable reluctance, adopted the following resolution to postpone/cancel the 2020 National Rally until 2021.

“Defer the 2020 National Rally currently scheduled for Sevierville, TN, beginning Monday, 28 September and ending Sunday, 4 October 2020. The dates have been rescheduled for Monday, 20 September to Sunday, 26 September 2021. Rally and rotation of National Rallies will be moved accordingly. This will change the presently scheduled 2021 National Rally to be held at the Complex in Gillette, Wyoming, hosted by the Northwest Adventurers, to dates to be determined for 2022.” For details about the 2021 Rally in Sevierville, please review the following page for information from Robert Angus, 2021 National Rally Master ([Page 2](#)).

Members who have already submitted their payment for the 2020 rally will receive a check for a full refund of their payment. This reimbursement will occur within a few weeks of the decision. Fred Jecks is well organized and many of you have probably already received your refund as I have.

This was a difficult decision as we all recognize the great fun and camaraderie that our members enjoy and look forward to at our National Rallies. The decision was even more difficult because of the 2020 projected attendance at Sevierville based on two surveys. One survey was of already registered attendees and a second was of those who attended any of the last three National Rallies which indicated that nearly 100 Discovery coaches would like to attend. However, the safety and well-being of our membership has to take precedence and given the uncertainties of the current COVID-19 situation and the increasing occurrence of new cases within Tennessee, the Board did not believe the rewards of holding the rally this year overcome the risk to our membership brought on by the pandemic.

Your Board of Directors looks forward to seeing many of you in Sevierville in 2021 for a safe and fun rally!

Dick Tracy
President, DOAI ❖

Register Here

The DOAI National Rally Registration Form will be updated soon for the 2021 National Rally. The link will remain at <https://www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.html>. Visit us often to register.

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Robert J. Angus
Rally Master

2021 National Rally Update

As most of you know by now the 2020 DOAI National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee, has been cancelled due to concerns with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Blue Ridge members have spent considerable time and effort to put on a great rally but we have no control over disasters whether natural or manmade. We had expected over a hundred coaches based on registration and survey results and it was on track to be the largest rally celebrating 25 years of Discovery. As disappointed as we are, we have no choice but to move on and continue our planning for 2021.

The 2021 DOAI National Rally will be at the same place, same resort, with rally dates of 20-26 September 2021. The price of \$67.65 per night will remain in effect. Early arrival for everyone is 17 September **“or”** 19 September 2021. There will be **“NO ARRIVALS”** on 18 September because of parades, car shows, and craft fairs in Sevierville. As a consequence, you have a choice of either one or three days early arrival. The cutoff date for 20-26 September and early registration is **23 August 2021**.

Again, the rally begins 20 September and the departure date is 26 September. At the same rate you may stay two extra days, the 26th and 27th, leaving on 28 September. However, only 50 sites are set aside for late departure days and you must register for the late days NLT 26 July 2021. If you do NOT register prior to 26 July and specify the late days, you will NOT get the rally rate. NOTE: do not put any late days on your registration form after 26 July as they will be deleted and you will have to call the Resort to register for those days and pay the normal rate.

You will be notified as soon as a new registration form is available on the DOAI web page.

Hopefully by that time this virus will have run its course or a vaccine will be developed. However, be prepared to bring a mask for everyone's safety in the event there are still problems. Hopefully, all individuals who registered or indicated in the surveys that they would be present at the DOAI 2020 National Rally, will attend in 2021. Blue Ridge Discoverys will continue our planning to make this a memorable event. ❖



Nina Soltwedel

Caring For Our DOAI Family

John Ricciardi was diagnosed with COVID-19. It is good to be able to report that he has fully recovered. Larry Runge died suddenly in late March. Pat, his wife, wrote, “Larry and I really enjoyed meeting all of you at the Lazydays rally. While we haven't been at the last two, you were always in our thoughts that time of year. I will miss and fondly remember all the good times Larry and

I had being with our fellow DOAI members.”

