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Notes From the Prez

Greetings to all our Monaco International Chapter Members! I hope that all of you are looking forward to another season "on the road"!

I have several messages I want to share with you. First of all, mark your calendars and put your plans together to join the Rally in Syracuse, New York, on the dates of July 27 to July 31. It will be held at the New York State Fairgrounds. Jack Brewster has been hard at work putting together a great rally for us and I know you will enjoy the camaraderie, the special nights of entertainment, and the other fun and interesting things Jack has on the schedule. You can fill out the application that is part of this newsletter and mail it in, or you can register online via our Monaco International website www.MIRVClub.com. Quite a few folks have already registered, and I would like to see a big turnout of our members: we have a large membership and I hope that many of you will come to New York this summer!

My second message has to do with recruiting folks to join Monaco International. Over the years, our membership ranks have continued to decline as some of us age out and/or change away from the RVing lifestyle. Put on your recruiting shoes and encourage folks you meet or know who have a motorized recreational vehicle to come along to Syracuse! One more point about membership: we have also changed the bylaws to recognize Associate Members. These are people who have been a member of Monaco International and for one reason or another have sold their coach. We encourage them to continue to be members of Monaco International to maintain the friendships that have been built up over the years. FMCA has set up this classification, so we have followed their lead. Associate Members continue to pay dues and can attend rallies, they just cannot vote or hold office in the chapter.

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My third and last message is a solicitation for officer positions. We need good folks who have the interest to begin getting ready for assuming a role in the chapter leadership. Specifically, we will need a Treasurer and a Newsletter Editor. Jerry Jenkins will come to the end of his three year term in office in the Spring of 2017. I know he would welcome an apprentice to look over his shoulder for a few months and then take the reins next year. And Maxine Schremp, our valued Newsletter Editor, is preparing to close out her time behind the editor's desk. So, how about it, folks? I know that there are lots of people in our membership ranks who have the experience and skills to step up to the plate. Please let me know if you have the interest or if you know someone who would be great in one of these positions!

Looking forward to seeing lots of you in New York in a few months!

Best regards, and safe travels!

Rich Halverson
President@MIRVClub.com

BALLOONS! BALLOONS! BALLOONS!

ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA RALLY HURRY! DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!

By the time you read this, the MI Balloon Fiesta Rally held at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM on **October 5th through 9th, 2016** may be filled and have a waiting list. Attending the Fiesta with MI is an exceptional opportunity at an exceptional price for the package and the word is out!

The Balloon Fiesta is one of the world's most photographed events and MI is located in a prime location for viewing the balloons, but we have only eighty spaces. Go to the Upcoming Rallies section of the MI Website www.MIRVClub.com for details and a list of what the Rally Package includes.

Don't procrastinate any longer. Sign up or get on the waiting list as some travel plans get interrupted. Filling vacant slots that may occur will be based on the date order on the waiting list.

If you have any questions, please contact: Harry or Sandy Hentschel at 719-339-9237, hands1968@me.com or Marvin or De Pitts at marvinpittsaz@gmail.com. The application is also on **page 5** of this newsletter.

See you there!

VP of Membership Report

Moultrie was a time for elections and welcoming the following new Regional Directors: Roy Holt for Region 2, replacing his wife Jackie Holt; Lloyd DeGerald for Region 3 replacing Laura Wyatt; Walter Nelson for Region 5 replacing Richard Grega; and Dan Mitchell for Region 6 replacing Jean Firl. A big thank you to the retiring directors who served the club these past three years. It is obvious that your contact with new members has made a contributing difference in the number of coaches at each rally. Several First Timers from Pahrump have even attended the Balloon Festival and Branson Rallies.

In the recent months Pam Chehaske and Tam Murley from Region 4 (Southeastern area) have had the largest group of new members when nine (9) of them attended the Pre-Rally in Moultrie as First Timers. There were 33 First Timer coaches attending the Pre-Rally out of the 129 attending coach members. We even had a few Associate Members in attendance with some staying in a motel.

The New Member Application has been revised to reflect the decision to offer one year complimentary dues so that the fee to join Monaco International is only \$25 which covers the Name Badges, Plaque, Membership Card and mailing expense for the club. The application may be filled out online or printed if you have prospective members to whom you would like to give an application.

You might share the information that FMCA has reduced their fee to join this year by \$10 to \$40.

Start planning your summer activities around the Pre-Rally in Syracuse, NY, July 27-31 with 3 days early parking available. There are so many great places to visit before or after the event. And don't forget to join in the fun by volunteering to work on a committee and/or include being a Mentor for First Timers when you complete the Pre-Rally Registration! The FMCA Family Convention will follow in West Springfield, MA, August 3-6, 2016.

