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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Celebrating 25 Years!

What a great "Silver Celebration" Carol and Riley Williams put on. There were 169 coaches in attendance at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield Ohio July 14 - 17, 2009. The weather was great. There were 39 vendors present along with 8 suppliers/independent service providers performing service. The entertainment was good, the food was great and Paul Evert's RV Country sold 3 coaches. I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Paul Evert, Curt Curtis and the staff of Paul Evert's RV Country for their strong, continuous support of Monaco International.

The rally started with a welcome to the rally social sponsored by Brett Howard of Alliance Coach. We were treated to an Ice Cream Social sponsored by Precision Frame and Alignment. Monaco RV, LLC provided keg party's on Thursday and Friday. Thanks to Crown Club at Lazy Days and Hearthside Grove Motor Coach Resort, we were able to have a Champagne Toast to the 25 years of fun and fellowship.

The ladies were treated to outstanding entertainment at their luncheon and the golfers had a great outing.

In addition to many other seminar's, Tim Smith (Navistar) and Mike Snell

(Monaco RV, LLC) conducted a seminar "The Sale to Navistar and what it means to Monaco RV, LLC". Both vowed support for our rallies in the future but pointed out that Monaco RV must return to a profitable position as a division of Navistar. Garth Herring, VP of Service Operations, and Pat Carroll, VP of Product Development, for Monaco RV, LLC both conducted seminars.

The next Monaco International pre-rally will be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson Arizona, March 15 - 18, 2010. Visit our web site at: monacointernationalrvclub.com for more information and registration form.

A special thanks to Carol & Riley for an outstanding rally,

Don Wyatt

President



Officer Profiles

Want to get to know your officers better? In each issue of our newsletter, we will include a short profile of a couple of our officers so you can get to know them better.

Don Wyatt, President

President Don Wyatt was born and raised in Sherman Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington. He and his lovely wife Laura have two daughters and four grand children.

The Wyatt's have been members of Monaco International since 1998 when they purchased their first Monaco Coach. They are also members of Elk's International, Eastern Monaco and Monaco Wan-Na-Go's where Don served two years as treasurer. Don is also a member of Elk's Lodge 238, the American Legion Post 231, and is a life member of VFW Post 8627.

After Don served 30 years in various technical, financial and management positions at Texas Instruments, Inc., he retired started a small business that he operated for 10 years prior to fully retiring to the full time RV lifestyle.

Jack Brewster, 1st Vice President

Jack and Terri joined Monaco International in 2001. Since then, he served as a Regional Director for Monaco International, representing Region 5. The Brewster's were Rally Masters for the August 2005 Bismarck, ND rally and Rally Masters for the February 2008 Lancaster CA rally. They have attended many regional and local rallies in addition to our Monaco International rallies and FMCA conventions.

Terri and Jack were married in 1965 and have two children and three grandchildren. They have resided at their current New York residence since 1979 where they own and operate a family business

Jack's hobby is woodworking and Terri enjoys gardening, while they both enjoy traveling across our great country with their Japanese Chins. Forever smiling Aunt Flo frequently joins them on their trips.

Prior to starting their own business, Jack was employed for 14 years by the Olivetti Corporation of America as a Sales Rep, Marketing Manager, Regional Manager and National Sales/Marketing Manager.

Jerry Jenkins, 2nd Vice President

Jerry Jenkins married his high school sweetheart after finishing college 40 years ago and immediately went to work for Exxon (previously Humble) while Marilyn became a school teacher. They have two sons and two grandsons, along with two wonderful daughters-in-law.

Marilyn and Jerry purchased their first motor home in 1982 and joined the Monaco family in 2003 with their first of 3 Monaco motor homes. They love to travel throughout the USA and especially like being in the outdoors.

Jerry can often be found in front of a computer working on various activities or if not there, he is generally working on his motor home.

Membership Update

Hi Everyone,

At the end of July Monaco International had 3249 members. To keep the club healthy, we need to continue to bring in new members and retain current members. You can help by encouraging your non-member Monaco owner friends to join the club and participate in upcoming rallies.

