



# “D” News

The e-newsletter of Northwest Adventurers Chapter  
Northwest region, Discovery Owners Association Inc.  
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## Greeting Northwest Adventures

I hope this finds all of our members and their families well. We are hopeful that everyone has had a great summer.

The Magnuson coach traveled home shortly after the National Rally in Gillette. We traveled south a little ways, to stop in Cheyenne and Colorado Springs to spend a little more time with a DT couple/friends. It was continued fun. Our original winter plans have been put on hold. Whatever we end up doing for the winter will depend on Terri's Mother, who has stage 4 lung cancer. Keeping her and our family in your prayers will be appreciated.

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First, I want to remind everyone some of the ideas that were put into our first newsletter back in 2019. Nina Soltwedel will surely be missed as our Newsletter Editor as she had some great ideas for this chapter to get acquainted and involved as best we can being scattered across such a big territory.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER from that first newsletter**

You are all invited to submit ideas/articles/funny stories for future issues. Or just a snippet of what you've been up to. Let's get involved/acquainted. Here are a few suggestions/ideas

- \* A top-notch RV park or overnight place you've used
- \* Something you always carry in your coach that others may not have considered
- \* A good highway you've taken to get to a special place
- \* Funny signposts you've encountered on your journeys OR... Camps difficult to get into, or with tight parking spaces
- \* If you've been ill or hospitalized, or know a member in that situation.

You get the idea. This is YOUR newsletter.

Let us hear from you. We also invite your photos. It's fun to see where our chapter members have been, including the scenic surroundings (even the not-so-scenic!), and information about all the activities in which you have participated

Please send anything you want to include in a newsletter to Terri Magnuson. [terbearncubs@msn.com](mailto:terbearncubs@msn.com)  
Include pictures if you so desire.

Glenn Magnuson, President

## 2022 DOAI NATIONAL RALLY REPORT

A fun time was had in Gillette, Wyoming at the Camp-plex pavilion Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 DOAI chapters represented. There were interesting seminars on a variety of topics, a golf tournament, a craft event, a ladies tea, the annual book club, as well as tours to the Open pit mine and the Bison Tour, that were enjoyed by most attendees. Three of the evenings featured catered dinners. There was live music and dancing on 4 of the nights. One of the nights we tried our feet at square dancing. All good fun but I must say, square dancing is harder than it looks on T.V. LOL There was also, either a full breakfast or continental breakfast on 4 mornings.

Check out all the photos taken by our Rally Photographer, Al Etue. Go to [www.nwadoai.com](http://www.nwadoai.com)  
The pictures turned out great.

Next let's thank the members who volunteered their time and effort to make the rally the success it was.

Glenn & Terri Magnuson, Dave Hinds, Gale & Linda Culbertson, Ron and Joyce Tanner, Greg and Julie Chaffee, Al Etue and Felix & Suzie Jones. We had several members from other chapters volunteer if needed. We also had members from other chapters sign up to help serve food and clean up as needed as well. The rally would not have been the success it was without these volunteers. Thank you

We are very proud to announce that we raised over 3000.00 for Blessings in a Backpack. As well as filled 2 tables full of food and shelter items for the Council of Community Services of Gillette. These donations rivaled other rallies with a larger attendance. The generosity of this club never fails to warm my heart.

Glenn and I both heard from so many members how much fun they had and that we all did a great job. So once again, thank you to all who helped make this rally the success it was.

### NW Attendees



Back Row: Greg Chaffee, Felix Jones Son, Felix Jones, Al Etue,  
Gale Culbertson, Glenn Magnuson, Terri Magnuson, David Hinds.  
Front Row: Julie Chaffee, Suzie Jones, Donna Etue, Linda Culbertson,  
Joyce Tanner, Ron Tanner.

### A few pics to enjoy of the raffled items

KING SIZE QUILT AND MATCHING PILLOW SHAMS



LAP QUILT WITH MATCHING THROW PILLOWS



AND THE WINNERS ARE!!!!



## **Let's get Acquainted!**

As some of you may remember, Nina had the great idea of members getting acquainted via the newsletter by sending a short bio to include in the newsletter for all members to enjoy. For this issue we will start with our newest members. Moving forward I will be reaching out to a few of you that have not yet participated until we have heard from all members. Let's welcome Paul and Nancy McMurray and Brian and Linda Lloyd, Rick and Diana Blaher, Felix and Suzi Jones.

### **Paul and Nancy McMurray: Strasburg Colorado.**

Paul is a retired truck driver of 40 years and a Navy Veteran. Nancy is a retired Software Human Resources/Payroll Consultant. We started RVing in 2000, we bought a new class c motor home. The kids loved it, then after they became teenagers they lost interest. After we retired we decided we wanted a bigger motor home to tow a car. Last year we bought the Discovery and we love it.

We have gone to various rallies for DOAI and have met so many great people. We have also attended some rallies for local RV clubs. Our coach has provided us with the great flexibility to visit our family as well as visit new and different places throughout the US and we have many more on our travel list. We've joined multiple discovery chapters and look forward to attending many more rally's and meeting more great people.

### **Brian and Linda Lloyd: Vernon BC, Canada**

Linda and I are now retired - I owned a construction company and Linda was a home maker for our 5 kids....all adults now, we have 9 grandchildren.

Many years ago we had a Southwind. During that time we took the kids out of the classroom for over a year...and gave them the educational experience of a lifetime while traveling throughout North America! Recently we bought a 2002 37T Cat 330.

