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# MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

## Note From the Prez



Greetings to all. It's hard to believe the seasons are changing. Last weekend (Nov 5-7) we spent time with two of our grand-daughters and their family in Mont-real. On the way home, we drove through our

first snow storm of the season so winter must be here or at least coming. It's hard to believe as it was almost 60 here at home yesterday.

This is a wonderful time of the year, the holidays are rapidly approaching, and it's a time to socialize, enjoy family and friends. It's one of my favorite times of the year. We become involved with various fund raising events for those that are not as fortunate as many of us. Food drives with my Rotary Club for a local church pantry, a fund raising event for the children at the Elks Lodge, Holidays parties and various get together's; all wonderful opportunities to enjoy old friends and make form new friendships. Happy Holidays to all!

As 2010 comes to a close we all look forward to a better 2011. We have four wonderful rallies planned. Dick and Nancy Wolfe are planning a great Mardi Gras Celebration in Moultrie, GA in March just prior to the FMCA Rally in Perry. They have put a lot of time and effort to see to it that you all have a wonderful time.

To show our support to the community of Moultrie, we have selected the Serenity House as our project for community support. Serenity House in Moultrie provides a safe haven for women and children involved in family violence. We encourage our members to participate. We will be ac-

cepting the following new items: children's underwear, socks, books, DVD movies, toys and basic school supplies; shampoo/conditioners; soap/body washes and splashes; and hair brushes/combs/accessories.

It's also time for our annual election of officers, check further in this newsletter for the list of candidates thus far. If you are interested in serving contact one of the Nominating Committee Members, it is a rewarding experience.

After the Mardi Gras in Moultrie rally we are looking forward to a great rally in Branson, Missouri, America's Music Show Capital, May 1 thru 8, 2011, our Rally Masters are John & Rita Ham and Les & Wilma Jean Alexander. We will be heading to Manitowac, Wisconsin, for the summer Monaco International Pre rally, August 2 thru 6 with Rally Masters Dick & Judy Strzyzewski. So plan to come and "Discover Wisconsin." All of the applications for the rallies listed are on the web site for your convenience to download and send in with your check.

October, 2011 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We'll also be there again this year with David & Kay Piper. Front row viewing, with many of the balloons passing right over your coach. If you haven't been before (or even if you have), watch for full information regarding this rally early next year.

Again, Happy Holidays, see you all in Moultrie, Georgia.

**Jack & Terri Brewster**

President and First Lady

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## Are You Ready?

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for these upcoming rallies

### "Mardi Gras in Moultrie"

Monaco International Pre Rally  
March 7—11th, 2011  
Moultrie, Georgia

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### "American's Musicshow Capitol" Rally

May 1—8th, 2011  
Branson, MO

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### "Discover Wisconsin" Rally

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
Application in our  
next newsletter.



# Membership Update

*Hi Everyone,*

Well it is that time of the year again when Monaco International 2011 fees are due. Notices have been sent out, some by email and others snail mail. We will be doing a member directory this year and in order to be listed in the directory your dues must be paid by January 1, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning your membership email me, [vpmbship@aol.com](mailto:vpmbship@aol.com) or call 505-271-4992 or 505-506-7134. You do not want to miss our next newsletter so renew today.

**Kaye Martin**

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# Nominating Committee Report

## Election, March, 2011

The Nominating Committee has been busy seeking candidates to fill the slate of officers for the upcoming election to be held during the Monaco International general membership meeting, March 11, 2011.

Following is a list of candidates thus far that have agreed to serve. Anyone interested in running for any of the positions are welcome to contact any member of the nominating committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the election.

### Executive Board:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Jerry Jenkins
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Dick Wolfe, [wolfenas@aol.com](mailto:wolfenas@aol.com)

**A SPECIAL REQUEST TO MOULTRIE, GA RALLY ATTENDEES.....**Please help to support the community by bringing donations for *Serenity House* in Moultrie. *Serenity House* provides a safe haven for women & children involved in family violence. The victims are provided shelter, basic necessities & the resources to help reestablish their independence & self-esteem. We'll be accepting the following new items: children's underwear, socks, books, DVD movies, toys & basic school supplies; shampoo/conditioners; soap/body washes & splashes; & hair brushes/combs/accessories. Check the rally program for collection location.



