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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: http://monacointernationalrvclub.com

Note From the Prez



The summer has started off with a bang for the Jenkins family. In May, we welcomed a new grandson, Dylan. This makes three grandsons so far, and our younger son and

his wife will be welcoming a boy in September - being a grandparent is God's reward for being a parent! After Dylan's birth, we left home June 1st and have been traveling with a companion – our 9 year old grandson, Trey. For those of you who have forgotten, they have a lot of energy and take up a lot of time!! We've had fun showing him the sights of this great country. While everyone studies the founding fathers, seeing the actual historical sites reminds all of us why we should appreciate the great sacrifices that were made so we can be free. Trey especially liked Monticello, Jefferson's home, but he thought that Washington, DC was a lot of walking - I agree! Seeing these sites again through the eyes of a child was a gratifying experience. If you haven't visited the East Coast and seen these great sites, I highly recommend it (though maybe not in the summer!).

We are working our way toward Wisconsin, and the planning for the Manitowoc rally is proceeding well. Dick and Judy Strzyzewski are doing an outstanding job, and I'm sure those who attend will have a great time. There's

still room, and we're expecting more applications to arrive in the next few weeks. Hopefully, having the rally in the North will afford all of us who have suffered from the heat in the South a chance to enjoy some cooler weather.

In my last article, I mentioned the Michelin National Account program. I can personally attest to the benefits of belonging to Monaco International. The first day on the road we lost a tire when we were in Houston. The program worked just as it was advertised, and I saved a good bit of money. From the response I have seen, the Michelin National Account program is off and running and many of you have taken advantage of the discounts available - from Canada to Florida and New York to Southern California. I encourage each of you to familiarize yourself with the program before you need it. The Monaco International website is the best source for the information you need for purchasing your tires. Having the knowledge in hand when you go into a Michelin National Account dealer makes purchasing tires much easier because you will be able to answer any questions the dealer may have.

If you have not made your plans for October, you should consider the Balloon Festival. Kay and David Piper, the rally masters, look forward to seeing you at the balloon field this fall

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<u>Membership Is Growing</u>



Great news--our membership in Monaco International RV Club is growing! On February 2, 2011, the number of members was at 1,722, and on June 2, 2011, the number has grown to 2,047 and increasing. This tremendous growth can be attributed to a variety of factors. Of course, one of the most important reasons we are growing is a result of our members. When you encourage other Monaco owners to join, we benefit by meeting new people, and in turn, our membership base is broadened.

Another important factor is that Monaco RV is now paying for the first year membership for all new coach owners of all Monaco RV manufactured coaches. It is wonderful having this happening again, and we know the new owners will greatly appreciate it. Furthermore, Alliance Coach has started a new program with us; they are paying for the first year's membership of all gently used Monaco manufactured coaches that they are selling to new owners. This is exciting since resold Monaco owners are frequently lost to us and do not have the support of the other owners.

We are also increasing because of the partnership with Michelin and their Fleet Sale program. The financial benefit of belonging to Monaco International is certainly worthwhile!

Our new and improved website should be up and running soon and will make joining and renewing memberships much easier and faster. It will also enable you to make changes yourself in correcting your email and snail mail addresses and phone numbers. Final testing is under way now.

It has been fun to chat via phone and e-mail with our prospective members as well as the older members who are rejoining.

JeanAnn Miller

VP of Membership

Are You Ready?

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for these upcoming rallies

"Discover Wisconsin" Rally



Aug. 2-6th Manitowoc, Wisconsin Pages 3 & 8

2011 Balloon Fiesta Rally

Oct. 5-9th Albuquerque New Mexico Page 9



See you there!

Monaco International Website

Our Web site Committee with the help of our Treasurer, Linda Schreiber, VP of Membership, Jean Ann Miller, past VP of Membership, Kaye Martin, and our keeper of the official membership database, Brenda Reagh has been extremely busy the past several months.

Our very dedicated volunteer Web master, Kim Pollack, presented a plan to update the MI Web site and take advantage of all the new inexpensive technology that is available to enhance our Web site. Jerry Jenkins, the current MI President, is a true "geek" and is working hand in hand with Kim to bring our Web site into a very viable asset for our members as well as those seeking information about the club and lifestyle we enjoy.