The membership renewal notices will be mailed out in October. If any of your information has changed since last year, please note this on the renewal form. If everything is still current, mail the form along with a check. We are in the process of updating our database so that all addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are current. The web site and e-mail is the clubs only way of keeping you informed about upcoming events. E-mailing is the most inexpensive way, so it is very important for the club to have this information current.

If you have any questions concerning membership, e-mail me at vpmbrrship@aol.com or phone me at 505-271-4992 (home) or 505-506-7134 (cell).

Thanks,

Kaye Martin
VP Membership

National Directors Report

September 2009

The 82nd FMCA International Convention was held in Bowling Green, Ohio at the Bowling Green State University, July 20 – 23, 2009. With over 2,700 coaches parked on the grounds of the University and the Fairgrounds it was quite impressive. The weather was great, except for some light showers occasionally.

The annual Governing Board meeting was held on the first day of the convention; July 20 with 421 voting members in attendance. FMCA Treasurer Doug Key gave an in-depth report on the financial status of the motor home market and the effect it has had on FMCA. A budget for 2010 was adopted after much discussion and several line items adjusted. The 2010 budget of over \$9.5 million was adopted showing an operating loss of over \$790,000 which will be covered from operating reserves. The Governing Board voted to keep MEDEX. Other direct member benefits affected by line items in the budget are: The elimination of the Road Atlas availability, mail forwarding increased from \$5 to \$10 monthly, and increasing the convention fee by \$15.

In other actions taken by the Governing Board, a chapter is only required to have one business meeting a year rather than two. There is also a new classification for a chapter which was approved and will be referred to as an Associate Chapter; this classification of chapter does not have Governing Board representation. All in all there were a total of 11 proposed amendments to the By-laws of which only one covering Interactive Electronic Communication was defeated and sent back to committee, all others were approved.

A motion was made to increase membership dues by \$5, therefore in accordance with FMCA By laws; a notice has been mailed to the Governing Board members. Within the next 120 days ballots will be mailed for voting in favor of or declining the increase. Dues will not be increased until after the first of the year if the majority vote is in favor of the increase.

The election was held late in the day with the following results: President Charlie Schrenkle, Senior Vice President Judy Czarsty, Secretary Joanne Durbin and Treasurer Wil Young. Congratulations to our new officers!

Future Conventions sites are as follows:

March, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2010 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

August, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2010 – Redmond, Oregon

2011 – Perry, Georgia

2011 - Madison, Wisconsin

2012 - Pomona, CA

2012 - Indianapolis, IN

INTO Rally–

The International Area Rally will be held at the Rose RV Park, Quartzsite, Arizona, January 20 to 24, 2010. If you are interested in attending you may register on line thru the FMCA web site. If you have questions regarding the rally, contact Sonny Gillespie, International Area President - sgillespie@fmca.com

We hope you will plan to attend the rally in Quartzsite!

Nancy Wolfe
National Director



Note From the Prez

At the recent Monaco International Pre-Rally held in Springfield Ohio, the membership voted to include owners of all models manufactured by or acquired by Monaco RV LLC and Monaco Coach Corporation.

If you have friends or know someone who owns a Beaver, Safari or Holiday Rambler coach, let them know they can now join the fun and fellowship of the Monaco International chapter of FMCA. Invite them to come to the next pre-rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson Arizona, March 15 - 18, 2010. They are welcome to pay the additional \$50 non-member fee to come check us out and if they decide to join at the rally, we will apply the non-member fee to their initiation and first year membership.

Ask them to visit our web site at: monacointernationalrvclub.com for more information.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the fun and fellowship of the Monaco International family.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Don Wyatt, President
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Welcome to Arizona's Second Largest City

Tucson (TOO-sahn) is a growing metropolis of 1,000,000 that keeps getting better and better. The city's geography is a postcard image of cactus forests, rolling hills and awe-inspiring mountains. Tucson lies in the borderland, a region that blends the cultures of the United States and Mexico, and has a long history of settlement by ancient Native American peoples, Spanish explorers and Anglo frontiersmen. The weather is mild nearly all the time, just right for all kinds of fun activities.

