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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez

Greetings everybody,

Barb and I went from the MI Rally in Manitowoc to the FMCA Rally in Madison. We then went to Minong, Wisc. where our youngest son has a cabin on a lake. It was a great opportunity to unwind and relax. After spending time with our son and his wife, we finally made it back to Northern MN and parked the coach on our spot on Big Sandy Lake and spent time with relatives and friends. We also got in a lot of golfing before we left MN.

One of the best things that has happened to us because of our membership in MI is the friends we have made. While up on the lake in MN, we shared our spot with MI friends who parked their coach beside us, and in TN we stayed several days at another MI friends house, and we are on our way to spend time with more MI friends in the FL Keys.

If you missed the Rally in Manitowoc, you missed a great rally. The Elvis impersonator really knew how to work a crowd, and the food was excellent. If you haven't done so yet, it is time to register for the next Pre-Rally which will be in Moultrie, GA from March 10 to March 14. Yes, we have been there several times already, but it is an excellent place to hold a rally, and until FMCA changes their venues, we are limited to the facilities that we can use. The good news is that FMCA is going to the Northeast next summer and it will be exciting for us to go to a new venue for our Pre-Rally.

If you have any ideas on things that could improve our club, please contact the Regional Director for your Region; give them your idea, and they will share it at our Board of Directors meeting in Moultrie.

We will be having our annual election of officers in Moultrie. If you would like to volunteer for office, or if you have the name of someone that you believe would be a good asset as an officer for MI, please contact Wilt Greenwood who is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

See you in Moultrie,

Mitch,

President, Monaco International

VP of Membership Report

With Fall just around the corner, we hope you will keep in contact with your friends from Monaco International for two reasons:

First, we encourage everyone to go on-line and make any corrections to phone number(s), e-mail and mailing addresses. The Membership Renewal Process starts in mid-October with letters to those who do not have e-mail addresses, and then in November for those who do receive e-mails. Please watch your in-box.

Second, Brenda Reagh has mailed a letter/application we developed to all people who did not renew their membership the past two years that explains the **Associate Membership** level. We hope that many people who have down sized, changed brands, and/or have trailers might be interested in being an Associate Member now or in the future to continue participating in Monaco International activities. **Please share the Associate Membership information with all of your friends who were members of Monaco International.**

If you go into any Monaco or Holiday Rambler dealership or service center, look for our brochures. If you don't see any, ask if they would consider displaying the brochure and let Norma Preston vpmbrrship@gmail.com know if their response is positive. We are trying to get the brochures into all dealerships. (We are still waiting for the list for Holiday Rambler dealers.)

The vast majority of New Coach purchases have been Holiday Ramblers, but only a few new owners are joining Monaco International. If you meet Holiday Rambler owners, share the benefits available to us through FMCAssist for Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation plus more through [SEVEN CORNERS](#) (for Assistance call 1.877.202.4176) that is a part of FMCA Membership as well as the tire program that they would have by joining FMCA. Of course, encourage joining Monaco International for great rallies! They all receive letters inviting them to join and if they have never been a member of Monaco International, their first year of Monaco International membership is paid by Allied Recreation Group.

When you sign up for the Pre-Rally in Moultrie, GA, I hope you will volunteer to be a Mentor and/or help some other committee, or teach a craft/skill.

**Norma Preston,
VP of Membership**

Monaco International Website
<http://www.mirvclub.com/>

National Directors Report

The following are highlights of the FMCA Governing Board Meeting held in Madison, WI on July 29th.

The 92nd Family Reunion comprised of over 1,400 family coaches, a fifty per cent increase over Pomona earlier in the year. In addition to an update of the Association and its programs, two By-Law changes were approved, several policy and procedures changes were approved, approval was given to proceed with negotiations of several future Reunion sites, a new Officer was elected and several re-elected.

Approved By-Law changes include: 1). A clarification that Chapter voting (by individual or FMCA #) is up to the Chapter; 2) If either the Chapter's National Director or Alternate National Director are not able to attend the Governing Board Meeting, the Chapter President may appoint an individual to represent the Chapter with seven days written notice to FMCA (previously 21 days notice was required).

The Governing Board also approved Associate Members to receive all of the same benefits as Family Members with the exception of being able to hold office.

Jerry Yates, FMCA Executive Director, provided updates on several changes in the works, new or enhanced programs and the new computer system.

The relatively new computer system was upgraded a few weeks ago to address many transitional issues. Getting a New Member Pass Through Report up and running is a top priority and targeted for September. This will be a major assist for Chapter Membership VPs and Secretaries.

The new FMCA Assist (Medical Evacuation) has been a huge success. The key is to notify the provider, Seven Corners, immediately of a potential claim and let them handle it. In every case where members followed this guidance, they were exceptionally pleased. There is no cost to members for FMCAAssist as it is being funded by FMCA via investment income. You may print your FMCAAssist card and FMCAAssist Discount Drug Card at FMCA.com.

