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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez



The theme of Mardi Gras is "Let the Good Times Roll" and roll they did at the Monaco Pre Rally in Moultrie Georgia! Rally Masters, Dick and Nancy Wolfe, proved once again what experienced Rally Masters can do! Kudos also go to our immediate past president, Jack Brewster and his lovely wife Terri, for all their hard work and planning that went into making the rally a great success! There were good times had by all, and the three dealers, Alliance, Buddy Gregg, and Lazy Days, sold more coaches than in the past several rallies. It's been a long two years since we were in Moultrie last and heard as we arrived of the bankruptcy of Monaco Coach Corporation. It's good to see them back in business and selling coaches, and we hope things will continue to improve.



From left to right: Terri & Jack Brewster & Dick & Nancy Wolfe

For those of you who have attended our rallies, you know that the rallies are a great venue to meet new friends, catch up with old ones, and to have service performed on your coach. The Monaco RV technicians were in Moultrie in full force and were greatly appreciated!

Next up for Monaco International is the Branson Rally in May of this year. There are currently a few openings. If you're interested, you should sign up immediately! The Alexander's and the Ham's have great plans that they are offering.

Our next pre-rally is in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, August 2-6. Dick and Judy Strzyzewski are the Rally Masters, and they have been working hard for over a year to ensure a great rally. If you have not been to Wisconsin, you are in for a treat. For those airplane enthusiasts, the EEAU is the week before the event, so you can definitely double your fun! The Early Bird incentive program appears to be working well so far. The club is trying different things to entice our members to register early. Early registration is extremely important when it comes to attracting dealer, vendors, and Monaco LLC with their technicians, parts, and hopefully, a brand new wearable line.

In addition, the Balloon Festival will be October 5-9, 2011 and should be a special time.

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Are You Ready?

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

"American's Musicshow Capitol" Rally

May 1–8th, 2011
Branson, MO
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"Discover Wisconsin" Rally

Aug. 2– 6th, 2011
Manitowoc,
Wisconsin
Pages 2, 3, & 9



2011 Balloon Fiesta Rally

Oct. 5- 9th, 2011
Albuquerque
New Mexico
Pages 10

Membership Update

As of March 1, 2011 the membership of Monaco International (MI) was 1724 coach members. This year we mailed renewal notices by email. If an email address was not on file that member was mailed a hard copy. This practice saved the club \$\$ and the environment trees. We plan to continue this practice in the future.

The FMCA Past Due Member report is checked monthly; members are notified of their status with FMCA (this is the 4th reminder received by the member) and after 15 days are archived from MI if FMCA dues are not paid.

Regional Directors contact all new members via email, telephone, or snail mail monthly. Any corrections to their data is checked and corrected if necessary.

There were 34 1st timer's at the Moultrie Rally.

Kaye Martin
505-506-7134



DISCOVER WISCONSIN AND GET PAID \$100.00 TO DO SO!



MONACO INTERNATIONAL

In an effort to encourage members to register early for pre-rallies, MI is paying
\$100.00 at the rally to each of the first 150
members who register before **May 1, 2011.....**

**DISCOVER WISCONSIN
PRE-RALLY, AUGUST 2 – 6, 2011
IN MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN**



**IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM YOUR \$100.00 – REGISTER TODAY!!!
REMEMBER ONLY 150 BY 5-1-11!**

Look for the application in this newsletter or on line at:
www.monacointernationalrvclub.com



The Perks of Being a MI Member!

We are proud to announce that Monaco International has established a fleet pricing program with Michelin tire so that our members may be able to purchase Michelin tires at a substantial discount over retail pricing. The program allows our members to buy an array of Michelin tires, but the best benefit comes with the RV tires. The Monaco International web site has a link to describe the program, to give some information on the process, and also to provide the current pricing you will receive when tires are purchased.

Go to <http://www.monacointernationalrvclub.com/michelin.asp>. You will be asked for a Username and Password to enter the site for information on the Michelin program. The Username and Password are the same for all MI members and **should not be shared with anyone outside of our club**. The username and password is being mailed to you along with the "ship to number" (the term Michelin uses for their fleet discount program) to be used to obtain the discount. If you have questions or need help prior to receiving the letter, you can send an email to Michelin@monacointernationalrvclub.com with questions you have about the program.

The site contains a description of the program, how the purchasing process works, links to the Michelin web sites in order to find a fleet dealer where you can purchase tires, and a current discounted price list for our members.