Norma Preston,
VP of Membership



If you would rather receive your Monaco International Newsletter via email, please send an email to our Vice President of Membership Norma Preston at vpmbship@gmail.com. Norma will place you on our email list. You will receive your **color** newsletter weeks before everyone else! And it will save our chapter funds on stamps, and printing ; plus, think of all those trees that you will be saving!

Thanks,

Maxine Schremp
Newsletter Editor

National Directors Report

FMCA UPDATE

There has not been a meeting of the FMCA Governing Board since last August, but I had the opportunity to meet with a number of the FMCA Executive Board at our Pre-Rally in Moultrie, at a social gathering prior to the FMCA Reunion and at meetings in Perry.

The most significant news is that Jerry Yeates left the FMCA organization in late February and a management team composed of several members of the Executive Board are actively involved with running the organization until a suitable new Executive Director can be found. The MI Executive Board has seen this Interim Management Team in action and believe FMCA is in good hands.

The dates for the Winter Reunion to be held in Chandler, AZ has been set for March, 2017.

One item that is expected to be on the agenda for the upcoming FMCA Governing Board meeting in August is the possibility of a dues increase. This past year, the dues were held at the prior year level and included coverage under FMCAssist. The cost of this program was covered by investment income. However, as most of us know, that it has not been as rosy this past year and the Executive Board feels it may be necessary to either raise the dues and keep the FMCAssist as part of the dues or keep the dues at the same level and charge a nominal fee for FMCAssist. This issue is still being studied, but is likely to be on the agenda for a vote in August. Please let me know your thoughts so I can appropriately represent MI and its members.

I plan to hold a National Directors Forum during our Pre-Rally in Syracuse to discuss items that will be on the Agenda for the FMCA Governing Board in West Springfield.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any FMCA issues or concerns you may have.

Harry Hentschel

MI National Director

hands1968@me.com

719-339-9237

MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2016 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- Harry & Sandy Hentschel & Marvin & De Pitts
Honorary Hostess: Kay Piper



Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 5 – Sunday, October 9, 2016

The Balloon Fiesta is the most photographed event in the world.

Over 600 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.

There will be NO REFUNDS unless your cancellation request is mailed and post-marked by July 15th or your space can be filled from the wait list. Registration confirmations will be emailed. If you want a confirmation mailed, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope.



We will be parking in the VIP R.V. area which is adjacent to the launch site.

This will be Dry Camping and no hook-ups. However, water and honey wagon are

Rally Contacts:

Harry & Sandy Hentschel
719-339-9237 or 719-237-5412
email: hands1968@me.com

Marvin & De Pitts
928-713-0983
email: marvin.pittsaz@gmail.com

Kay Piper—Honorary Hostess

2016 MI AIFB Rally is in Memory of
David Piper
1938—2015

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.

Sign up online
(Preferred)
at
WWW.MIRVCLUB.COM

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____ License # & State _____

Coach Make _____ Coach Length _____ # Slidecuts _____

Names of Guests: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally**

**Mail to: Monaco International
c/o Marvin & De Pitts
520 Highland Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86303**

Please check if this will be your first time at the Balloon Fiesta

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$445
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$395
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$150
Extra person	each	\$100
TOTAL		_____

Secretary's Corner

Good Day! With Spring in the air and the cold Winter behind us I hope everyone is looking forward to our summer rally in Syracuse. I for one am excited about going to New York for our pre-rally. As you have all no doubt read and discovered there is so much to see and do both coming and going to the Syracuse Rally. Be sure to register quickly and take advantage of our "early registration" savings.

Following are a couple of highlights from the General Membership meeting in Moultrie, including a list of the newly elected officers:

President, Rich Halverson - Rich moved up from 1st VP and I'm sure you all know this great guy who has a true talent when it comes to taking pictures. He has great organizational skills and the next year promises to be terrific for MI!

1st VP, Dick Strzyzewski - Dick moved up from 2nd VP. Dick is well known for his "coach parking skills"...Dick and his wife Judy have been the Parking Chairs several times after serving on the parking committee for many years. He and Judy are a familiar face at the MI Rallies and have no doubt guided and helped you park at many rallies. I personally can't remember a rally that Dick and Judy were not involved as Rally Master, parking, as well as heading up and working on various committees.

2nd VP, Scott Phillips - Scott and his wife Debra, are relative newcomers to MI and have only been with MI for 2 years. Scott and Debra have been active in Monacoers Yahoo Group for four years and they attended the Monacoers rally in Tampa this past February.

VP Membership, Norma Preston, Incumbent;
Treasurer, Jerry Jenkins, Incumbent;

Secretary, Nancy Wolfe, Incumbent
National Director, Harry Hentschel,
Incumbent

Alternate National Director, Jack Ehlenberg - Jack and his wife Betty have been very active members in MI for several years. They work on the parking committee and attend every rally. Jack has served as a National Director for other clubs and has lots of experience so I'm sure MI will be well represented.

