

# Macon Rally

The Monaco International Pre-Rally in Macon, Georgia had some surprises, revised some traditions and was an outstanding success. The weather was great, except for one afternoon of rain, which allowed everyone to try out their rally gift – two umbrellas, two ponchos, a flashlight, and a mesh bag to carry everything. Actually, the temperature hovered around 70 degrees on most of the rally days.

Everyone attending the rally was able to park on blacktop around the Coliseum and Convention Center at the Macon Centreplex. The new coaches were on display inside the Convention Center, and the arena offered plenty of space for the entertainment stage, dining tables, cocktail hour bar, and a special surprise, the salad bar. Each night from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, during the happy hour, the salad bar lines were open to everyone. On the first night, the salad bar became an instant hit, and had the attendees raving about the change for the rest of the rally.

The rally brought back an old friend, Scott Eavis, and his catering company, International Catering. His Breakfasts and Dinners were excellent. In appreciation of his great job, Scott received a standing ovation when the entire catering staff was presented to the rally attendees on Thursday night. We can always depend on Scott to serve us great tasting food without running out. Speed is also important, and each night we were able to feed everyone in around 15 minutes.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment. On the first night, a variety group (music and comedy) from Tennessee was an immediate hit. The second night was a funny comedian followed by a dance band. The third night was a show band from North Carolina, and for the last night, a county and western band played dance music.

The Red Hat Luncheon was held in the Auditorium in Downtown Macon. This historical building has a stage, balcony and a large floor area, which easily seated the 120 members of the Red Hat Society. The trip to the Auditorium was provided by two motorized trolleys. The short 5 minute trip was a treat for the ladies, and added enjoyment to the event.

As usual, coaches were repaired, seminars were conducted all day long, and the new and elegant Monaco Coaches were on display. Good weather, good friends and a very enjoyable time were the ingredients to a great rally in Macon, Georgia! We were honored to be the Rally Masters for this rally. The rally is over, and our duties as President of Monaco International are finished, so... We will see you down the road, if not before.

Art and Ellen Brighton