We've used it for the last year and a half to visit grandchildren and family throughout BC.

In the future we look forward to spending time in the northwest and canyon country...

A few of our favorite places!

Maybe even spend a few winters in warmer climates.

### **Rick and Diana Blaher**

Rick and Diana have been RVing for most of our 45 years together. We bought our first motorhome in 2007 and our first Discovery in 2014. We full-timed for about 2 1/2 years and gave up the lifestyle to resolve a medical condition, now resolved. We are currently more than 1/2 time in the RV. We are members of three DOAI chapters. We live seasonally in CO, where two of our three boys and their families, including six grandchildren, live. We also have a son and his wife in AL.

Rick is a retired AF officer and Lockheed Martin (2nd retirement) electrical engineer. He likes biking, boating, fishing (sadly, not catching), reading, jigsaw puzzles, and especially pickle ball. Diana has expertly managed our home for the duration of our marriage. She is a voracious reader, completing an electronic book about every four days on average. Thank goodness for libraries! She also likes jigsaw puzzles. We carry and work puzzles up to 1000 pieces in the coach. She loves walking, but that's currently on hold as she recovers from a troublesome toe surgery - thankfully, currently on the mend.

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## Felix and Suzi Jones

Both Suzi and I grew up in Southern California, her in the San Diego area and me in Anaheim and Norco. Later, much later, we both migrated to Northern California. We have been married 30 years come July.

We bought our first Discovery in 2010, a 1999 36T. We had looked at RV's off and on over the years, fifth wheels, trailers and motorhomes and this particular Discovery came to our attention thru a friend at a price that we just couldn't pass up. Drove it for 4 years, decided that we would continue to travel after I retired and in 2014 bought our current Discovery, a 2008 40X.

We are both retired, Suzi from the State of California as a Peace Officer (corrections) and I am just an old retired truck driver. Since retirement we have traveled 9-15 thousand miles a year. As far south as Key West and North up into Canada. And now that Canada has lifted their "Pandemic" restrictions, planning an Alaska trip, hopefully in 2023; anyone want to go?

After I retired in 2016 we decided we wanted to move out of California, it wasn't the California that we both grew up in anymore, so we started our search and ended up in Northern Idaho. The main reason in picking Northern Idaho was a daughter that was here, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grand children living here in Northern Idaho. So we now call Post Falls, Idaho home.

Sometime this winter we hope to head to Arizona as we both have family there, Maricopa and Sierra Vista. Have been looking and running numbers for possibly buying a RV lot somewhere in Arizona.

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## "CHECK" OUT UPCOMING EVENTS"

### VOTING for Officers

It's that time again. The positions open are listed below. If you are interested in holding a position, or would like to nominate another member please do so. If you are nominating another member please make sure that member is interested in holding the position for 2 years if they are elected.

Please email your interest or your nominee to Glenn Magnuson at [dungeness12@gmail.com](mailto:dungeness12@gmail.com) by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Elections must be complete by the end of 2022 to take effect Jan 1/ 2023. A reminder email will be sent out as November 30<sup>th</sup> draws closer.

Once nominees are in, there will be emails sent out for members to vote. Please keep your eyes open for that so your vote can be counted. We would like to see all members vote.

Chapter President

Chapter Vice President

Chapter Treasurer

Chapter Secretary

## Spring Rally

\*\*Plans are in the talking stage for a chapter rally next Spring. (2023) If you have a favorite camping spot that can accommodate five to ten Discovery's, with full hook-ups, (a rally hall is always nice as well) let any of the chapter officers know. **If we can get a tentative head count from those that would be interested in attending, we can better find a location that will be suitable. Distance to travel for those interested will be a main factor.** Also with those interested, Volunteers to help in the planning would be appreciated as well. Please email Terri Magnuson at [terbearncubs@msn.com](mailto:terbearncubs@msn.com) with your interest in gathering.

**\*\*The 2023 DOAI national rally** will be in Greenville, Ohio, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, at Drake County Fairgrounds. More information will be published in DOAI's Discovery Express. Keep your eyes open for that information. Start planning. Glenn and Terri plan on attending, along with some east coast sightseeing. Who knows when we will get this close again? Maine has always been on Terri's bucket list.

## **NWA Business:**

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### **"Minutes from last meeting"**

Date: September 7, 2022

Chapter meeting held at the national rally in Gillette, WY. September 5th through September 10th.

#### **In attendance:**

President: Glenn Magnuson,

Treasurer: Terri Magnuson,

Vice president and Webmaster: David Hinds

Secretary: Joyce Tanner,

Members: Ron Tanner, Gale Culbertson, Linda Culbertson, Al Etue, Donna Etue,

Felix Jones, Suzi Jones.

#### **Discussion Notes:**

1. Glenn welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending both the national rally and the NWA meeting.
2. Glenn and Terri reported that the national Rally Master Fred Jecks stated that the 2023 national rally will be held in  
Greenfield, OH September 18<sup>th</sup> thru September 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Drake County Fairgrounds.
3. Al Etue has been taking everyone photos, plus chapter photos and placing them on the web site. you can see the photos at [NWADOAI.com](http://NWADOAI.com)
4. Discussed having a spring rally in 2023, no time or place has been decided at this time.
5. The minutes respectively submitted

Joyce Tanner NWA Secretary

#### **Treasury Report:**

Currently in Northwest Adventurers treasury is \$3177.45.

The only out going expenses so far in 2022 was \$54.64 to Lasting Impressions for the creation of our new logo for our Shirts. Which turned out great.

