

Monaco International Rally Report

Manitowoc, WI

July 21-25, 2015

The Monaco International Pre-Rally, "Let's Get Together for S'more Fun", in Manitowoc, WI was a great event. The rally started with two days of early parking which provided plenty of time to enjoy the area. Six of our members enjoyed a charter fishing outing and everyone was successful catching salmon and/or trout. Not only did they have fun, but new friendships were made through the Monaco connection.

We were happy to have 138 coaches in attendance of which 14 were first timers. Paul Evert's RV Country and American RV comprised the dealers that were in attendance and they were most generous in their sponsorships. Freightliner Custom Chassis, North Texas RV, Pilot Flying J, Monaco RV and Monaco International also participated in sponsoring events for our members. As you know, their participation and financial contributions certainly help to reduce the cost to our members for the rallies. So if you happen to be at one of these businesses, but sure to give them a big "thank you". We had vendors, both inside and out, and several were local vendors who appreciated being invited to our rally. They asked that they be considered again if we ever come back to that area.

As always, the meals were great as was the entertainment. A local caterer, The Marq, did an outstanding job every day providing us with the breakfasts, salad bars and dinners. Each afternoon Johnny Goodrum entertained by the coach display (thanks to Paul Evert's RV Country). We had three evenings of exceptional entertainment which featured *Lazy Ike and the Daredevils*, a country rockabilly group; *Riverside Swing Band*, which brought a modern edge to the 30's, 40's and 50's; and *Elvis Tribute Artist, Art Kistler, and the EP Boulevard Show Band*, all of which brought us down memory lane.

Commemorative photos were taken and generously donated to attendees by Len and Chris Henderson. As usual, the ladies had a wonderful luncheon, the golfers had a great outing, seminars were conducted all day long, many craft classes were available, the dining hall was beautifully decorated, coaches were repaired by Monaco techs, and elegant Monaco Coaches were on display and sold. Good weather, good friends and a very enjoyable time were the ingredients to a great rally in Manitowoc.

Last but not least, we are very proud to say we left a big imprint in Manitowoc. Traditionally each rally chooses a local charity to support, and this year we chose to support the Domestic Violence Center in Manitowoc. Our total contribution to this worthwhile cause was \$11,008 plus several carloads of items purchased by our members from the Center's "wish list". We appreciate the generosity of our members on behalf of this very worthwhile project.

Countless hours are involved in putting together a rally such as this and it couldn't be done without all of our volunteers. To you we say, "Thank You"! It has been an honor to be your Rally Masters.

Cari and Dan Mitchell