During this time of uncertainty and fear, I pray each of you will remain safe and well. Please remember to let me know of any illness in your family, or death of a family member. Send a note to me at <mailto:nina.soltwedel@gmail.com>. ❖

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Dick Tracy

President's Report

Let me open with a bit of comment on the decision to cancel the 2020 National Rally at Sevierville, TN, that is on the front page. It was an exceedingly difficult decision for the Board of Directors and definitely not something I had ever thought I would have to get involved in while leading DOAI. But as everyone knows, we certainly have been and are still in unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted all our lives. I do look forward to having a great National Rally in 2021 and hope that many of you feel the same as we return DOAI to the great fun and camaraderie that we have always enjoyed! Rest assured that as soon as we complete the registration form for the 2021 National Rally you will be advised that registration is open. The Blue Ridge Chapter has put in a lot of effort making plans and preparations for this year and I know they will do a great job in 2021.

My wife Pat and I live in Fleetwood, Berks County, PA, and along with a limited number of other counties in southeastern PA surrounding Philadelphia, we have been in the state's highest level of restrictions on activities and businesses. We have been severely limited in our personal travels and interactions with other people, going out only for medical appointments and to purchase groceries or pick up meals. We, like all of you, look forward to better days ahead.

On an improved note, to date we have become aware of only one DOAI member that has contracted COVID-19. He had light symptoms and has fully recovered. So kudos to all of you for practicing social distancing and keeping ourselves safe! Given our association member's relatively senior status we can be very thankful for that success and want it to continue!

On an positive note, the DOAI Lifestyles in groups.IO is up and running well, opening communications between members on a variety of topics. If you have not signed up to have access I urge you to do so. It is not only for co-pilots, and the topics are broad ranging.

I have seen on Facebook that there are a few members who have recently taken to the road in their Discovery despite the pandemic. They are enjoying some very uncrowded campgrounds while seeing National Parks and other great places in this wonderful country. I hope that many of you will be able to use your Discovery soon. ❖



Ron Wacker

Past President's Report

Hi all. I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. With the economy going so great, who would have thought that a virus would shut down the USA and the world. If there is a silver lining, it shows how we are too reliant on China and other countries. It does appear we are on the heal and on the way back.

I believe with the low fuel prices and careful planning it is a great time to tour our beautiful nation and enjoy its beauty. I would think many sites will not be crowded as usual so keeping your distance may not be a problem. We know to wash our hands often, don't touch your face and keep your distance. We can do this and still enjoy travelling.

This was a good time to catch up on all those home projects we never had time to do, but since we have been stuck at home time was not an issue. I know Donna appreciated my taking care of all those honey-do items on her list.

As indicated earlier in the newsletter, the Board met to determine if we will have the 2020 National DOAI Rally. Regretfully, it has been cancelled for 2020 especially with all the work and preparation people put into the rally. I am sure the decision was best for our members.

Donna and I hope you have a fantastic summer and are able to get out with your D and see our beautiful country. Safe travels to you and your family. ❖

Declaration of Independence

The most important Revolutionary anniversary which falls in July is the Declaration of Independence, which created the United States as a nation. Since 1777 Americans have celebrated Independence Day on 4 July. We cannot in good faith, gather people together without good social distancing. Celebrate the 4th by putting out your flags and pray for our country.



John Baker

VP of Development Report

This Spring is like no other! This Coronavirus has turned our nation, even the entire world, upside down. I hope each of you and those you love have remained safe and healthy. I am aware of one member who had a confirmed case very early in the process. Thankfully, that case was rather moderate and he recovered completely. Unfortunately, this disease is a bad hombre and it effects people in many different ways, and it can be fatal.

This is the time when many of us are normally on the road and enjoying the fantastic RV lifestyle. Some of those plans have been put on hold, and maybe for a long period of time. But, let's be optimistic and expect things to become more normal in a matter of days or weeks.

As I write this, your Board members are having discussions to make decisions regarding the Fall rally. After all, most of us are in the "target" age category and many of us have underlying issues so we need to keep our safety a very high priority. I am hopeful we will have enough information to make intelligent decisions. Maybe decisions will be made by the time you read this. As John mentioned, the decision has been made and is outlined by the President and 2021 Rally Master.

Whatever happens, I hope to see you down the road soon! Remember, this too shall pass. Stay safe. ❖



Cindy Welch

Secretary's Report

Discovery Owners Association Inc.
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Monday June 22, 2020



Meeting was conducted online using Zoom meetings. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm EDT by President Dick Tracy. Present via electronic connection were: Dick Tracy, President, John Ricciardi, Executive VP, John Baker, VP for Development, Cindy Welch, Secretary, Ricky Keen, Treasurer, Fred Jecks, National Rally Master, Bruce Plumb, NC Region VP, Russ Baldwin, NE Region VP, Glenn Magnuson, NW Region VP, Harry Bruton, SC Region VP, Kerry Pinkerton, SE Region VP, Jim Sullivan, SW Region VP, Glenda Angus, Newsletter Editor, Robert Orr, Webmaster. Additional attendees: Bob Angus, Jim Pinkerton.

