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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez



If you attended the Manitowoc Monaco International rally, you know what a wonderful time everyone had. Dick

and Judy Strzyzewski truly helped us "Discover Wisconsin." We had fabulous food daily, and the wine and cheese tasting provided all of us a wonderful insight to what Wisconsin has to offer! If you have never had "squeaky cheese," you missed a real treat!

While at the rally, we had the opportunity to visit with Mike Snell and Bill Osborne, the new president of Monaco RV. Mike announced that Monaco is moving the majority of its production to Wakarusa, Indiana. This move, according to Mike, will help to cut the cost of production of the Monaco motorized products since the majority of the suppliers are located in Indiana; and Monaco RV will combine the two facilities into one, cutting overhead in the process. While this news was interesting, the "wow" news was that Monaco is in the process of opening regional service centers. The Coburg facility will remain open for service, and the parts center will also remain in Oregon. Navistar is looking to locate a service facility in the Southwest and Southeast regions of the United States as well as one in Indiana. I am sure that Monaco will keep us updated on these openings, and we will post them on our website.

Speaking of the website, I hope that all of you have now logged onto the new website and are enjoying the changes. We need everyone to log on to verify that your information is correct in our database. We are hoping in the future that you will be able to not only register online for rallies, but also you will be able to pay online for both the membership dues and rally fees as well. We are currently developing and testing the processes and hope to have the ability to register online for the Ohio rally in the near future. In the meantime, you can always send in your forms as always – we still accept checks!!

If you have not yet registered for the Balloon Festival, do not wait any longer! Kay and David Piper, Rally Masters, have limited space, but there are a few slots left. Even if you have been before, this year is not one to be missed. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the balloon festival and should be an exceptional event with many special events. You will find a copy of the application attached and on our website.

Looking toward next year, Springfield, Ohio will be our location. Jack and Terri Brewster will be our Rally Masters for this event, and they have already begun to make plans. The theme for the rally centers on patriotism, so start gathering your red, white and blue to bring to the rally. **Continued on page 4**

Membership Is Growing



We have exciting news to share – we are continuing to grow and membership is now at 2151, which is up from 2047 reported in our last newsletter. Monaco RV is paying for the new coach memberships for all new coaches sold and Paul Evert's and Alliance RV are paying the membership fee for their resale owners who join. Apparently you, as members, have also been busy encouraging owners of Monaco manufactured coaches to join with us!

Soon, the renewal notices for next year will be going out via the new web site. Every member with an email address in our database will receive his/her notice via email. Hopefully, we will have online payments available to pay for the renewals. Our Treasurer is working hard to ensure the system will work perfectly before implementing this function. However, you can always mail a check. Remember, this helps us cut our cost by eliminating a lot of snail mail; please help us by responding to the original notices.

Keep spreading the word about our club – it is very special for Monaco owners!

JeanAnn Miller
VP of Membership

Are You Ready?

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

2011 Balloon Fiesta Rally

Oct. 5-9th
Albuquerque
New Mexico
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Heartland of America Pre Rally



Aug 21-25th
Clarke County Fairgrounds
Springfield Ohio

See you there!

Monaco International Website

Since converting to our new web site in July of this year, we have had a great response. Approximately half of our members have logged on to the site and verified their information in our database. In order for the site to be used to its maximum efficiency, we need for everyone who has an email address to go to our site www.monacointernationalrvclub.com and log on using your email address. If you don't know your password, click on the link "Forgot Password".

If you haven't been getting our emails – or you know a friend who is a member who isn't getting our emails, then perhaps we have the wrong email address and it needs to be corrected. If this is the case, send an email to our VP Membership, JeanAnn Miller, at vpmbrrship@gmail.com or give her a call at 678 617-8855, asking her to verify or update your information. By providing your email, we are saving club expenses.

Members can now modify their information online to keep it up-to-date. New items being worked on currently are:

- The ability to pay for member dues via online payments in addition to check payments.
- The ability to register for rallies online – with payments via check or online payment.

Continue to check the web site as new features are being added on a regular basis.

The **Web Site Committee**

DISCOVER WISCONSIN

Manitowoc Wisconsin became the temporary home to Monaco International from Aug. 2-6 2011. On Aug 1st gate greeters and parking crew were on hand to greet and park all early arrivals.

The weather cooperated beautifully for parking and all outdoor activities. At 5 pm on Tuesday, parking was completed with 192 member coaches and the festivities began.

A welcome party was held at an open air pavilion. A cookout of brats and dogs were prepared by the Marq who was the caterer for the entire rally. Music was provided by "Dantes Bop", consisting of Jerry Unger and Nora Wolf, a local country duo. Monaco RV provided an array of beautiful Monaco and Holiday Rambler coaches to inspect and purchase, and Ronny Finke and an eager bar tending crew provided a variety of cool drinks. The rally could not have started any better!

Wednesday morning found the Marq ready for us with a breakfast that was hot, delicious, and plentiful. The vendor building officially opened at noon on Tuesday and continued thru Thursday. The products for sale were expertly displayed and were very inviting. Hopefully every one found what they needed. Daily seminars dealt with topics ranging from motorhome maintenance, after market equipment, travel ideas, and coach improvements. Craft classes were busy giving people tips and confidence on how to do unique projects. There was even a craft on how to turn your empty wine bottles into a classy home decoration.