DISCOVER WISCONSIN

Have you made your summer plans yet? Be sure to include attending the Monaco International Pre-Rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin August 2nd through August 6th. Attending rallies is always fun, but this rally offers additional benefits! When traveling to the rally, plan to come early to Wisconsin and stay after the rally because of the many interesting things to see and do. Wisconsin isn't just a dairy state. You can tour the Harley Museum or experience the thrill of the EAA FLYIN held just sixty miles from the rally site. Micro-breweries and major breweries are available to taste and tour along with wineries and cheese factories. If your interests run to spectacular architecture, then you must visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin and the House on the Rock. **Make your plans and register before May 1 and you may be among the first 150 to receive a \$100 monetary reward at the rally for registering early. The quota is rapidly filling, so don't delay . . . register today! Eligibility is determined by postmark.**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

RALLY APPLICATIONS?

INFORMATION ABOUT PAST RALLIES?

PICTURES OF YOUR FRIENDS?

WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA OF THE RALLY?

TECHNICAL LINKS?

MI MICHELIN TIRE PROGRAM INFORMATION?

WHO ARE YOUR OFFICERS?

HOW CAN I GET TOUCH WITH AN OFFICER?

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

CAN I ORDER A NEW BADGE?

These of just a few of the questions that you can find the answer to:
Log into the Monaco International website.....you'll be glad you did!

WWW.MONACOINTERNATIONALRVCLUB.COM

Election Results

Election, March, 2011

Elections for officers for the coming year were held in Moultrie, GA. Due to FMCA canceling their Spring Convention in 2012, the officers elected in Moultrie will serve 17 months. The next election for MI officers will be held at the MI pre-rally in Indiana, August, 2012.

Executive Board:

PRESIDENT:	Jerry Jenkins
FIRST VP:	Wilt Greenwood
SECOND VP:	Peggy Rahkola
VP MEMBERSHIP:	Jean Ann Miller
SECRETARY:	De Pitts
TREASURER:	Linda Schreiber
NAT'L DIRECTOR:	Nancy Wolfe
ALT. NAT'L. DIRECTOR:	Maxine Schremp

Regional Directors:

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Presidents' Message

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This is the 40th anniversary of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and promises to be a special event. When you are making your plans, why not consider encouraging your other motorhome friends to attend as well? For more information and for applications, you may see the web site, monacointernationalrvclub.com.

When you attend these rallies, please remember to thank the Rally Masters and all of the volunteers. The good times that you enjoy are a direct result of people who have given their time and efforts to ensure that you have a great time. Without these wonderful people, these rallies would not be possible

As incoming president, I have set some personal goals for myself. One of these goals is to find ways to increase the membership in our club. So far, that goal is looking pretty good! Mike Snell, Senior VP of Sales and Product Development for Monaco LLC, has agreed to reinstate the policy of paying for a one year MI membership for every new coach sold. Added to this, Brett Howard of Alliance Coach has agreed to pay for a one year membership to MI for every used qualifying coach that Alliance sells! I feel that once people have enjoyed attending a rally, they will come again and again. Another goal I have is to increase the benefits of belonging to MI. To that end, I have worked on forging an agreement with Michelin Tires. This program is now in place, and you will be seeing more information about how to take advantage of the pricing because you are a member of Monaco International.

Until next time, safe travels,

Jerry Jenkins, President

MARDI GRAS IN MOULTRIE

MARCH 7 – 11, 2011

Rally Wrap up



Talk about “Let’n the Good Times Roll!” If you didn’t attend the Mardi Gras in Moultrie Rally this past month you really missed a great event! The vendors were open on Monday with no other activities planned except the “Grand Parade and Reception” beginning at 5 PM. The parade route was lined with shouting spectators....all with their arms in the air trying to catch those sparkly beads. There were some great entries in the parade, with Rich & Alexis Grega taking the first prize for their extremely well decorated scooters.....they even decorated themselves! We had golf carts, motorcycles, antique cars, the large Alliance Coach parts truck and a tally ho wagon loaded with the officers and fun loving MI members. The Grand Parade ended at the Reception where it seems everyone was “loaded”... with beads.



The rally opened with super weather, lots of vendors, new coaches to tour, and seminars to attend. The evening brought a super meal followed by “Big Mike and his Band.” They had the crowd on their feet from the beginning, when they started out with the traditional Mardi Gras Anthem.....”When the Saints Go Marching In.” Everyone almost danced their “beads off.”

Our Chili Cook-Off was a great success, we had two winners tied for first; Laura Wyatt and Rocky Rahkola. Monaco LLC treated all to a Chili and Burger lunch as the judges sat on stage and tasted all the Cook Off entries. One of the tallest judges, from Oregon, (not mentioning any names here) told us the next day he didn’t sleep all night, and went thru a bottle of Tums!!!