Within the next couple of months, we hope to be up and running with all the new options such as registering and renewing your membership on line, the ability to register and pay for the upcoming rallies, as well as various other items.

Watch your e-mail for the "Big Announcement" when we are ready to launch. If you do not use the Internet, we will send a snail mail card in case you eventually want to "go on line." You may log onto our Web site during the work in progress period and there will be no interruption of your Web site access when we make the final switch. Our URL address will remain the same: www.monacointernationalrvclub.com

The members have asked for some of the changes and we listened. The Executive Board has been totally supportive and we all feel we will have one of the best club Web sites in the RV sector.

 ${\it Nancy\ Wolfe}$ and the ${\it Web\ Site\ Committee}$

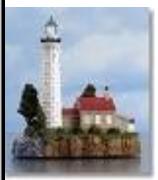
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MONACO INTERNATIONAL PRE RALLY

Manitowoc County Expo & Ice Center Manitowoc, WI August 2 thru 6, 2011

News from Wisconsin

Rally time is fast approaching, and preparation is at fever pitch. Menus are being tweaked, grounds are being groomed, and decorations are being readied.



We have many vendors signed up, and some are first timers to a Monaco International rally. Seminars and crafts are being planned to keep you busy and educated.

The Marq will be preparing all of our food. They come to us from De Pere, WI. They have the reputation as a premier banquet caterer for many weddings, social, and sporting events including the sky boxes at Lambeau Field.

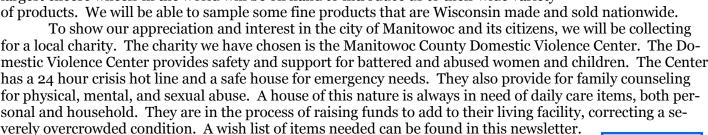
The rally will be kicked off with a social gathering consisting of a tailgate party with great food. Music will be supplied by Jerry Unger and the Dante's Bop, a local talent specializing in country, R & B, a little rock, and some music written by Jerry Unger himself. And, of course, the unveiling of new Monaco coaches for this year will be a highlight. I am told we will also be seeing a prototype of the new Dynasty which members have been waiting for.

On Wednesday, for the first night of entertainment, we were fortunate to be able to retain the ever popular and much sought after Revoli Revue, featuring fun songs and stories about RV life on the road from Ron and Kay Revoli. We will also be treated to a Ron and Kay gospel performance on Thursday morning. Ron and Kay's renditions of some old and new gospel songs will truly inspire us all.

Thursday evening brings us the longstanding Milwaukee based Doo Wop Daddies for our dancing pleasure. The Doo Wop Daddies have been performing at festivals, private parties, and corporate events in Milwaukee and the surrounding area towns for many years. Their warm and harmonious vocals will bring back memories of days gone by.

Friday evening, we will round out our entertainment with the New Odyssey, an energetic Chicago show band that is in high demand throughout the United States. We have been entertained by these three men before and vowed that if we were ever in the need for entertainment, this would be our first call. We are sure they will provide you with great memories to last long after the rally is over. Also, the ever popular ice cream social will be a part of our rally.

Something new being added to our rally is a wine and cheese sampling event. With the cooperation of the Von Stiehl winery of Algoma, WI, we will experience the award-winning wines of the oldest licensed winery in Wisconsin. Pairing with the wine will be Henning's Cheese of Kiel, WI. This maker of award winning cheeses and the largest cheese wheels in the world will be on hand to introduce us to their wide variety of products. We will be able to sample some fine products that are Wisconsin made and



With all these things to do and the meeting of old and making of new friends, we are sure a great time will be in store for all. So if you haven't registered yet, please do so soon. We think you will find Manitowoc/Two Rivers an exciting, interesting, and beautiful place to visit.

Application
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A Message from Monaco RV

Dear Monaco International Club Members,

I write this from our Dealer Congress event in Dallas, Texas, where we are showing off our new 2012 motorhomes to our dealers, and let me tell you, they look great!