Quorum was present.

Dick referred to correspondence he had emailed to board members concerning the impact of COVID-19 and the pandemic might have regarding holding our 2020 National Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee in September. The primary purpose for this meeting is to decide if circumstances caused by the pandemic warrant postponing/deferring our 2020 National Rally.

Four primary factors were considered by the DOAI Board of Directors:

#1 Under the circumstances, will we have enough interest to justify having the rally?

- Two attendance surveys were conducted of:
 1. Currently registered coaches thru June 1, 2020 by Bruce Plumb.
 2. Members who attended at least one of the past 3 National Rallies (2017, 2018, 2019) by Dick Tracy.
- Combination of survey results attendance conclusion:
 - o The sum of this information suggests that we would have well over 70 and perhaps as high as 90+ attendees if the rally is held in September 2020. It appears there IS sufficient interest.

#2 Will the State of TN allow us to have the rally?

Current COVID-19 guidelines from TN Governor's Executive Order 38 direct that:

"To ensure appropriate social distancing for the purposes of social or recreational gatherings, including, but not limited to, festivals, fairs, parades, large parties or picnics, sporting events and activities (in accordance with Paragraph 2.c. and 2.d.), summer youth camps, and other types of social or recreational assemblies or

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Secretary's Report, continued

gatherings, persons in the State of Tennessee should to the greatest extent practicable maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from persons outside their household, and shall not in any event be in a group of fifty (50) or more persons for the purposes of social or recreational activities or events; provided, that this limitation does not necessarily prohibit fifty (50) or more total persons from gathering in a single place or venue for an activity or event if they are in separate, otherwise permissible smaller groups that substantially maintain the (6) feet or more of separation from other persons or separate groups.”

- The configuration and size of the Ridge Outdoor Resort would allow us to meet the above guidelines in the main meeting area.

#3 Is our deposit refundable if the State of TN ultimately does NOT allow us to have the rally or for other circumstances causing DOAI to cancel the rally at a later date?

- The deposit would be refunded if State of TN shuts it down.
- Our last day to cancel without a loss of deposit is July 27, 2020.

#4 Risk and potential, legal ramifications for DOAI

The first priority for DOAI is the concern for the safety and well-being of our membership. The mitigation of risk is a substantive concern for DOAI and its officers. This concern was voiced by several of the attendees given the age of our membership and health conditions.

- Potential liability: should one or more of our DOAI rally participants contract COVID-19 during or after our National Rally because of attending the rally. This could bring lawsuit(s) against DOAI.
 - o Our insurance carrier was contacted by Bruce Bruce and was told the carrier would look at it on a case-by-case basis.
- Numerous other organizations including several RVing groups (FMA, FMCA, SMART to name a few) have decided to cancel their large RV rallies for 2020 and reschedule them into 2021. This precedent could be considered if litigation were to occur.

There was general discussion of all four primary factors by the group.

Following all of the discussion, President Dick Tracy made a motion to postpone the 2020 rally into 2021. The motion was seconded by John Ricciardi. A record of vote was taken by the Secretary with a yes vote to defer to 2021. Results of vote for 13 voting members: Yes-10, No-2 and 1 Not Present. The motion which carried stated:

“Defer the 2020 National Rally currently scheduled for Sevierville, TN, Monday September 28th until Sunday, October 4th 2020 to dates to be determined in September 2021 and move the rotation of National Rallies accordingly. This will move the presently scheduled 2021 National Rally to be held in Cam-Plex at Gillette, Wyoming hosted by the Northwest Adventurers to a date to be determined in 2022.”

It was also decided members who have already submitted their payment for the 2020 rally will receive a check from Fred Jecks, National Rally Master for a full refund of the amount paid. This refund will happen within the next few weeks.

Following the vote Kerry Pinkerton discussed Camp Discovery January, 2021. The 2021 rally is still scheduled at Lazydays. Kerry received a call from Bill Johnson, FMA President informing him that REV dropped all support and product from Lazydays Tampa location and consequently the REV trailer would not be permitted to set up at Lazydays. General RV will receive all REV support.