Just fifteen minutes from Tucson at the base of the Tucson Mountains lies a preserved slice of Americana, Old Tucson Studios. Passing through the gates of an old frontier town, visitors from around the globe are transported back to a time when fearless men with six shooters ruled the Old West. Saunter down the streets of Hollywood's most famous movies; walk in the footsteps of movie legends like John Wayne, Clint Eastwood and hundreds more. In addition to its historic role as a film location, Old Tucson Studios is Southern Arizona's premier outdoor entertainment venue with a full array of live shows, thrilling stunts, Old West dramas, saloon musicals, trail rides and fun for the whole family. <http://www.oldtucson.com>

The real Old West was once alive in Southern Arizona. Tombstone, AZ, the site of the real-life "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," is one of Arizona's most popular attractions. See reenactments of the gunfight and visit Boot Hill Cemetery. Countless Hollywood movies have been filmed here along the rustic boardwalks, against rugged mountain ranges.

Visit the Dragoon Mountains, historic homeland of the Apache Indians and former hideout of Chief Cochise.

Founded in 1880 when the trans-continental Southern Pacific Railroad came through Southern Arizona, near by Benson was this region's railroad hub until 1910. Its lifeblood was the copper and silver flowing from neighboring mining communities. Not far from Benson lies the adobe ruins of the Butterfield Stage Coach Depot, once a busy mercantile and rest area for cross-country travelers. While Benson's past is preserved in its historic downtown and replicated train depot, today it is best known as the home of Kartchner Caverns State Park.

Kartchner Caverns State Park - One of the great natural wonders of the western United States. It's believed that no human had ever seen this huge living cave prior to its discovery in the 1970s by two Tucson cave enthusiasts. Care has been taken to preserve the pristine conditions within. Remarkable because it is a "wet" or "living" cave, meaning the calcite formations are still growing. See a stunning variety of multicolored cave formations. <http://www.explorethecaverns.com/>

Tucson hosts two Major League Baseball teams for Spring Training: the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies. Games are usually played late February through early April.

Pima Air & Space Museum - 300 aircraft, 80 acres, 100 years of aviation history. Pima Air & Space Museum, where history takes flight, is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, and the largest non-government funded aviation museum. You'll see more than 275 aircraft and spacecraft including many of the most historically significant and technically advanced craft ever produced, both from the United States and throughout the world. Tucson's dry climate makes it an excellent place to store and preserve aircraft.

The Titan Missile Museum is the only publicly accessible Titan II missile site in the nation. Tour the underground missile site. See the 3-ton blast doors, the 8-foot thick silo walls, and an actual Titan II missile in the launch duct. Visit the launch control center, experience a simulated launch and more!

From modern malls, to quaint antique shops and one-of-a-kind art and Native American crafts, Tucson is a fun shopping experience.

For many more interesting things to do in the Tucson area - <http://www.tucsonattractions.com>.

Submitted by
Peggy Rahkola,
Secretary



MONACO RV'S FIRST ANNUAL

NEW FRONTIER

RALLY

OCTOBER 26-30, 2009 | BEAUDRY RV RESORT AND RALLY PARK | TUCSON, ARIZONA

Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email Address _____
 Coach Model _____ Coach or VIN# _____

First Homecoming or Come Home Rally? (Circle one) YES NO
 Handicapped? YES NO
 (Must have state issued handicapped placard)
 Would you like to volunteer? YES NO
 (If yes please provide number where you can be reached) _____

Rally Fee (2 per Coach) \$350.00
 Rally Fee (1 per Coach) \$300.00
 Guest in Coach \$150.00
 Golf per Person _____ \$60.00
 Total Fee _____

YOUR FEE INCLUDES: Four nights camping, three catered dinners, three catered breakfasts, four cocktail hours, entertainment, seminars, games, crafts, golf (additional fee), special guests and more!

MAIL CHECK WITH APPLICATION TO:
 New Frontier Rally
 Attention: Stella Shelton
 91320 Coburg Industrial Way
 Coburg, OR 97408

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Monaco RV, LLC

**This rally is sponsored by Monaco RV, LLC
 (Navistar, not Monaco International)**

QUESTION OR CREDIT CARD APPLICATION?