# Pre Rally Mardi Gras in Moultrie

SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL  
EXPO CENTER

(Spence Field)  
Moultrie, Georgia

March 7th thru 11th, 2011

RALLY MASTERS  
Dick & Nancy Wolfe  
dicknancywolfe@aol.com  
PHONE: 941-704-4455  
941-224-9180

PRESIDENT, Jack Brewster  
FIRST LADY, Terri Brewster



**Rally Price includes:**

Welcome Social  
4 Breakfasts/Dinners  
Social Hour/  
Entertainment  
Seminars  
Fun & Games  
5 nights parking  
(March 7th—11th)

Early parking available on  
March 6th

\$15.00 per night (dry)  
With Electric/ Water  
\$35.00

All early parking fees will  
be  
collected at the gate  
Cash or check only



**Make Checks payable and  
mail to:**  
Monaco International Pre-Rally  
Wilt & Barbara Greenwood  
1006 Sharon Lane  
Henrico, VA 23229-6529  
greenwood@mail.escapees.com  
(804) 337-7733 (Wilt)  
(804) 337-4345 (Barbara)

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 20 th	After Feb 20 th
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Member Coach and 2 persons	\$ 320.00	\$ 370.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Member Coach and 1 person	220.00	270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/electric - 5 nights of rally	100.00	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	125.00	125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person (under 12)	90.00	90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member fee (per coach)	370.00	420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon	15.00	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player)	60.00	60.00
Name:		
TOTAL REMITTANCE		

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 20, 2011** Packet will be held at the  
gate for any applications received after Feb. 20.  
**Cancellation request must be received by 2/20/11 for refund.**

**REGISTER EARLY**  
Water/Electric sites are limited!  
To reserve yours be sure to include the  
\$100.00 fee with your rally registration.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARDI GRAS IN MOULTRIE

## PRE-RALLY

The plans for the Mardi Gras in Moultrie Rally are well underway. We are excited about the rally and have some new and exciting activities planned. Our "Opening Mardi Gras Parade" and the "Ladies Luncheon" are just two of the great activities we have planned. We will highlight our super "Chili Cook Off" and our "Game Day" as well as other exciting activities in future issues of the newsletter or e-mail blasts.

### Make your plans NOW!

## Mardi Gras Parade

Get ready for Fat Tuesday 2011 and the first day of the rally! **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the Preview Day and the Mardi Gras Parade will be the signal for the beginning of a fun filled rally.** But, why just watch, be a part of this first time ever Monaco International Mardi Gras parade. Now, you have your chance to be the King or Queen of your own float. Let's not forget throwing beads, doubloons and trinkets, laughter, cheering crowds, and colorful costumes. We are inviting ALL clubs or groups to join in this very special parade. Enter your own float, golf cart, wagon, scooter, bike, or whatever you want to ride or if you prefer "walk." The atmosphere will make you think you are in New Orleans (with some minor differences) such as you won't have to "Bare it All" to get those beads!



Prizes will be awarded to the "best of the best" in the parade! All Clubs, individuals, special interest groups, or groups of friends are urged to participate. Encourage your club to appoint a "Parade Captain" to make sure your club is represented. Contact Art & Ellen Brighton, [brighton.orlando@gmail.com](mailto:brighton.orlando@gmail.com) or 703-623-9968 for details on reserving your spot to make sure your club or group is represented in the parade. "You will love the prizes."

## Ladies Luncheon

### Wednesday, March 7, 2011

Ladies, we will be having a Mardi Gras hat contest at the ladies luncheon. Design a hat.... anything from hats to crowns to headbands. There will be a prizes awarded to the winners!



Remember Mardi Gras is a tradition dating back to early European days but raised to a whole new level by New Orleans, only to be outdone by the Monaco ladies in Moultrie. Traditionally Mardi Gras colors are **purple, green and gold as to glitz, glitter and feathers there is no limit.** So ladies, go for it! See you in Moultrie in your Mardi Gras finery!

If you have not pre-registered for the luncheon there will be a limited number of openings available upon arrival to the rally. Any questions please contact: Carol Williams, [carolorriley@aol.com](mailto:carolorriley@aol.com)

As you can see, we have a lot planned for the Mardi Gras in Moultrie rally. Our **VIP** program has been declared a success as we have 85 signed up for the rally that will definitely be given the **"VIP Treatment."**

Be sure to get your applications in early, who knows we may have **"special surprises"** for those that register before January 1, 2011!!!! **It's definitely worth your time and effort to register early!!!!**

## Chili Cook-Off

### Calling all **chili cooks** and **connoisseurs**....

Start going through your recipes and thinking about teams and themes for your entry in the first ever Monaco International Rally "Chili Cook-Off" to be held in Moultrie.