Regional Directors: (I) indicates Incumbent

Region 1:
Ed Hudson (I)
Peter Johnson (I)

Region 2:
Roy Holt
Bob White (I)

Region 3:
Carolyn Banks (I)
Lloyd DeGerald

Region 4:
Tam Murley (I)
Pam Chehaske (I)

Region 5:
Marcella Pasetto (I)
Walt Nelson

Region 6:
Dan Mitchell
Lois Tucker (I)

Upcoming Rallies: Syracuse, NY - July 27-31, 2016; Balloon Fiesta, - October 3-9, 2016; and returning to Branson, MO, May 7-14, 2017. Be sure to check out the applications on the web site.

Standing Rule # 9 was changed deleting the first paragraph, the change reflected that the MI Executive Board will no longer have their rally fees paid and related expenses paid by the club treasury.

The new Nominating Committee consists of: Jan Couch, Chair, (941-531-4903 or 770-354-4367); Dan Mitchell, (651-206-0352); and JJ Tucker, (404-374-1700). Please contact one of the listed committee members to let them know if you are interested and willing to serve as an officer for MI.

Hope to see ya'll in Syracuse.....Safe Travels,

Nancy Wolfe, Secretary

Greetings to all Monaco International Members

I have just returned from rallies in Moultrie and Perry GA. and if you missed our Moultrie pre-rally you missed a great time. The food and entertainment were both outstanding, and the weather was on our side with lots of sunshine.

Since being elected First Vice President at Moultrie, my plate has become a lot fuller. I passed on the Monaco International equipment I was carrying to the new Second Vice President, which gave me back room in my storage bays.

While taking down the American and Canadian flags at Moultrie I noticed a few problems with the pole assemblies. After returning home I sought out a flag store and purchased replacement poles.

Being responsible for two pre-rallies if elected president next year, a pre-rally to FMCA Indianapolis the summer of 2017 and a pre-rally to Perry, winter of 2018, myself and a few trusty scouts inspected some possible sites after leaving Perry. Along with the sites, I am also in search of volunteers to take on the job of Rally Master. Speaking from experience, this can be a fun and rewarding time. I am asking everyone to give it some serious thought and if there are any questions give me a call. I'd be more than happy to discuss being Rally Master with you.

On a lighter note I would like to announce an addition to the Strzyzewski family. We have been without a pet for a difficult year and a half. A friend with a Havanese dog introduced us to a three year old who needed a home. She now has a home with us. Her name is Calli and she fits in perfectly.

That's all for now except get your registration in for the Syracuse NY pre-rally. It is shaping up to be a great party at a great location. We're looking forward to it!

Dick Strzyzewski

First Vice President
Monaco International

Monaco International Michelin Tire Program



The Michelin discount program still exists within Monaco International. The price listings that are online are still the correct pricing and the process is documented online as well. Be sure to follow the process completely so your experience will be successful. If you have any questions, contact Jerry Jenkins at jajenkins47@gmail.com or call at 830-377-6195.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER



Attention All MI Ladies Come and Join the fun!!



Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Luncheon!!!!

Our Ladies Luncheon in Syracuse is a time to **"Express Yourself"**.....Bring a hat that is "fun, fancy, and festive" to wear to the Ladies Luncheon.

Need help decorating a hat? We will be holding a "DECORATE YOUR HAT" Craft/Get Together prior to the luncheon. If you would like to bring a plain hat/fascinator come embellish it at the "Craft/Get Together". We will have some materials available or you can bring your own, just be ready to have fun "Express Yourself". Date and time for the Craft/Get Together will be noted in your Goody Bag and program when you arrive.

See you there.....we will have a contest during the Ladies Luncheon and reward the "best hat/fascinator" in several categories.

Looking forward to a "Hatastic Girly Gathering",

Nancy Wolfe

PS: If you would like to volunteer to help decorate hats or help during the luncheon, please contact me by e-mail: dicknancywolfe@aol.com or cell: 941-704-4455

Help! Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for some new crafts or activities and need teachers. Do you have any ideas? One thing new is we'll be having a "Decorate your Hat" class prior to the Ladies Luncheon and need a teacher and/or assistant. And, if you have a special craft or idea we would love to hear from you and include you in the craft program.

J J Tucker
404-374-1700
JTucker201@aol.com



LOST AND FOUND AT MOULTRIE

Found in the ladies restroom across from the dinning hall was a small plastic Baggie containing a couple of items that may have significant sentimental value to it's owner. It contained a piece of fabric and some money and a couple of other small items. If this is yours or you know to whom it belongs please call J J Tucker 404-374-1700 or email JTucker201@aol.com to claim.