The link for 2021 Camp Discovery registration on website with caveat pending COVID-19 status. Target date for this Camp Discovery discussion/decision will be in the Thanksgiving time frame.

In addition, DOAI may want to look at a different location for 2022. FMA is looking at Lakeland, FL Sun & Fun as an alternate location to Lazydays. Meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm EDT. ❖



Elaine Holley

Membership Coordinator's Report

Since our last issue of Discovery Express, please “Welcome” our new and reinstated members listed here. I encourage them to explore and join a chapter. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and share information about our "D's" and RVing. We continue to ask our membership to refer new members to DOAI. Remember, you receive one year's membership free for every three new members referred. Congratulations go out this quarter to Al & Donna Etue and Peter & Sharon Shaffer for their referrals. ❖

Mike/Sharon Artmann, Minnetrista MN
 Ralph/Kathy Barnard, Cleveland GA
 Mike/Karen Beard, Shakopee MN
 Larry/Deb Bender, Sun City Center FL
 Tom/Debbie Boettcher, Destin FL
 Mark Bondurant, Middletown OH
 Todd/Ainslie Boroff, Plain City OH
 Clay/Sabrina Bridges, Oklahoma City OK
 Scott/Elizabeth Brooks, Melbourne FL
 Christopher/Melanie Brunetti, Escalon CA
 Danny/Melissa Cantway, Lake Worth FL
 Darren/Mandy Chilton, Fort Smith AR
 Troy/Kim Conners, Commerce Twp MI
 Dan/Kristy Corrigan, Vero Beach FL
 Brian/Linda Costello, Warrenton VA
 Eric/Becca Davis, Saint Simons Island GA
 Martin Essenburg/Alba Padilla, Davie FL
 Terry/Lola Fitzpatrick, Nashville TN
 Buddy/Dorothy Gerard, Ruffin SC
 Erik Gregersen, Solvang CA
 Russ Harned/Mark Dudas, Puyallup WA
 Terrie/Douglas Harrison, Canton TX
 Gary Heil/Linda Beets, Heiskell TN

Dale/Melissa Hoch, Covert MI
 Jason Holland, Winter Garden FL
 Justin/Deanna Jenia, Tucson AZ
 Eileen/William Jones, Richmond VA
 Jeff Julian, Suffolk VA
 John/Jessica Jurkowski, West Point UT
 Perry/Emily Kitchens, Silver Creek GA
 Carla Knapik/Shawn Smith, Loxahatchee FL
 Bruce Land, Crestview FL
 Anthony/Janice Lanzo, Sun City West AZ
 Kurt/Lisa Linsenmeyer, Monroe MI
 Dennis/Sharon Lowder, Salmon ID
 Colin/Jeri MacRury, Longview TX
 John/Stephanie McBride, Deville LA
 Jerry/Connie McCormack, Moscow Mills MO
 Marius/Claire Mello, Alexandria VA
 Steve Moore, Cypress TX
 Bobby/Renee Murphy, Canton GA
 James/Gail Murray, Livingston TX
 Tony/Judy Myers, Shrewsbury PA
 Daniel Nally/Connie Cheser, Bardstown KY
 Mike Nielsen, Riverside CA

Daniel/Lesley Parilla, Alexandria VA
 Chad/Tammy Plummer, Cypress TX
 Dale/Mary Pocian, Seabrook SC
 Phil/Suzanne Polderdyke, Brighton MI
 Tim Quirt, Wausau WI
 Don Ragsdale, Paxton IL
 Tim/Paige Reece, Midland TX
 Dave/Alice Reeves, Schwenksville PA
 Roddy/Julie Reynolds, Trenton GA
 Mark/Leza Ries, Dunedin FL
 Naomi/William Rivera, Clermont FL
 Brennan/Dayna Says, Singer LA
 Phil/Della Simmons, Lacey WA
 Franz/Doris Singer, Palmyra PA
 Sam Sullins, Caldwell ID
 Michael/Jennifer Tews, Ortonville MI
 Michael/Karen Thompson, Ada MI
 Maurice/Tammy Welsh, Springfield LA
 Walter/Linda West, Homestead FL
 Darren/Cheryl Wilson, Las Vegas NV
 Terry/Pam Winchell, Bradenton FL
 Jeff Zarse, Austin TX