More information will be in future publications. If you have questions, please contact the "Chili Cook-Off" Chairs: Rocky & Peggy Rahkola, [MISecretary@cox.net](mailto:MISecretary@cox.net) or 760-831-6691





## BALLOON FIESTA 2010 - A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!!!



The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Balloon Fiesta has now concluded, and a wonderful time was had by all! The rally was Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, and we had 55 coaches in attendance and with guests for a total 115 people. Attendees were from 20 different states and 3 Canadian provinces! Five coaches represented the Eastern states and five represented the Western states, and the rest came from the middle of the country and the Canadian provinces.

Wednesday was arrival day and after everyone arrived, we had a great happy hour. Thursday was a gorgeous day with perfect flying weather in the morning and fireworks in the evening. At noon, we all enjoyed a tasty lunch at the Tanoan Country Club where the view of Albuquerque was a sight to behold.

Friday was wonderful weather for the special shape balloons and the flying competitions. There were 650 special and regular shape balloons representing nineteen countries. There were 78 special shapes. It was a spectacular sight to see 650 balloons flying over our motor homes. Some of them were so close to us that we could talk to the pilots and passengers from where we were standing.

Also on Friday, we were treated to a Mexican buffet at El Pinto Restaurant. That afternoon we enjoyed another social hour, Balloon Glow, and a fantastic fireworks display.

Saturday was another beautiful day even though it was a bit cooler. The balloons flew in mass and again, were spectacular and the "Albuquerque Box" was really working. Saturday lunch was on our own, and we had time for shopping and sightseeing before another social hour and fireworks display that evening. This year, the balloons flew every morning which was a Fiesta record.

We would like to express our appreciation to those who helped park the coaches and prepare the food for our social hours, and a very special thank you to Rocky and Peggy Rahkola, who were co-hosts for this rally.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta offices are busy preparing for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 1-9, 2011.

*David and Kay Piper, Wagon Masters*

## National Directors Report

Just a reminder to make sure your plans include attending the 85<sup>th</sup> FMCA Winter Convention scheduled for March 14-17, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, Georgia. The convention follows the Monaco International Pre-Rally in Moultrie. You may register on line at FMCA.com. Remember Monaco International members will caravan to Perry and park together.

The summer 86<sup>th</sup> FMCA Convention is scheduled for August 10-13, 2011 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, again following the Monaco International Pre-Rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, August 2 – 6, 2011. Many of you are no doubt aware; the FMCA Winter Convention scheduled for 2012 in Pomona, California has been cancelled.

It is time to form a Nominating Committee for the International Area. If you are interested in being a part of the Nominating Committee for the International Area, please let me know as soon as possible. We have a deadline of December 4. I will need a consent form, as well as a resume not to exceed 250 words. Please contact me at: [dicknancywolfe@aol.com](mailto:dicknancywolfe@aol.com) or phone me 941-704-4455 if you would like to serve in this position.

*Nancy Wolfe, National Director*



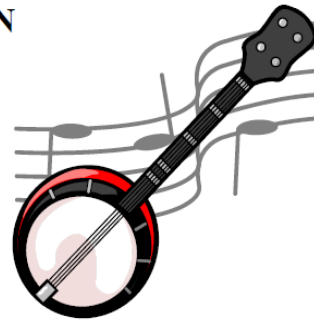
**MONACO INTERNATIONAL**  
Presents  
**"AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL"  
RALLY**



**A NEW "LANDING" FOR FUN**  
BRANSON, MISSOURI  
(Limited to 166 PEOPLE)

**Noon Sunday, MAY 1, 2011  
thru  
Sunday, MAY 8, 2011  
at**

**City of Branson Lakeside RV Park**  
Branson, Missouri  
Full Hookups



Fun activities may include selections such as the following: Tour of the Ozarks; dinner show and cruise on the \$100 million showboat, the Branson Belle at White River Landing; shows such as Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede, Pierce Arrow, Silver Dollar City, Jim Owens, Lost in the 50's, Magnificent Seven, Clay Cooper Country Express, Yakov Smirnoff, The Platters, Broadway! The Star Spangled Celebration, Presley's Country Jubilee, Andy Williams; cocktail hours, 6 dinners, and 5 breakfasts; ice cream social; and time for craft and factory outlet shopping. Transportation provided for shows, tours, and scheduled shopping. Camping fees for 7 nights included.

