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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Note From the Prez

Greetings to all MI members!

I hope everyone has been well since the Albany Rally which was a booming success! George and Maxine did a marvelous job of putting on the rally! I would personally like to thank them for all their hard work.

I had total knee replacement on my right knee on March 18th. It was a successful procedure, and I am doing better than expected by the doctor and physical therapists. I should be released by them on May 9th, and we plan to leave Charleston on May 12th heading west to Oklahoma and Coos Bay.

Speaking of Coos Bay, I would like to encourage everyone who has not signed up to do so! Jack and Terri Brewster have been working diligently on this rally at The Mill Casino, Hotel and RV park in Coos Bay, Oregon. There will be four breakfasts and dinners, social hours, entertainment, seminars, vendors, and suppliers as usual. There will be a new coach display and Monaco technicians with parts will be available. There will also be lots of fun and games! This is also MI's 30th Anniversary. There is still space available, so please sign up and come enjoy the festivities with us!

Thanks to Mr. Brewster's efforts, we now have an on-line Monaco Wearable's web site at

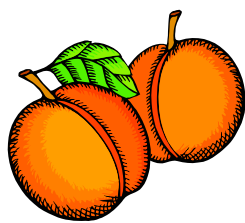
mirvclub.qbstores.com. I invite you to go to the website and shop for MI wearable's! There is an instant savings where you can take 15% off your entire order. So shop now! There will be more information available at the Coos Bay rally also.

The last rally of the year will be the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, October 8-12, where Kay and I are rally masters. We invite everyone to sign up for that rally and come join us for four days of hot air balloons, food and fun! We have a few spaces left and encourage you to sign up now! De and Marvin Pitts are co-wagon masters for this rally, and we are all working hard to make it a huge success. The rally is held on the south end of the balloon field where the balloons rise and come right over the top of our motor homes.

We will have one catered BBQ dinner, two off site lunches, breakfast burritos on Saturday and continental breakfast on Sunday with coffee every morning for all the early risers! Every afternoon at 4:30 is the social hour with lots of food before the balloon glow and fireworks.

Safe travels to everyone! SEE YOU IN COOS BAY!

Dave Piper, President



Georgia On My Mind



Remember keep “*Georgia On My Mind*” always brings a smile. We saw so many of our friends again and made so many new ones. Can you believe that we had 42 First Timers? It is so good to see so many new members .

Although it rained before the rally, the sun was shining and the ground dried up quickly. The campground was full and people were parked as they arrived. Thanks goes to the Parking Crew.

One of our favorite crews to work on is the Greeters. These members stand out there at the entrance of the rally grounds and greet each of you as you arrive. Rain or shine, they are always there with smiles on their faces and your goody bags in their hands. Thanks goes to Mitch and Barbara Mitchell and their crew for a great job!

Did I mention the food? The food was hot and delivered to us quickly. We heard that the volunteers diner was one of the very best experienced. I have to thank Jack and Terri Brewster for helping me obtain the services of the caterer they had in Springfield, Ohio a few years back.

Our entertainment was fantastic! The Sweethearts of Branson started us off on the first evening. The ladies fell in love with that baritone voice of Denny’s. Denny Yearly and his wife Shelia Renee made a wonderful pair and brought back all of our favorite love songs and country ballads. The second evenings entertainment was one of Monaco International’s members favorites. The Diamonds were at their best and brought many members out of their seats and onto the dance floor. The 50’s and 60’s sure had the best music! Our last evening of entertainment brought us the enjoyment of Kevin Adams. This entertainer has the ability to change his voice to those of so many famous entertainers it is just amazing. He had us singing along with him and recalling many great singers and their wonderful songs. Kevin also has so many jokes up his sleeve that he can keep you laughing the entire evening. As if that was not enough entertainment, Paul Evert sponsored Johnny Goodrun to entertain us during the day and as a wrap up for the last evening.

George and I would like to thank all those that gave so much to the Wounded Warriors Regiment. We were astonished that we were able to forward a check for \$25,253 to this wonderful and well deserving charity. We also want to thank the Monacos In Motion Members and the Mills Casino for their contributions. And of course, Monaco International contributed \$10,000. Thanks goes to Bill and JeanAnn Miller for their help in this area.