I want to give you a brief update of what's going on at Monaco RV. You may have heard that Kay Toolson is retiring at the end of June. After the dealer meeting ends, he has a rough schedule lined up — mostly involving golf and fishing! I've been able to spend a lot of time with our new leader, Bill Osborne, over the last few weeks as we've visited many of our dealers. Bill has a great résumé, with a background of nearly 30 years in the automotive industry with both Ford and General Motors. With Monaco RV, Bill is very focused on providing the best quality, service, and product innovation ever seen in the RV industry.

Here in Dallas, we are debuting the new 2012 Knight and Diplomat, completely redesigned and beautiful. Dealers are thrilled and you should start to see them soon available for sale. We are working to bring these products to the Wisconsin rally, where we will also debut the 2012 Dynasty with a 45' floor plan.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Wisconsin and finding out what you think about the new products. We think you will be pleased to see the quality and the direction we are heading with the next generation of RVs.

Best regards,

Mike Snell

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Wish list
for Domestic Violence
Center

Personal care items:

Baby bottles, sippy cups & bottle brushes.

Diapers & Pull-ups (sizes 4,5,& 6)

Wipes

Combs & brushes
Deodorant, razors

Clothing:

New adult & children's socks, underwear & t-shirts of all sizes

Household items:

Paper towels & toilet paper, facial tissue.

Cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes

Laundry detergent & dryer sheets

Kitchen towels & dish cloths Bath towels & wash cloths Pillows & full size sheets Laundry baskets

Twin & full size vinyl mattress covers

Note from the Prez

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This year is special - 40 years of flying. If you have never been, you are in for a real treat. There is nothing like watching the balloons ascend, and if you are lucky, you can help to launch a balloon! Of course, there are additional events to ensure that you have a wonderful time. An application is enclosed in this newsletter.

Plans are in the works for the summer of 2012 rally. As you are considering your travel plans, look at Indiana. FMCA will be having their International Convention August 27th - August 30th, so the week before we will be hosting the Monaco International pre-rally. With Jack and Terri Brewster as rally masters, the event promises to be a winner. Check our website for details

Until we meet in person, safe travels.

Jerry Jenkins, President

Notice of Proposed Changes to By-Laws

Our current by-laws require Monaco International to have two general business meetings per year. Historically, our pre-rallies are held the week preceding the International FMCA Conventions. Because FMCA has elected to have only one convention in 2012, the by-laws for Monaco International need to be amended.

1st Proposed Change:

Article VI – CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION, PARAGRAPH 4, - CHAPTER MEETINGS B) BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Currently States:

The Chapter must hold at least 2 business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least 14 days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership

Change to read:

The Chapter must hold at least 1 business meeting each membership year at which a quorum is present.

Rationale: FMCA no longer requires a chapter to have 2 business meetings each membership year.

2nd Proposed Change

Article VI – Chapter Administration, paragraph 5 – Maintaining Affiliation

Currently States:

The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that 2 business meetings were held.

Change to read:

The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that at least 1 business meeting was held.

Rationale: With FMCA only requiring a chapter to have 1 business meeting each membership year, the chapter secretary only needs to certify that at least 1 business meeting was held.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the 2012 election consists of Jack Brewster, Chairman, Kaye Martin, and David Piper. They need your help in identifying candidates to fill the open positions on the ballot. Please contact one of them if you are interested or know someone who is willing to volunteer their time to help manage the affairs of your chapter.

The following positions will be up for election at our 2012 Pre Rally:

President Region 1 – one director 1^{st} VP Region 2 – two directors 2^{nd} VP Region 3 – one director Secretary Region 5 – one director

Treasurer

National Director Alt. National Director

All positions on the board are up for re-election and anyone may submit their name for consideration to any position, regardless if there is someone in the position that is not term limited.

National Directors Report

National Directors Article June, 2011 Edition

It is not too late! If you have not registered for the 86th FMCA Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase (formerly known as the Summer Convention) be sure to go online at: FMCA.com and do so. If you do not have access to the Internet you will find a copy of the application in the June, 2011 issue of the FMC Magazine. The Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, August 10-13. Monaco International Rally attendees in Manitowoc have the opportunity to caravan into Madison and park together. If you would like to be a part of the caravan, remember to sign up prior to the rally. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for the MI caravan during the rally at the MI Information Center.