To enroll send form and  
a minimum of \$600 (U.S.  
funds) deposit made payable  
to **MONACO International**  
**Branson Rally**  
(Note: Payment in full required  
if mailed after Dec. 15, 2010)

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John & Rita Ham



**"AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL" RALLY**

Branson, Missouri

**Registration Form      MAY 1-8, 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_ First Branson Rally \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

\$1150 2 people, 1 Unit \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 725 1 person, 1 Unit \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 585 X-person in Unit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment in full enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit of \$600 enclosed. We agree  
to pay balance of fees by Dec. 15, 2010

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**NO refunds for cancellations after March 1, 2011**

# TECH TALK

*With our 1st VP—Jerry A. Jenkins*

**Tires** - you know those black round things that are in between your multi-ton thing you call a motor home and the road. They do their job well in most cases and help us move along the road relatively smoothly and comfortably. I hear a lot of questions about tires when talking to many of you at rallies and campgrounds. There are many answers and some appear to be conflicting. The first thing that is thought about generally is the tire pressure. How much should you run in your tires? The only way to be sure you have the correct pressure is to weigh each tire separately. You should then look at the maximum tire weight on an axle and use that number to look up the required pressure in the manufacturer's chart for your tires. The pressure given in the charts is a cold tire pressure. You should check the pressure on the tires when the tires are cold - not after running all day. It's not unusual to have different pressures on each axle of the coach, but each axle should have the same pressure on all tires on that axle.



Another item often discussed with varied opinions is tire age. There is a stamp on the tires that gives the date the tire was actually manufactured. Different manufactures have different recommendations on the number of years a tire should be in service, but "newer the better" is always the way to go. Goodyear doesn't include any specific time frame in the RV Tire brochure, but the timeframe three to five years has been mentioned several times by Goodyear representatives at MI rallies. Michelin recommends that any tire older than ten years be removed from service regardless. They also recommend that any tire older than five years have regular inspections by a Michelin dealer annually for a determination of whether they should be taken out of service or not. They even have a card which an owner can use to visually inspect the tires yourself for aging, weather checking or ozone cracking.

Another item discussed is storing a motor home. Michelin mentions this in their brochure and states that you should always place a moisture barrier (cardboard, plastic or plywood) between the tires and the storage surface. They also mention that you should cover the tires to block direct sunlight and ultraviolet rays.

The links <http://www.michelinrvtires.com/michelinrv/toolbox/reference-material.jsp> or <http://www.goodyear.com/rv/> allow you to download a guide that shows everything mentioned in this article and more. These are good documents to help answer some of your questions. When in doubt you should always ask your authorized tire dealer for your brand of tires.

**Jerry A. Jenkins**

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

## DISCOVER WISCONSIN

Discover Wisconsin is the theme for the Monaco International Rally being held in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. Judy and I are working daily trying to make this an enjoyable experience. A terrific local caterer has been hired and will offer a menu of Wisconsin cuisine. We have hired outstanding entertainment for your enjoyment. The facility is a large fairground with an ice arena, exhibition buildings and an open air covered pavilion for daily activities, socializing and relaxation. A registration form will be available in November.

Manitowoc is known as Wisconsin's Maritime Capitol and has the largest maritime museum on the Great Lakes, with displays of everything from wooden sailing ships to a World War II submarine, which can be toured. Charter sport fishing boats sail out of the city's modern harbor. The city is also homeport to the only remaining coal-fired steamship in North America, the S.S. Badger car ferry, steaming from Manitowoc to Ludington, Michigan. West of the Lake Gardens is a beautiful private garden on the shores of the lake. The garden was donated to the city and is open for your enjoyment at no charge. A wonderful walking and biking paved trail runs for miles along the shore of Lake Michigan between Manitowoc and Two Rivers, with uninterrupted beautiful views of the lake, marinas and surrounding areas. While in the area, we certainly do not want to forget visiting the cheese factories and wineries. You may sample all the wonderful products they produce and learn how they are made.

These are just a few highlights of things to do. We invite you to come and **DISCOVER WISCONSIN**

**Judy & Dick Strzyzewski, Rally Masters**