The Ladies Luncheon was awesome! The ladies in hats were a sight to behold. The dessert was beyond belief.....Bananas Foster prepared as they are in the true Mardi Gras City, New Orleans. The Crafts were the best ever! From crystal jewelry to one stroke painting, there was something for all the ladies to enjoy.

From the Cajun Comedian to the Karaoke ,on the last night we were well entertained. In the past, the rallies were judged by how much weight each person gained.....from all indications this was a “10 pound rally!”

Commemorative photos were taken of each couple, and placed in a specially designed frame for all to take with them as a memento of our own special Mardi Gras. We have some frames left if anyone didn’t get one or would like an extra one. Available on a first come basis....contact: dicknancywolfe@aol.com or 941-704-4455.

Last but not least....we are very proud to say we left a big foot print in Moultrie. We raised and donated \$5,836 dollars and boxes of supplies that were badly needed. Our Community Support project was the Serenity House, a facility that houses “at risk” women and children. We appreciate the generosity of our members on behalf of this very worthwhile project.

Be a part of all the fun, food and fellowship.....plan to attend the next Monaco International Pre-rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Look for the application and further information in this newsletter and on our web site: www.monacointernationalrvclub.com

Dick & Nancy Wolfe,
Your Rally Masters

National Directors Report

What a busy time for FMCA and the National Directors! In order to keep this article short and attempt to keep you all well informed I am giving you an abbreviated version of current items you need to be aware of with your FMCA:

The 86th FMCA Summer Convention is scheduled for August 10-13, 2011 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, which follows the Monaco International Pre-Rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin to be held August 2 – 6. You may register on line for the 86th FMCA Convention by logging onto FMCA.com. We urge all to attend this convention and support FMCA.

Mark your calendars now: The dates for the FMCA 87th (Convention) Family Reunion and MH Show will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana. The new dates are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 27, 28, 29, & 30, 2012 with family parking days on Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26.

Election of officers for FMCA will be held during the Governing Board meeting at the 86th Convention, candidates are as follows, with nominations taken from the floor:

National President	Judith (Judy) Czarsty, F79148 Charles M. (Charlie) Schrenkel, L140050 (by petition)
National Senior Vice President	Ross Boyer, F268985 Allen Rein, F214273
National Secretary	Wilma Jean Alexander, F163804 Vicky Ferrari, F369332
National Treasurer	Dan Couch, F290790 Wil Young, F207019

Watch for resumes for these candidates in the June, 2011 FMC magazine. I appreciate your comments and direction on my vote as your National Director.

FMCAssist - The program was effective beginning January 1, 2011 and replaces MedEx. An outline of the benefits may be found in the January, 2011 issue of the FMC magazine. For more information about FMCAssist, contact the FMCA Member Services Department (800) 543-3622, (513) 474-3622. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or e-mail: membeship@fmca.com. You may also be interested in the complete FMCA Member Benefit guide found on line at FMCA.com....FMC Magazine...back issues, January, 2011.

Reminder: As you're traveling this summer and perhaps pull into an RV Park, be sure to be aware of those motor homes that do not have an FMCA membership Emblem on it or if it is a Monaco, LLC product, look for the MI Emblem. We need to recruit new members for FMCA and Monaco International. Our members are our best advertisement.

INTO (International Area)

The International Area rally, "Spring INTO Goshen" will be held May 11-14, 2011 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana. You may register on-line at FMCA.com. Be sure to come out and support your International Area, it should be a great rally! If you're interested in volunteering be sure to indicate on your application. David Piper needs a few tram (golf cart) volunteers. You may contact him at: Cell # 405-833-8471 or email him at dfpiper@aol.com

Nancy Wolfe,
MI National Director



IF YOUR GETTING READY TO "HIT THE ROAD"
HERE IS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON
HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

***PILOT FLYING J
LOYALTY CARD DISCOUNT PROGRAM***

FMCA has issued the following instructions to aid you in receiving your Loyalty Card discount at Pilot Flying J locations. Loyalty Card holders will ALWAYS receive cash price and \$.03 off diesel and \$.02 off gas at any Pilot or Flying J. The process varies depending on which lane is used. If you follow these instructions you should have no problem obtaining your discount regardless of which lane you use:

First and Foremost: ALL cards, regardless of age, can be used to receive the discount; cards must be registered at www.frequentfueleradvantage.com.

Once you have registered your card prior to arriving at your fuel stop, you may proceed as follows:

For RV or regular Auto Lanes:

Insert Credit Card FIRST at pump.