Mark your calendar now! The dates for the FMCA 87th Family Reunion and MH Showcase are; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2012, with family parking days Saturday & Sunday, August 25 and 26. The Family Reunion will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Election of new officers for the FMCA Executive Board will be held during the Governing Board meeting at the 86th Convention; candidates are as follows, with nominations taken from the floor:

National President Judith (Judy) Czarsty, F79148

Charles M. (Charlie) Schrenkel, L140050 (by petition)

National Senior Vice President Ross Boyer, F268985

Allen Rein, F214273

National Secretary Wilma Jean Alexander, F163804

Vicky Ferrari, F369332

National Treasurer Dan Couch, F290790

Wil Young, F207019

Resumes for the candidates listed above have been published in the June, 2011 FMC magazine. I appreciate your comments and direction on my vote as your National Director. I will be available to discuss your concerns and recommendations most any time during the Monaco International Rally. During the MI Rally, there will be a National Director's seminar on Friday, August 5, at 2 PM, check your program for the location. You are welcome to attend this seminar and perhaps gain some insight as to the issues that will be presented to the Governing Board during the upcoming meeting in Madison. Again, I appreciate your input.

Reminder: FMCAssist—This new program was effective beginning January 1, 2011 and replaces MedEx. For more information about FMCAssist, contact the FMCA Member Services Department (800) 543-3622, (513) 474-3622 or Email: membership@fmca.com. FMCAssist insurance is On Call; the emergency number is: 877-202-4176.

Reminder: Continue to recruit new members for FMCA and Monaco International. If you see a Monaco product out there that does not have an FMCA plaque, tell them about FMCA and Monaco International. Our members are our best advertisement. It's a win-win!

INTO: If you are a National Director for an International Club, be sure you attend the business meeting in Madison. Date, time, and location will be found in your program once you arrive at the FMCA 86th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase.

Nancy Wolfe, MI National Director



AMERICA'S

MUSIC SHOW CAPITOL RALLY



Branson Mo. May 1-8, 2011

By Wilma Jean Alexander, Past President, MI



AMERICA'S SHOW CAPITAL RALLY was held in Branson, Missouri May 1-8 at America's Best Campground. This rally represented the "beginning of the end" -- the beginning of the eighth rally hosted by Les and Wilma Jean and the end of the long running saga of rallies in Branson for the Monaco International Chapter hosted by Les and Wilma Jean Alexander. This rally was unique in that the Branson Lakeside RV Park, where we were originally scheduled to hold the rally, was flooded the week prior to and during the time of the rally. As a result, there were many last minute changes that had to be arranged.

But, as always, God has mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Space was available for us; we had indoor facilities for our activities; and the inconvenience was minor for those in attendance. The weather cooperated during the eight days of the rally, resulting in a great time for all in attendance.

One hundred forty-seven (147) participated in the activities which included a tour of the Ozarks, lunch at Lambert's, the home of the thrown rolls, and a visit to the home of Bass Pro Shop and Grizzly Tools in Springfield on Monday followed by the Pierce Arrow Show. Tuesday took us to the Clay Cooper Theater for breakfast and show followed by a cruise, show, and dinner on the Show Boat Branson Belle.

Wednesday included the afternoon performance of Cassandre, the Voice of an Angel and a performance followed by dinner at Mel's Diner where the wait staff also entertained. Then, we traveled back to the Americana Theater for the performance of Joseph Hall, a Tribute to Elvis Presley.

Thursday included the Hughes Brothers Theater for the Hughes Family performance. Not only do the brothers have excellent voices, as well as smooth artistic steps, but also their wives and children are very talented. It is certainly amazing to see such talent among so many individuals in the same family! Dinner was held at the Grand Country Buffet before proceeding to the Presley Theater for the performance of the Presley's Grand Country Jubilee.

Friday began with breakfast at the Grand Country Buffet followed by the breakfast show, Down Home Country, in the Grand Country Theater. Time for rest, relaxation, and/or shopping was available in the afternoon. Most afternoons, we had a social hour with open bar and snacks preceding our dinner hour. Friday evening took us back to the Hughes Brothers Theater for dinner and the performance of SIX. Six brothers perform using their vocal abilities to create a complete band as well as singing and dancing. What an enthusiastic performance!