Fred Jecks

National Rally Master's Report

Most of the details for the Sevierville National Rally have been planned and we all were ready for another great get-together. However, most of us are keeping a close watch on the COVID-19 virus and unfortunately it has affected the Sevierville rally this year. Most states are not allowing groups larger than 10 right now. Also, most of the DOAI membership is in the age group that is the most hazardous if contracted. The DOAI Board of Directors decided that it will be too hazardous to have a rally this year and that it's unsafe to hold the National Rally at this time. The rally was rescheduled at the same place in Sevierville for 2021. The Gillette, Wyoming, rally will be rearranged. Since the 2020 National Rally was cancelled, all those that have registered and paid for the rally will get a full refund for the money paid. Stay tuned to the DOAI website for further details. ❖

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Discover the many ways in which your membership pays off. Click here: www.discoveryowners.com and you'll be taken to the DOAI website. There you will find links to:

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Region and Chapter Reports



President
Jim Pinkerton

Blue Ridge Discoverys chapter

I hope this finds everyone safe. Blue Ridge Discoverys like all the rest of the chapters have hunkered down and canceled or postponed club activities waiting to see how things play out moving into summer. Blue Ridge had planned a rally in Sevierville, Tennessee for April, but rescheduled it for the first week in August. This was to be our final prep rally for the National rally in September. As you all know by now the National has been cancelled for 2020. The 2021 national will still be in Sevierville and the 2022 will be in Gillette, Wyoming. As of now we still plan to rally in Sevierville in August. We will still use this as a mini working rally to regroup and start the planning for 2021 as we are still the hosting chapter. Most of the hard work has been done. It's just a matter of contacting our vendors, entertainers and show venues to reschedule for next year.

A few of our Blue Ridge and Ozark coaches along with a couple non Discovery coaches have a Northeast trip planned for the middle of August. We continue to hope to make the trip, but time will tell. Our Blue Ridge Spring Rally for 2021 will tentatively be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in late April or early May. Our Rally Master Tim Ridgley is working on the details. Let's all hope and pray that things keep moving in a positive direction and maybe someday we get back to a sense of normal. Please take care of yourselves and those around you. As we keep hearing, we will get through this together. ❖



Chapter prez
Marshall Godwin

Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and in good health. Like many of your plans, our spring chapter rally was impacted by restrictions imposed to fight the COVID-19 virus. The Lancaster, PA, rally had eighteen coaches registered but with restaurant and entertainment venues closed and limitations on the number of people who could get together, the decision was made to reschedule.

The stay at home orders have at least provided many folks the opportunity to get some RV repairs or upgrades completed. Now, as more states relax restrictions, we can begin to return to enjoying the RV lifestyle.

Our chapter roster has increased significantly since providing the 1st year membership free for new DOAI members who live in the chapter area. A big advantage of chapter membership is the ability to form friendships with other Discovery owners who live in the same general area. I look forward to meeting many of our new members at an upcoming rally.

Details of possible summer and fall rallies will be sent to chapter members and posted on the chapter section of the DOAI website. ❖



Southwest Region VP
Jim Sullivan

Southwest Region and Discovery California chapter

Good news is that from all indications, no one in Discovery California has contacted the dreaded Corona Virus.

The bad news is that Discovery California had to postpone two rallies, one at Borrego Springs and the other at the Black Oak Casino & RV Park. Felix Jones has rescheduled the rally at Black Oak Casino for April 29 through May 2, 2021. We look forward to this rally next April.

More positive news, we will still be having our Temecula Rally November 1- 5, 2020 at the Pechanga RV Resort. We are looking forward to finally seeing our long-lost friends hoping that they are no worse for wear during our quarantine.

The DOAI National Rally in Sevierville which will be hosted by the Blue Ridge Chapter is drawing some interest from our members. I continue to get inquiries about whether or not the rally is taking place. The DOAI Board of Directors voted to postpone the 2020 rally until next year. By the time you read this, the decision will have already been made. Susan and I have decided that we will be heading out to Tennessee no matter what. We have laid out two itineraries depending on our departure point of Morro Bay or the Portland area. It should be an interesting adventure! ❖

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Linda Griffith

Discovery Texans chapter

A big HOWDY from Texas. Since January was our last time to rally together, we have not been able to see our members in person. We had to cancel our March and May rallies due to COVID-19. We have been keeping up with one another through our groups.io website. I asked our membership to send an update on what everyone has been doing to keep busy since we are all on “Lockdown” staying safe and distancing. A lot can happen in so many months.