Contact Stella Shelton (800) 634-0855
 CC# _____ Exp. _____



INFORMATIVE SEMINARS

- Pat Carroll's "Men/Women Only" Q&A
- Navistar's purchase of MNC
- Parts and service seminars
- Vendor-hosted seminars/classes
- Guests include Mike Snell, Garth Herring, April Klein and Page Robertson

PARTS / SERVICE AVAILABLE

- Monaco RV Parts Trailer on site
- Beaudry RV service techs
- Discounted hourly rate

Will you be requesting service for your coach? (Circle one) YES NO

* Early parking available, please call (888) 500-0789 for details. NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2009.

MOTORHOMES ONLY | SIGN-UP REQUIRED FOR SERVICE | YOU MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER TO PARK TOGETHER

Procedure for Dumping tanks with Sani-Con

Monaco has installed the RV Sani-Con system on motor homes since 2004, yet there has been little discussion on the actual way the system was intended to be used. The system allows for a clean method to dump the tanks and, at the same time provide a method to flush the black tank with the waste from the grey tank. This doesn't completely take the place of flushing with clean water, but it does minimize the need to do so significantly.

The first thing you should do is to extend the dump hose and place and secure the end of the hose into a proper sewer dump opening. The first tank that should always be dumped is the black tank. For those who don't know which is which, it's the larger valve. To open the valve, simply pull outward on the handle and allow the waste to fill the clear fitting that is the inlet to the Sani-Con. Once the clear fitting is full, turn on the Sani-Con switch. You will hear the pump running and you should watch the tank level and the liquid in the clear fitting. Once the tank is empty, immediately turn off the Sani-Con and then open the grey water tank by pulling it out. At this point, the grey water will U-tube into the black tank, which will allow the black tank to be flushed. Let this happen for a minute or so, then close the grey valve and turn the Sani-Con back on to again empty the black tank. This process can be repeated several times if desired to flush more of the solids from the bottom of the black tank. Once you are satisfied that most of the solids are gone, then close the black tank valve and open the grey tank valve. Turn on the Sani-Con and let run until the grey tank is empty.

Once completed, be sure that both valves are closed and lift the hose next to the coach and walk the liquid in the hose toward the sewer dump station. Once the liquid is out, the hose will be lighter. Replace the cap on the end of the Sani-Con hose and store in the Service Bay.

Caution: Never run the Sani-Con with no liquid in the pump. This will cause the motor to overheat and burn out – not a fun job to replace – much less the cost of a replacement motor.

Jerry A. Jenkins

The information contained in this article reflects the experience of the author and has not been endorsed by Thetford, Monaco RV, or Monaco International. Hopefully the article is informative, but remember, you are the owner and ultimately the decision is yours.



VISIT MONACO INTERNATIONAL ON LINE

Have a question about the club? Need a rally application? Want to know how to contact one of the officers? Interested in what happened at the last rally? Want to check out the photos from the last rally? You can find all the answers to the questions above and more on the Monaco International website. Just log on to: www.monacointernationalrvclub.com



Your Web site committee is committed to presenting the items and information you want to see. We welcome input on ways to improve the web site; "complaints and compliments graciously accepted". Feel free to contact any member of the Web site committee, we respond to all inquiries. Your Web site committee is made up of the following: Don Wyatt, Jerry Jenkins, Nancy Wolfe, Committee Chair, Kim Pollock, Web Master, and Jean Ann Miller, Assistant Web Master. Our contact information is shown on the front page of the newsletter, with the exception of the Web Master and Assistant Web Master which may be contacted thru the Web site.

Now log on and see what you have been missing. We hope you will become a regular visitor to our site!

Submitted by:

Nancy Wolfe
Web site Committee Chair

2010 Elections

Your Nominating Committee was elected in March, 2009, during the business meeting held in Moultrie, GA. The committee consists of *Joe Monk, Donald Walker, Carol Williams, Wilburn Ply* and *Ellen Brighton*, Chairperson. Since that time, the committee has contacted area clubs and members searching for candidates to serve Monaco International. Listed below is the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at the general business meeting to be held during the Spring Rally in Tucson, AZ. Plan on being at the rally to vote for your candidate.