There were so many volunteers that helped make this rally a success. We really do appreciate each and everyone of you. There are just too many to mention in this article but each of you outdid yourselves!

If you happened to miss this rally, you missed good friends, great entertainment, informative seminars and a fantastic time.



George and Maxine Schremp

Introducing Monaco International Wearables available now!

A complete line of Monaco International Embroidered Apparel is now available.
Bags, Button downs, Children's, Fleece & Towels, Hats, Polos, Outerwear, Sweatshirts,
T-Shirts, Men's and Women's styles.



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today and order your
embroidered item today!



A Message from Mike Snell



Dear Members of Monaco International:

It was great to see everyone in Albany, and to get so many of you behind the wheel of the New 2015 Dynasty. For those of you not in attendance, we asked everyone who test drove the new coach to complete a survey, comparing the new Dynasty to the Monaco they currently own. The survey focused on several key issues concerning drivability; specific to turning radius, quietness and dash layout, among others. I'm pleased to report that the 2015 Dynasty ranked equal or better in all categories in more than 95% of responses.

After wrapping up in Albany, we displayed both new Dynasty units and the new Holiday Rambler Vacationer in Perry at the FMCA show. Considering the displays we used to build for FMCA, our three-unit display was a bit smaller than we're used to. However, similar to those good old days, we did sell out the majority of our display. I'm still not willing to part with my Proto Dynasty (I'm up to 20,000 miles in that coach). But the Vacationer delivered at FMCA, and we just welcomed the owners of Dynasty 2 to the factory at the beginning of May for a VIP Delivery of their coach. Both owners are on the road and loving their new coaches.

We're about to start shipping Production built Dynasty's to our dealer network as well, so if you haven't had the chance yet to witness our Return to Power firsthand, your wait is nearly over.

Our next big focus is the re-launch of the Diplomat. I wish I could tell you that we plan to debut this coach at the next Pre-Rally, but it's unlikely that we'll have the unit complete by August. While our roll out of new product is slower than we would like, our partners at ARG are committed to bringing you the best products in the industry, and rushing the process would not make this possible. You can be confident that when we do release the Diplomat this fall, it will be a coach worthy of wearing the Monaco badge.

Following the introduction of the Diplomat, our designers are working on a new unit to appeal to our high-end, tag axle owners looking to downsize to a unit under 40' without giving up the luxury they're accustomed to.

You can catch up on our progress on our All-New website, www.monacocoach.com. If it reminds you of our old web-site, click the refresh button to reset your cookies. There should be no mistaking the new (tablet-friendly) site.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you all to my favorite state this summer when we meet in Coos Bay. If you need service work, be sure you take advantage of our Factory Service Center while you're so close. Make your appointments now, details of a Monaco International Pre-Rally Attendee Service Special will be released closer to the rally.

Wishing you Safe Travels!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Snell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mike Snell
President
Monaco and Holiday Rambler

National Directors Report

The FMCA's 90th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will be held at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon. If you haven't registered to attend you may do so easily on the FMCA.com website. The dates to reserve are: August 13 to 16, 2014.

There will be a governing board meeting in Redmond, Oregon, August 13. The governing board will be voting on one proposed National Bylaws amendment; Article IX-Executive Board. The amendment would delete the FMCA Immediate Past President (who is a nonvoting advisor.) The Executive Board would be made up of only the current National Officers.

The budget information and itinerary for the Governing Board meeting will be mailed to Governing Board members around July 4, 2014.

- The latest Treasurers report indicates that the cost reduction initiatives by the current FMCA Board has been very successful and they ended the with an operating profit of \$481,491. The current board is working very hard to operate within the budget adopted in Gillette, Wyoming during the last governing board meeting.
- FMCA has launched a new RV Insurance program for members offering multiple options for FMCA members' motorhomes and personal vehicles. To learn more about the new FMCA RV insurance packages log on to: www.fmcarvinsurance.com or call toll free, 877-589-3599.
- A new marketing firm specializing in Association Membership will be introducing a new "prescription" for FMCA to help with membership growth and retention. The downward trend is of membership loss is slowing, and we are gaining ground on the membership loss. This is where our current FMCA members can help.....promote your FMCA.
- FMCA Executive Board is working to re-establish the medical evacuation benefit as part o the membership dues. More on this at a later date.
- Future locations for FMCA Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase:
91st, Pomona, California, March 26 -29, 2015
92nd, Madison, Wisconsin, July 29-Aug. 1, 2015