MONACO INTERNATIONAL

Presents

"AMERICA'S MUSIC SHOW CAPITAL" RALLY

BRANSON, MISSOURI

(Limited to 114 PEOPLE)



Noon Sunday, May 7, 2017

thru

Sunday, May 14, 2017

at

ABC Campground

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, SIX, IT (The Hughes Brothers), Clay Cooper Country Express, Presley's Country Jubilee, The Texas Tenors, The Haygoods; 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 \$750 (U.S. funds) deposit made payable to "Monaco International Branson Rally"

Mail to Registrar:
 Dick Wolfe
 704 Palma Sola Blvd.
 Bradenton, FL 34209
 Cell: 941-224-9180
 Cell: 941-704-4455
 Dicknancywolfe@aol.com

Rally Masters:
 Les & Wilma Jean Alexander
 (309) 824-0652 or 824-0639
 bumminfir@hughes.net

Note: Payment in full required if mailed after Dec. 31, 2016

"AMERICA'S MUSIC SHOW CAPITAL" RALLY

Branson, Missouri

Registration Form May 7-14, 2017

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Telephone _____ Coach _____

MI Member Coach 1 person	\$850 _____	Make _____	Year _____	Length _____
MI Member Coach Spouse	\$550 _____	Handicapped _____		
Extra Person in Coach	\$650 _____	First Branson Rally	Y N	

Non Member Coach additional \$100 _____ FMCA # _____

Total _____

Deposit (minimum \$750) _____ **Register on line at MIRVClub.com or**

Balance of fees due by December 31, 2016 _____ **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "MONACO INTERNATIONAL BRANSON RALLY"**



EXPLORE NY!

July 27—July 31, 2016

It has been thirteen years since our last visit to Rome, NY, during July of 2003. If you were with us then, it is time to return. If not, in my opinion this is one of the best times of the year to visit New York and Explore!

Our rally will be held at the newly created Full Hookup Campground at the New York State Fairground in Syracuse, NY. This area is rich in history, with great museums, destinations, wineries, and other sites, all well within a day's drive. We have arranged for up to three days of early parking before the rally begins, for you to Explore NY!

Some suggestions of sites you might like to visit while you are in the Syracuse area: If you visit our website at www.mirvclub.com you will find more information on these sites:

Syracuse Museums and Art Galleries
Rosamond Gifford Zoo
Syracuse Tours
1000 Islands
New York's Finger Lakes Region
Corning Museum of Glass
Watkins Glen International
Cooperstown, NY
George Eastman Museum
Turning Stone Casino and Resort

Sign up today at www.mirvclub.com or mail the application attached to this newsletter. Any questions contact the Rallymaster or Registrar listed on the application.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER



NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY

RALLY MASTERS :
Jack & Terri Brewster
jsb@bcoach.us
914-475-3999

PRESIDENT, Rich Halverson

This rally is sponsored by the
Monaco International Chapter of FMCA
and is open to all motorized
recreational vehicles.

Rally Price includes:

Welcome Social
4 Breakfasts/Social Hours/
Dinners
Entertainment
Seminars—Vendors—Suppliers
New Coach Display

**There is NO DRY camping at
this location. All attendees
must have Campground Full
hookups.**

*Up to 3 days early parking available
starting on July 24th
\$35 per night for Campground Full
Hookup*

**All early parking fees must be
included with this reservation.
No refunds on early parking.**

REGISTER EARLY

Register online at www.MIRVClub.com
or Mail this form with Check to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally
Jerry & Marilyn Jenkins
900 High Pointe Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028-9227
jerryjenkins@omniglobal.net

First Attendee _____

Second Attendee _____

Additional _____
(First and last name for EACH attendee)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell #: _____

Please add me to your e-mail/newsletter mailings FMCA # _____

Monaco Coach Model _____ Coach # _____

Handicapped? Yes First Timer? Yes Coach Length _____ Ft.
(Must have state issued handicapped placard)

Caravan to FMCA? Yes

COST:	FEE	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach including 1 adult	\$ 200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Member/Spouse/Significant other (add)	150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> each Additional Guest (add)	150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Campground Full Hookups - 5 nights of rally (add required)	+175.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 nights Campground Early Parking July 24, 25 & 26 (add)	105.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nights Campground Early Parking July 25 & 26 (add)	70.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 night Campground Early Parking July 26 (add)	35.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player)	60.00	
Name/handicap		
(Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay* before May 15 2016 may deduct \$100 from the fee)		-100.00
*Must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2016 TOTAL INCLUDED:		

REGISTER ONLINE AT : www.MIRVClub.com

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 15th, 2016
Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after July 1st

**Cancellation request must be received
by 06/30/2016 for refund.**