

Syracuse, NY "Explore NY" Monaco International Pre-Rally July 27th through 31th, 2016

What a great site for a rally. We had air conditioned dining hall and seminar rooms. Plenty of room for all with large non-competitive seminar, a theater to use, we even had a demonstration kitchen with six classes. A new Full hookup campground, and we were the second group to use it.

The rally started with three days of early parking which provided plenty of time to enjoy the area and one of many fine restaurants. The weather cooperated with afternoon breezes cooling things off.

We had vendors, and the Paul Evert provided a tech, who spent time making adjustments and repairs to our coaches. I can't forget to mention the new Monaco on display, a new Holiday Rambler, and many used coaches that were all available for purchase.

We had 94 coaches in attendance, approximately 188 individuals.

The first night of the rally featured a preview party, with food, refreshments, and an opportunity to view one of the new coaches and a selection of gently used coaches from Paul Evert's on display. Paul Evert actually sold one new coach to Wilt and Barbara Greenwood, to replace for the one that was damaged by several trees in a wind storm. Breakfast in the morning, liquid refreshments and salad bar just before dinner, each of the four days we were there and entertainment four nights was enjoyed by all, and we were able to feed all 188 diners each night in about 15 minutes.

The entertainment was exceptional; we were thrilled with *Border Ride*, a progressive Bluegrass Band known for its well-blended vocal harmonies and tight instrumentation who played the first evening, and then evening Former lead singer of the 60s group...*The New Christy Minstrels*. In addition, we had *Johnny Goodrum* one night and *Clarence K. Pinckney* a local musician the last night. Good times were had by all!

Each attendee received a t-shirt, license plate frame and decal as a remembrance of the event.

We enjoyed hand-dipped ice cream sundaes on Sunday afternoon.

The staff at the NYS Fairgrounds did a great job in making us feel welcome.

Jack and Terri Brewster, Rally Masters