Saturday morning we had breakfast at McFarland's Restaurant where six of our attendees were surprised when their table reached the height of their chins. What a look of surprise on their faces. It is always neat when we encounter the unexpected. The morning show was Red, White, and Blue located at the Americana Theater. Time for individual activities was followed by a social hour before leaving for dinner and the Shoji Tabuchi Show.

Sunday morning we were treated to freshly baked sweet rolls as well as fresh bagels from Panera Bread. If you've never sampled their food items, you must do so. In some parts of the country, the company is known as St. Louis Bread Co. Following our time of food and fellowship, the coaches started rolling to their next location.

We wish to thank all of those who participated in this last Branson rally we hosted. If anyone is interested in "picking up where we left off, "we'll be glad to talk with you in detail regarding the planning and organization that goes into a successful endeavor such as the Branson rally.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service to this great chapter of FMCA, Monaco International. Thanks also to those who assisted us over the years: most recently, John and Rita Ham; Willard and Anne LeBoef, both are now deceased; and Tom and Geneva Cosgrove who are no longer physically able to travel.

SCOVER S MONACO INTERNATIONAL PRE RALLY Manitowoc County Expo & Ice Center Manitowoc, WI August 2 thru 6, 2011 First Attendee RALLY MASTERS: DICK & JUDY STRZYZEWSKI rstrzy6827@aol.com (262) 442-2874 (262) 442-3773

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Early parking available on August 1st: Per night (dry)\$15 With electric \$35

5 Nights Parking (Aug. 2-6)

All EARLY parking fees will be collected at the gate. Cash or Check Only. (Checks preferred)

PRESIDENT: Jerry Jenkins ARSTLADY: Marilyn Jenkins This rally is sponsored by the Morado International Chapter of FMCA and is open to all motorized recreational vehicles.

RALLY PRICE INCLUDES:

 Welcome Social. 4 Breakfasts/Dinners

· Social Hours

Suppliers

◆ Pet Paradie

Crafts

+ Entertainment Seminars Vendors.

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MAIL TO:

Bob & Jane White 3590 Round Bottom Road #222114 Cincinnati, OH 45244

Monaco International Pre-Rally

Email: monacc2011 rallys@aol.com

(909) 967-8106 Bob (909) 560-3816 Jane



Electric (30 amp) - 5 Nights of Rally (add)

Check to Reserve — Pay electric now or at gale.

Extra Person in Coach (age 12 and above).

Extra Person (under 12)

□ Ladies Luncheon (per person)

☐ Golf (per player) / Handicap:

Name of golf player(s):_

Confirmation Packet: Mail Hold

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

July 14, 2011

TOTAL REMITTANCE

Confirmation Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after July 14, 2011.

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Cancellation request must be received by July 14, 2011 for refund.



MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2011 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

HOSTED BY --- DAVID & KAY PIPER
STEVE AND LAURIE WYMAN
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

This will be the 40th Anniversary of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the most photographed event in the world.

Over 700 balloons come from around the world to participate in the greatest spectacle of its kind. You won't believe your eyes as 100 or more special shaped balloons take off to create a menagerie in the sky. See Mass Ascensions, Night Glows, Special Shapes Glows, Races, Key Grab Competition, Fireworks, and more. Nearby for your entertainment – Golf, Casinos, Shopping, Fine Restaurants, etc.

We are limited to 40 sites

A wait list will be established. Due to the high demand for sites, there will be NO REFUNDS unless your cancellation request is mailed and postmarked by July 1 or your space can be filled from the wait list. If you want confirmation, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope.



For Fiesta details or more information, please feel free to contact the Piper's or Wyman's

We will be parking in the VIP R.V. area which is adjacent to the launch site. This will be Dry Camping.

There will be no hook-ups. The rally fee includes parking, admission to all ballooning events, two luncheons and the Bring Your Own Beverage social hour each afternoon before the evening ballooning event.

Rally Contacts: David & Kay Piper 405-833-8471, email:

dfpiper@aol.com

Steve and Laurie Wyman 909-957-2083 email:

2279 North Campus Ave Upland, CA 91784

Wyman42@msn.com

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