INTO: From all reports the INTO Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee was a great success. Election results for the position of National Vice President of the International Area...**HOT OFF THE PRESS: DAVID KESSLER WAS ELECTED TO THE NVP POSITION. CONGRATULATIONS!**

If you are interested in becoming involved on the area level with INTO, please contact Nancy Wolfe, 941-704-4455, dicknancywolfe@aol.com regarding opportunities to serve the INTO area.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wolfe, National Director

Coos Bay, OR – “Where the Coast is the Most”

Monaco International Pre-Rally

August 5th through 9th, 2014

The Coos Bay Pre-Rally is less than three months away. A lot of planning and preparation has been going on, and this promises to be a fabulous event. Entertainment has been arranged, menus completed, seminar and vendor planning in process, and many of you have already registered. For those who haven't, **there are plenty of spaces available with electric hookups or you can park in a dry spot.** Click [here](#) to register now or go to our web site www.MIRVClub.com and visit the Upcoming Rallies page.

Great Music....

The Coats



Nationally touring artists, The Coats are the Pacific Northwest's premiere *a cappella* band. They have performed for the President of the United States, and have shared the stage with dozens of acts as vastly different as Gallagher, The Beach Boys, Jay Leno, Trisha Yearwood, and Eddie Money. In a career spanning almost two decades, their intensely arranged yet hilarious, interactive performances and seamless blend of music and comedy leave audiences at every event, stage, or function of any size stunned and wondering, "how did all of that

come out of only four guys?!" You can be sure you will be smiling and humming all the way home.

The Young Bucs



The Young Bucs, The Bay Area's favorite local band is a vocal ensemble that originally formed in 1997 as a 50s- 60s doo-wop group. You will get to enjoy doo-wop standards like Duke of Earl, Little Darlin', Don't Know Why I love You, and Come Go With Me. Make sure to wear your dancing shoes because this group will get you out of your seat and on your feet!

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Great Food....

You will be treated to sumptuous food from Executive Chef, Bruce Miller. His career spans over 30 years in kitchen management and he's worked in many great resorts and casino's including, The Sands Hotel & Casino in Reno, Harrah's Showboat Hotel & Casino and The Excalibur Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Chef Bruce has drawn rave reviews .

The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park is owned by the Coquille Indian Tribe, whose members are pleased to share elements of their culture and traditions. Our members will enjoy a traditional Coquille-style Salmon Bake at The Mill's bayside salmon pit while learning about traditional cooking methods from Tribal Elder, Donald Ivy.



Great Things to Do....

Vendors, suppliers, book exchange, golf tournament, ladies luncheon, Monacos-in-Motion Luncheon, and meeting. There's no limit of things to do.

Monaco RV will bring technicians and parts to fix a couple of those nagging problems with your coach

So come join us in Coos Bay, and for those of you coming to your first Monaco pre-rally, pay the few extra dollars and come early! If you come the first day of the rally, you're two days too late!

Make your summer plans now to be at the rally. Register TODAY by going to:

<http://www.mirvclub.com/>!!

Good times, great friends, entertainment, and great food all in one location....what more could you ask for!

Hope to see you in Coos Bay...

VP of Membership Report

Membership

If you missed the fun rally in Albany you missed a fun time so plan on being with us at the Coos Bay Rally the first week of August, 2014 and then at the Balloon Fiesta in October, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. You can start planning your 2015 travels to include rallies in California and Wisconsin.. MI's rally is usually the week preceding FMCA. Dates and exact locations are on our web page as well as the applications.

Our membership is 1955 and growing, about 20 to 25 each month.,,

JeanAnn Miller

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has been at work finding people to run for MI officers and Regional Directors. We have a few positions to fill. The following offices need nominations: Secretary, Regional Director Region 1 and Regional Director Region 4. Please contact myself or any of the nominating committee members if you would like to nominate someone or would like to be considered for nomination. Committee members are Jack Brewster, Rick Pasetto, Rich Grega, Wilburn Ply and myself.

Dan Mitchell
Nomination Committee chair