Bruce and Michelle Smith reported that Michelle lost her mom in February after a long difficult struggle with Alzheimer. Michelle is still working, and Bruce holds down the fort/golf course. They are hoping to attend the National Rally and spend time with friends.

Jim and Brenda Allen reported after a “little” mishap backing the D into their carport, they were still able to go on their planned trip to stay a month at Rincon West RV Resort in Tucson, AZ. After returning home, they had a Mother’s Day celebration with 10 family members and still practiced social distancing.

Michael and Mary Ann Cressler reported that Mary Ann has been making masks with her daughter. They also sewed quilts and cross stitched. The Cressler’s are looking forward to a planned trip to Jamaican Beach in Galveston.

Jack and Pam McKelvy reported that Pam lost her mom who would have been 94 in March. Jack had a heart attack in April but had little damage. He has been placed on medication and is doing good. Please keep them in your prayers.

Michaela and Dawn reported they both have had cataract surgery, and everything went well for both. They welcomed their 6th and 7th grandchildren and a great grandbaby. They are looking forward to travel, hopefully soon.

Loret and Kathaleen Ross have been busy with their garden on the “Ross Honeysuckle Farm.” Kathaleen has been making masks. They are looking forward to getting back together with the Discovery Texans.

Leroy and Gwen Churchill are looking forward to a planned trip to Buena Vista, Colorado, in July. They were also hoping to attend the National Rally in Tennessee. Leroy and Gwen are looking forward to watching their grandchildren play school sports again. Leroy has been doing some home maintenance projects to stay busy.

Don and Linda Griffith have spent much of their time at the “Texas Roadrunner Ranch” in Hallettsville, Texas, since that is where their cattle and their “D” lives. They welcomed two new calves during the spring. Linda’s mom had a fall in March and fractured her hip requiring surgery and a lot of rehab. Mom is 89 this year and doing well. Don has spent time working on cleaning up the front of the “D.” He has been scraping off that bad clearcoat. The Griffith’s are looking forward to the National Rally and getting to see their friends again. They have missed being together for rallies. Their March and May rallies were cancelled but their Rally Master, Don, has rebooked the missed parks so they will still get to go enjoy these great RV parks next year. The next Discovery Texans scheduled rally is 11-14 November at Antique Capital RV park in Gladewater, Texas. Any DOAI member is welcome to join the Discovery Texans rallies if they are going to be in the area. Just let the Discovery Texans know and you will receive an email for guest registration. Rallies for 2021 are:

- January 13-16, 2021 American RV Park @ Corsicana, TX
- March 17-20, 2021 Coffee Creek RV Resort @ Santo, TX
- April 28- May 1, 2021 The Vineyards @ Fredericksburg, TX
- November 2021 To Be Announced



Discovery Texans - March 2019 Wichita Falls, TX



Don Griffith & Leroy Churchill
West Yellowstone September 2014
Just for fun

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Region and chapter reports, continued



Discovery Texans - May 2018 Corsicana, TX



Discovery Texans - November 2019
Gladewater, TX



Registration Shawnee, OK 2017
Left to Right: Gwen Churchill, Linda Griffith, Sandy Keliher, Cindy Welch, Kathy Pellow, Jean Leith



Chapter prez
John Hooper

Midwest Discoverers chapter

It was with great sadness that the Midwest Discoverers Spring Rally at camp Dearborn was canceled because of the virus situation all over the country. The Chapter will have to persuade the Skiffs' (Phil and Ruth) to Host another Rally in the future.

While the Spring Rally had to be canceled, the Fall Rally in September is in full motion. Rick and Carol Parton are busy putting together a wonderful time for everyone. It all begins on Sunday, 13 September, with arrival at Friendship Village Campground near Bedford, PA. The Rally activities start that evening and continue until departure on Friday, September 18th. All DOAI members are welcome to attend. There are a number of sites being held until 15 June for the group. Otherwise, you may not get a site with the group. All the sites for the Midwest Discoverers are full hook up with TV. One night is at no cost, so the price averages \$44.80 per night. When I made my reservation, I spoke with one of the most pleasant persons I have ever had the fortune to talk with. I hope each attendee gets the same reservation person. The reservations phone number is 814-623-1677.