Monaco International 2010 –2011 Slate of Nominations

President:	Jack Brewster, <i>current 1st VP</i>
1st VP:	Jerry Jenkins, <i>current 2nd VP</i>
2nd VP:	Wilt Greenwood
VP Membership:	Kaye Martin, <i>Incumbent</i>
Secretary:	Peggy Rahkola, <i>Incumbent</i>
Treasurer:	Linda Schreiber, <i>Incumbent</i>
National Director:	Nancy Wolfe, <i>Incumbent</i>
Alt National Director:	Maxine Schremp, <i>Incumbent</i>

Regional Directors:

In alphabetical order

Two from each Region will be elected

Region 1

Phyllis Beebe, *Incumbent*
Dorothy Larson

Region 4

Susan Hale
Jean Anne Miller, *Incumbent*
Jackie Smith
Andrea Sponenburg

Region 2

Ellen Johnson, *Incumbent*
Pat Quilla, *Incumbent*

Region 5

Ginny Perrone
Rich Grega
Dan Van Alstine, *Incumbent*

Region 3

Connie Monk, *Incumbent*
Kay Piper
Don Rider

Region 6

Cari Mitchell, *Incumbent*
Dick Strzyzewski

First Monaco International President Passes Away!

How ironic.....the first issue of the Monaco International Newsletter and the recent passing of the first President of Monaco International. Jimmy Greenlaw passed away this past month with his wife Dixie at his side. In a recent conversation with Dixie the following story unfolded:

In 1984, Monaco Corporation phoned their dealers at that time and asked them to call people they had sold Monaco coaches to and see if they wanted to have a rally prior to the FMCA convention.... that was the beginning!

Jimmy, along with Dixie and 52 other Monaco owners started Monaco International in Cherry Valley, Illinois, in a field located near the Roadmaster Chassis Factory. Election of officers was held and Jimmy was elected President and Dixie was the first Secretary/Treasurer. The second rally was held in Tucson, Arizona, with over 100 coaches in attendance, you might say at this point the rest is history. Dixie indicated that Monaco Coach Corporation supported our first rally and they have been there for us every rally thereafter.

We express our deepest sympathy to Dixie and our heartfelt thanks to Jimmy and Dixie for their dedication over the years to Monaco International. As Dixie said; "What a ride we had!"

MONACO INTERNATIONAL

2009 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- David & Kay Piper, Monaco Wan-Na-Go's
-- John & Bettie Collins, Monaco Wan-Na-Go's

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Wednesday, October 7 – Sunday, October 11

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 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. **Please come in with holding tanks empty & fresh water tank & propane tank full.**

We are limited to 80 sites (Monaco International members only). No applications will be accepted prior to January 15, 2009. Applications postmarked earlier than January 15, 2009 will be returned. A wait list will be established. Refunds: 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. When addressing your envelope to John Collins, please do not make mention of "The Balloon Fiesta" on the outside of the envelope.

**Rally Contacts: David & Kay Piper, 405-833-8471, email: dfpiper@aol.com
John & Bettie Collins, 713-410-5957, email: jon2bcollins@hal-pc.org**

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone# _____ Cell# _____
FMCA# _____ Coach Length _____ #Slideouts _____
License # & State _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Names of Guests: _____

Rally Fees:

Per Coach – 2 Persons \$460.00
Extra Persons @110 each _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to MI Balloon Fiesta Rally

Mail to: John Collins
195 Rainbow Dr., PMB 9502
Livingston, TX 77399-1095

The Monaco International 2009 Balloon Festival is sold out, BUT you can be added to the waiting list in case of a cancellation!

If you rather receive your Monaco International Newsletter via email, please send Kaye Martin an email at vpnbrship@aol.com. Kaye will place you on our email list. You will receive your *color* newsletter weeks before everyone else! And, it will save our chapter on stamps and printing, plus think of all those trees that you will be saving.

Thanks,

Maxine Schremp
Newsletter Editor

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out in October.



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