FMCA Road Assist was launched the first of 2015. Important components of this benefit includes emergency roadside service, towing, jump starts, vehicle fluid delivery, tire changes, lockout assistance, winch-out services, RV technical assistance, mobile mechanic, and mobile tire services. More information can be found at FMCA.com/roadassist.

FMCA ceased providing mail forwarding services in January. In its place, DakotaPost stepped forward and recently introduced Virtual Mailbox, giving subscribers the ability to view mail, and decide whether to open and view the contents online, physically forward the mail, or to discard the mail. This service is also available to FMCA Chapters.

The Youth Program has been reinvented from an Activity Based format to an Event Based focus. Instead of scheduling activities such as swimming, bowling, zoo trips, etc., for the kids, events will be scheduled that are educational and focused on the local area. This will provide kids/grandkids new learning opportunities and experiences that they many not normally be exposed to.

The Governing Board approved the following future Reunion locations, pending successful negotiations:

Winter 2016	Perry, GA (March 17th-20th previously approved)
Summer 2016	West Springfield, MA (August 3rd-6th being discussed)
Winter 2017	Chandler, AZ

The following future venues are under consideration and discussions:

Summer 2017	Indianapolis, IN
Winter 2018	Perry, GA
Summer 2018	Gillette, WY

The Governing Board also approved the 2016 budget which keeps the membership dues, as approved by the Executive Board, at the current level. Also related to this is FMCA Assist is now included in your dues.

Charlie Adcock (President), Jon Walker (2nd VP) and Percy Bell (Treasurer) were all re-elected to their positions for 2015-2017 term. Gaye Young was elected National Secretary for a two year term.

Submitted by:

Harry Hentschel, National Director

BALLOONS! BALLOONS! BALLOONS!

Yes, it is approaching that time of the year again —**OCTOBER 7-11, 2015**

In 1972, 13 balloons took part in New Mexico's first hot air balloon rally thus began the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. From those original 13 balloons, the annual event has increased to a little more than 550 balloons of all sizes and special shapes. The special shapes include Airabella the Cow, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, kissing bees, a soccer ball, a football, Smokey the Bear, and a pink elephant to name just a few.

Due to clear skies, perfect October climate, and a phenomenon called the "Albuquerque Box", Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city. The Balloon Fiesta Park covers over 200 acres and is filled with balloons and vendors selling everything from traditional New Mexican food to balloon memorabilia.

Also, there are daily and evening activities to enjoy. After the initial launch, there are competitions such as "key grabs" and "bean bag drops" where the pilots compete for prizes including a new truck. In the evening there is a "balloon glow" when balloons are securely tethered and inflated for the public to enjoy. The "balloon glow" is followed by a huge fireworks show.

And if the daily and evening activities aren't enough, the city has area attractions to keep rally attendees busy when they aren't having a wonderful lunch at the Tanoan Country Club or El Pinto Restaurant and a catered barbecue supper on the first night. There is also the 4:30 pm Social Hour where the only things the attendees need to bring are lawn chairs and a drink of their choice. There are plenty of appetizers provided by the hosts and a few volunteers.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend this rally! Registration forms are available in this newsletter or on line at mirvclub.com, from David and Kay Piper, dfpiperok@gmail.com, or Marvin and De Pitts, marvinpittsaz@gmail.com Application is also on page 5 of this newsletter.

“CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING” RALLY

Better get on board today or the "**Sleigh**" will leave without you!!!

The rally is full but the wait list is short, so if you wish to attend the "Celebrate Christmas Before Thanksgiving in Branson", but Rally which begins November 15 thru November 22. The tentative schedule is available if you need further information. As we always say, "If time permits, come early so you can rest before the rally starts; stay over to rest following the rally to prepare for the next leg of your journey."

We take advantage of as many activities that time will permit in our eight days and seven nights. But, of course, you participate in all the activities or selected ones as you wish. Our goal is to provide you with a variety of shows, sights in the Ozarks, opportunity for social interaction, and great food. We invite you to participate with us in a week full of invigorating activities that be will memorable for a lifetime.

There are over 100 shows to choose from in Branson. Go on line to bransontourismcenter.com to see a list of "adventures" available. If you choose to spend additional time in Branson, compare our tentative schedule with those listed, so you can prepare to spend your time more effectively.

We look forward to spending time with you in Branson in November! Application is on page 6 of this newsletter

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2015 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- David & Kay Piper & Marvin & De Pitts



Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 7 – Sunday, October 11, 2015

The Balloon Fiesta is the most photographed event in the world.

Over 500 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.

There will be NO REFUNDS unless your cancellation request is mailed and post-marked by July 15th or your space can be filled from the wait list. Registration confirmations will be emailed. If you want a confirmation mailed, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope.

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.



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.