The Midwest Discoverers have had several new members join the Chapter and each one brings strength and leadership to the group. The future of the Midwest Chapter looks strong. Elections take place at the Fall Rally for the Midwest Chapter. A new President and Vice President will be elected during this Rally. The term of Office is for two (2) years with the opportunity to be re-elected for one more term. Since there are so many members that would make great Chapter Officers, the nominating committee will have a difficult job selecting the nominees.

The Fall Rally will be a wonderful time for the Chapter, catching up with "old" friends and making new ones, visiting exciting and interesting places and seeing another part of this beautiful country. And just think, you are invited to be part of it. Make your site reservations with the campground, check the DOAI web site for the Registration Sheet and come be part of a wonderful group of people having a great time. ❖



Chapter prez
Bob Stewart

Noreaster Discoverys chapter

This year started out like any other - off to Florida in January, three weeks visiting friends, then on to the southeast rally in Seffner. Then as they say, the bottom started to fall out. We were all looking forward to a great year camping, traveling, and visiting with our DOAI friends at rallies all over this land. At this point came COVID-19 and that changed all our plans. We've had to cancel our fall rally in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because of a number of factors, the virus only being one of them. Perhaps in several months things will turn around where we are able to have some sort of get together in the fall. We hope so! My wish is for everyone to stay healthy, and plan on enjoying their Discoverys this summer as activities begin to open up across the nation. Be safe out there! We'll be in touch. ❖

Florida Discovery Sunshiners chapter

The Florida Discovery Sunshiners have really been hunkered down as we canceled two of the rallies that we had planned. We certainly miss the interaction between everyone in our group, and we have been relying on Facebook to keep up with each other's individual activities. We look forward to planning our 2021 rallies. Kindest regards, and stay safe. ❖



Chapter prez
Bruce Bruce

Region and chapter reports, continued



Chapter prez
Glenn Magnuson

Northwest Adventurers chapter

Greetings DOAI members. I hope that all of our members, family and friends have remained safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic. It has certainly changed the way we live. Terri and I have done some traveling this year. We left the southeast rally in Seffner, Florida, and traveled with Al and Donna Etue to visit friends in south Louisiana. From there we made our way across the south to Yuma, Arizona to finish up the winter. While stopped at a rest area in our D's to potty dogs and eat lunch, we had another D pull in next to us. As per my normal I got out and introduced myself, and asked if they had ever heard of DOAI. To my surprise it was Dave and Brenda Neumeier, members of our own chapter from Canada that we had not yet met. Proves once again what a small world we live in.

We were able to be in Yuma for 2 weeks before everything started shutting down. We had several enjoyable visits with The Etue's, Culbertson's, Soltwedel's and the Plumb's during our stay.

Terri and I left Yuma, heading home on April 21st. We had no trouble getting reservations for the venture home. We are pretty much sheltering in place with the occasional trip to the store.

We plan on taking a short trip with the D, to Prosser, Washington to celebrate our wedding anniversary on June the 12th.

We are looking forward to the time we can travel and see our DOAI family again. ❖



Chapter prez
Randy Conklen

Ozarks Discovery chapter

It goes without saying that we have seen many changes over the last few months, and not sure what the new normal will bring. Hope that everyone stayed healthy and traveled safe during the winter season.

The Ozarks Discovery chapter had planned a rally in the St. Louis, MO, area the last weekend in May, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt it was in everyone's best interest to cancel it. We anticipate holding our Fall 2020 rally in Hutchinson, Kansas, 22-25 October. Please see details below.

Like everyone else, we find ourselves in a wait and see position, hoping parks and sightseeing opportunities are open and available during the summer. We are looking forward to getting out of quarantine, and seeing friends and loved ones again! ❖

2020 Ozarks Discovery Chapter Fall Rally October 22 - 25, 2020 Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, Kansas

Hutchinson History:

Hutchinson lies on the Arkansas River in South Central Kansas. It was founded by CC Hutchinson, an Indian agent in 1871 upon arrival of the Santa Fe Railway. Salt beds discovered here in 1887 became the basis of the major industry. Each year Hutchinson hosts the National Junior College Athletic Assoc. (NJCAA) Basketball Tournament.