Insert Loyalty Card SECOND at pump.

(As of March 14, Visa is the ONLY Company that will allow you to fuel up to \$495 in one transaction in RV lanes.)

For Truck Diesel Lanes:

Insert Loyalty Card **ONLY**, at pump to enable pump start.

DO NOT insert any other card, such as your credit card or debit card at the pump or the transaction **WILL FAIL**

Pump fuel, hang up nozzle, pull forward, and go inside to pay.

(Even if paying with credit card inside, you still will receive cash price and \$.03 off.)

DISCLAIMER: We have had pros and cons on this method; if it does not work we are not responsible for time lost and aggravation. You may want to check with your credit card holder to discuss lifting the "safety limit" that is part of some credit card companies.



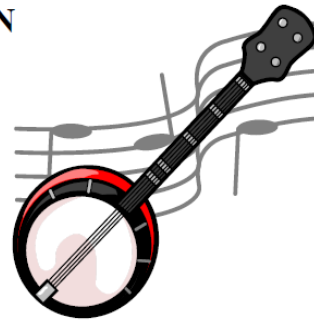
MONACO INTERNATIONAL
Presents
**"AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL"
RALLY**



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)

Mail to:
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12572 E. 47th Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367
(970) 927-3273
Email: Branson@johnham.us

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

DISCOVER WISCONSIN

MONACO INTERNATIONAL PRE RALLY

Manitowoc County Expo & Ice Center

Manitowoc, WI

August 2 thru 6, 2011

RALLY MASTERS:

DICK & JUDY STRYZEWSKI

rstryz6827@aol.com

(262) 442-2874

(262) 442-3773

PRESIDENT: Jerry Jenkins

FIRST LADY: Marilyn Jenkins

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/Dinners
- Social Hours
- Entertainment
- Seminars
- Vendors
- Suppliers
- New Coach Display
- Crafts
- Pet Parade
- 5 Nights Parking (Aug. 2-6)

Early parking available on August 1st:

Per night (dry) \$15

With electric \$35

All **EARLY** parking fees will be collected at the gate. Cash or Check Only. (Checks preferred)

Technicians & Monaco parts trailer on site!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Monaco International Pre-Rally

MAIL TO:

Bob & Jane White

3590 Round Bottom Road #222114

Cincinnati, OH 45244

Email: monaco2011rallys@aol.com

(909) 967-8106 Bob

(909) 560-3816 Jane

First Attendee _____

Second Attendee _____

First and Last Name of Each Attendee

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (____) _____

☐ Please add me to your email/newsletter mailings

FMCA # _____

Coach Model _____

Coach # _____

Handicapped? ☐ Yes / Handicap Electric? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Send copy of state issued handicapped placard with application.)

Diabetic desserts? ☐ Yes — Number of people needing diabetic desserts: _____

First Timer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Caravan to FMCA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

COST:

☐ Monaco International Member Coach and 2 Adults

**BEFORE
JULY 14**

**AFTER
JULY 14**

\$320.00

\$370.00

☐ Monaco International Member Coach and 1 Adult

220.00

270.00

☐ NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)

50.00

50.00

☐ Electric (30 amp) - 5 Nights of Rally (add)

Check to Reserve — Pay electric now or at gate.

150.00

150.00

☐ Extra Person in Coach (age 12 and above)

125.00

125.00

☐ Extra Person (under 12)

90.00

90.00

☐ Ladies Luncheon (per person)

15.00

15.00

☐ Golf (per player) / Handicap: _____

60.00

60.00

Name of golf player(s): _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE

\$

**REGISTER
EARLY!
ELECTRIC SITES ARE
LIMITED.**

Confirmation Packet: ☐ Mail ☐ Hold

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

July 14, 2011

Confirmation Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after July 14, 2011.

Cancellation request must be received by July 14, 2011 for refund.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2011 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

HOSTED BY --- DAVID & KAY PIPER

STEVE AND LAURIE WYMAN

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

This will be the 40th Anniversary of 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 are limited to 40 sites

A wait list will be established. 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.



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.

Rally Contacts:

David & Kay Piper
405-833-8471,
email:

dfpiper@aol.com

Steve and Laurie Wyman
909-957-2083
email:

Wyman42@msn.com

For Fiesta details or more information, please feel free to contact the Piper's or Wyman's

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Coach Make _____

Names of Guests: _____

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$460.00
Non-MI Coach	2 persons	\$510.00
Extra person	each	\$120.00

TOTAL _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

FMCA # _____

License # & State _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally
Mail to: Steve and Laurie Wyman
2279 North Campus Ave
Upland, CA 91784