Rally Contacts:

David & Kay Piper

405-833-8471

email: dfpiperok@gmail.com

Marvin & De Pitts

928-713-0983

email: marvin.pittsaz@gmail.com

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Coach Make _____

Names of Guests: _____

Please check if this will be your first time at the Balloon Fiesta

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$395
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$345
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$100
Extra person	each	\$100
TOTAL		_____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

FMCA # _____

License # & State _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally
 Mail to: **Monaco International**
 c/o Marvin & De Pitts
 520 Highland Avenue
 Prescott, AZ 86303

MONACO INTERNATIONAL

Presents

“CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING IN BRANSON, AMERICA’S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL” RALLY



BRANSON, MISSOURI
(Limited to 166 PEOPLE)



Noon Sunday, NOVEMBER 15, 2015
thru Noon
Sunday, NOVEMBER 22, 2015



at
AMERICA’S BEST CAMPGROUND
Branson, Missouri
Full Hookups



Fun activities may include:

Tours of the Ozarks; dinner show and cruise on the \$100 million showboat, the Branson Belle at White River Landing; Branson Landing including Bass Pro Shop; Branson Area Lights; Trail of Lights, Shepherd of the Hills; Silver Dollar City; shows such as Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede, Pierce Arrow, Yakov Smirnoff, Presley’s Country Jubilee, SIX, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show, Osmond Family Christmas, Kenny Rogers—The Toy Shoppe, The Three Tenors or the Red Neck Tenors, Clay Cooper Express, Red White and Blue, cocktail hours, 6 dinners, and 4 breakfasts; banana split social, and time for factory outlet shopping. Transportation provided for shows, tours, and scheduled shopping. Camping fees for 7 nights included.

Register at MIRVClub.com or send form with a minimum of \$700 (U.S. funds) deposit made payable to MI Rally-Branson (Note: Payment in full required if mailed after Sept 15, 2015)

Mailing Address

John Ham
12572 E 47th Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367
(970) 927-3273
Email: branson@johnham.us

Co-Rally Masters:
Les & Wilma Jean Alexander
John & Rita Ham

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2015

"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING" RALLY

Branson, Missouri

Registration Form November 15-22, 2015

Name _____ Spouse _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Coach _____ Handicapped _____ First Branson Rally ____ YES ____ NO

Make Year Length
MI Member Coach 1 person \$ 850 _____

MI Member Coach 2nd person \$ 550 _____

Extra per person in Coach \$ 650 _____

Non-Member Coach additional \$ 50 _____

Total _____

Deposit (minimum \$700) _____

Balance of fees due by May. 15, 2015

Register at: MIRVClub.com
or mail application to above address

No Refunds after September 15, 2015

Showtime In Moultrie



Pre Rally



SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL EXPO CENTER (Spence Field) Moultrie, Georgia

Register on the web at mirvclub.com

March 10th thru 14th, 2016

RALLY MASTERS
David & Kay Piper
dfpiperok@gmail.com
PHONE: (405) 833-8471

PRESIDENT, Mitch Mitchell
FIRST LADY, Barb Mitchell

This rally is sponsored by the
**Monaco International
Chapter of FMCA**
and is open to all motorized recreational
vehicles.

Rally Price includes:

Welcome Social
4 Breakfasts/Dinners
Social Hour, Entertainment
Seminars, Vendors, Suppliers
New Coach Display
Fun & Games

5 nights parking
(March 10th—14th)

Early parking available on March 8th
\$20.00 per night (dry)
With Electric/ Water \$35.00

All early parking fees must be
enclosed with this registration.

sign up online at
"mirvclub.com"

Or make Checks payable and
mail to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally
Jerry & Marilyn Jenkins
900 High Pointe Drive
Kerrville TX 78028-9227
jerryjenkins@omniglobal.net
(830) 377-6195

Cancellation request must be
received by 2/15/16 for refund.

First Name _____

Second Name _____
(First and last name for EACH person/attendee)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please add me to your e-mail/newsletter mailings FMCA # _____

Monaco Coach Model _____ Coach # _____

Handicapped? Yes Handicap Electric? Yes No
(Must have state issued handicapped placard)

First Timer? Yes No Caravan to FMCA? Yes No

COST:	Before Feb 15th	After Feb 15th
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	\$ 200.00	\$ 275.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Adult/Member/Spouse/Significant other (ADD)	125.00	125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (ADD per coach)	50.00	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/electric - 5 nights of rally (ADD)	150.00	150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Parking for 8th & 9th (Elec ADD)	70.00	70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Parking for 9th (Elec, ADD)	35.00	35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Parking for 8th & 9th (dry, ADD)	40.00	40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Parking for 9th (dry, ADD)	20.00	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (under 21, ADD)	100.00	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person, ADD)	15.00	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player), ADD	60.00	60.00
Name:		
(Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay before Dec 31, 2015 may deduct \$100 from the fee)		-100.00
TOTAL REMITTANCE		

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2016 Packet will be held at the
gate for any applications received after Feb. 1.