Area Attractions:

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. It is dedicated to enhancing patrons' knowledge of space exploration. A collection of U.S. Space artifacts second only to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum including the display of a flown SR-71 Blackbird. <https://cosmo.org/>

Strataca (formerly known as Kansas Underground Salt Museum). This is a working salt mine 650 ft below the surface with ties to Hollywood and NASA. Admission is \$17 for seniors. <https://www.underkansan.org/>

Yoder, Kansas, an Amish settlement and community <https://www.yoderkansan.com/>

Our Rally:

We will arrive on Thursday, October 22 and depart Sunday, October 25. The cost for RV Parking at the Kansas State Fairground is \$30 per night or \$175 per week with full hook ups. When time draws near, we will get a count and make reservations. The food and meal plans will be announced at a later date. Rumor has it that our Hosts, Terry and Connie Constant, are experts at smoking meat! They are some of our newest Chapter members and are long time residents of Hutchinson (us locals call it "Hutch"). Bruce and Nancy Plumb have lots of history in the area also. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Hutchinson!



Nina Soltwedel

Happy Birthday, America!

July 4 is commonly celebrated as the day America was born; in reality, it's the day on which America declared itself to be independent. This year we celebrate 244 years as a republic. In that vein, here is a bit of trivia. Stump your friends at July 4th gatherings with these bits of history:

**There have been two sets of father/son U.S. presidents: John Adams #2 and son, John Quincy Adams #6; and George Herbert Walker Bush #41 and son, George W. Bush #43.

**In addition, a surprising number of U.S. presidents have been related to each other: Benjamin Harrison #23 was the grandson of William Henry Harrison #9; James Madison #4 and Zachary Taylor #12 were second cousins; and Franklin Delano Roosevelt #32 was a fifth cousin of Theodore Roosevelt #26.

**Speaking of FDR, genealogists have determined that he was distantly related to a total of 11 U.S. presidents, five by blood and six by marriage: John Adams #2, John Quincy Adams #6, Ulysses Grant #18, William Henry Harrison #9, Benjamin Harrison #23, James Madison #4, Theodore Roosevelt #26, William Taft #27, Zachary Taylor #12, Martin Van Buren #8, and George Washington #1.

**The only American president to have been born on July 4 is Calvin Coolidge #30 in 1872. Three of the first five U.S. presidents died on July 4: John Adams #2 and Thomas Jefferson #3 died in 1826; James Monroe #5 died in 1831. ❖



Robert Orr

Website Committee

There has not been much activity this quarter regarding the website or web related services for DOAI members. The new website has been up and running for a while now and it appears to be running smooth with no major concerns. If you notice anything that doesn't look quite right with the website, or something needs changing, please email me –

<mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com> or <mailto:robertjorr@discoveryowners.com>.

The Classifieds page is being utilized quite a bit now. To view the current ads, please visit: <https://www.discoveryowners.com/>. Log into DOAI as a member and select Classifieds. If you'd like to sell something on the classifieds page, please follow the directions located at the bottom of the page.

We have one new Hints & Tips submission this quarter: Removing your Microwave Oven - Submitted by Gale & Linda Culbertson at <https://www.discoveryowners.com/>. You must log into DOAI as a member and select Hints & Tips.

I would like to remind the membership to submit anything to be posted to the Hints & Tips page about their Discovery, that others would benefit from. It doesn't matter how large or small of a project or hint it is, I will add it.

Also, I prompt the membership to send an email to <mailto:webmaster@discoveryowners.com> if they would like to sign up for the DOAI Lifestyle eGroup page. Activity is picking up since its creation last fall. ❖

Calendar of Important Dates - 2020

AUGUST 2020

1 – President and BOD appoint two DOAI members to serve as Auditors of DOAI books during 2020 National Rally

1 – President and Treasurer develop 2021 DOAI budget for approval by BOD

SEPTEMBER 2020

1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for October issue to Editor

28– 2020 National Rally Sevierville, TN. Until October 4th - CANCELLED

TBA – President and Treasurer present 2021 DOAI budget for approval at National Rally general membership meeting

20-26 2021 National Rally, Sevierville, TN

OCTOBER 2020

1 – October *Discovery Express* published

6 – DOAI insurance policy and surety bond expires

DECEMBER 2020

1 – Rally Master of 2020 National Rally submits final financial report to National Rally Master, who submits it to Treasurer, who submits it to BOD

- CANCELLED

1 – **Deadline** for officer and chapter reports for January issue to Editor

- CANCELLED

1 – **Deadline** for approved DOAI 2021 budget to Editor

- CANCELLED

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