Wednesday afternoon, Monaco RV introduced the 2012 Dynasty and Diplomat coaches at a wine and cheese tasting they sponsored. The Von Stiehl family owned winery from Algoma, WI, brought cases of different wines they make for all to sample, and the family owned Hennings Cheese Factory from Kiel, WI, brought enough cheese for everyone to try. It was a great event; every one sampled and learned about the different products and the 2012 Dynasty found a new home.

On Wednesday evening four young members of the Coast Guard were on hand to help with our flag ceremony. Kay Rivoli honored us with the singing of the anthems of Canada and the United States. We had a surprised audience when the mayor of Manitowoc was introduced and it was revealed that he was just 24 years old. He is a very energetic and sincere man and a good sport when being teased about his age. Dinner was another outstanding meal offered by the Marq. Entertainment for the evening was Ron and Kay Rivoli of the Rivoli Revue. They are becoming well known and loved in the RV community. Many people remember them from the days when they did motorhome window tinting before moving to a music career.

Thursday started with another great breakfast followed by seminars, vendors, and crafts. The caterer roasted two pigs outside the dinning hall to be served for dinner that evening. The afternoon highlight was an ice cream social that was sponsored by Dick Lornston of Precision Frame & Alignment. Cold Stone Creamery brought five of their creations for us to choose from. It was a welcomed treat on a warm summer afternoon. The sight of the two roasted pigs being carried to the buffet tables for carving was very impressive as was the meal that went with it. Entertainment after dinner was the Doo Wop Daddies, a popular group from Milwaukee. Their specialty is 50's & 60's Doo Wop style music for our dancing pleasure.

Friday had many highlights beginning with an outing at the golf course. A sleeve of golf balls was given to each golfer at the beginning because the course was quite challenging. There may have been some lost golf balls but all golfers were back in time for happy hour.

The ladies had their own highlight with a special lunch of Chilled Strawberry Melon Soup, Chicken Salad Croissant, and Sweet Potato Chips topped off with a Wisconsin Cream Puff provided by the Marq.

A popular seminar of the day was an hour with Bill Osborne, the new president of Monaco RV. He is a very interesting man with many ideas of where he is going to take Monaco RV.

An event that has grown in popularity is the pet parade and that was evident with the turn out of pets and their proud owners. At our pet parade there were 41 pets competing. If you have the occasion to see Linda and Linda and their family pet, you might want to congratulate them for their Best of Show honors.

Evening brought out thank you's, hand shakes, and accolades for everyone involved in putting on a great rally followed by a dinner of pecan encrusted walleye, a real delight for fish lovers.

The entertainment for the evening was the ever popular New Odyssey. I can say with certainty that no one left early.

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A Message from



Dear Monaco International Club Members,

It was wonderful to see many of you at the recent rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin! Those of you who were there got the first chance to see our new 2012 Dynasty. This beautiful 40' coach with a bath and a half was quite popular and was the first unit to sell at the show. We also showed several other gorgeous new models that have been completely restyled in partnership with Navistar's incredible engineering and design resources. You'll get a chance to see all these coaches at upcoming shows and on dealer lots in the near future.

During the rally, Monaco RV announced news that we are consolidating motorized production to our Wakarusa, Indiana facility. In order to maintain and improve our quality standards while keeping our overhead costs in line, it's important that we re-size our production capacity to meet the current demands of the RV marketplace. This transition will occur over the next eight months or so, providing us with plenty of time to properly set up and staff the new diesel manufacturing line in Indiana, and make sure our quality and training programs are fully up to speed before new coaches are built there.

Product quality and customer service will continue to be our highest priorities. That's why we are keeping the Oregon Factory Service Center open, opening a second service center in Indiana and considering adding regional service centers in the near future. We're also maintaining our customer service group at the Oregon location, retaining the people you know and trust who have both historical and current product knowledge as well as established relationships within the RV industry. We want it to be as easy as possible for you to get the assistance you've become accustomed to.

Change isn't always easy, but we view these as part of our larger mission to provide our customers with the best RVs and the best customer service in the industry. I can promise you that our commitment to your satisfaction is something that will never change.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again at the next rally! Wishing you safe travels...

Mike Snell
Sr. Vice President
Sales & Product Development

Note from the Prez

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There is a **\$100.00 incentive** to register early for the Springfield rally, so don't miss out! The dates are August 21 – 25, 2012. Incidentally, my wife loves to antique, and she tells me that there is an antique fair going on at Clarke County Fairgrounds the weekend before we park, so I know we will be there early so she can go. There are campgrounds in the area you can make reservations for, but you might want to book early!

We began the summer with our third grandson being born in May, and we will end our summer trip with the arrival of our fourth grandson later this month. In the interim, we had our oldest grandson with us again in August. I found that once again I am seeing things anew—things that I have taken for granted. We have ridden go-karts, roller coasters, and roasted marshmallows. These are all things that I would not have done otherwise. I encourage each of you to “grab your grandchildren” and experience America through their eyes.

Safe travels

Jerry Jenkins, President

THANKS!

We truly appreciate the support of our dealers and sponsors at our rallies. They help reduce the cost of our rallies to our member. At Manitowoc, the following were dealers and sponsors. Please take the time to say thanks to each of them for their support.

Sponsors

Gold Sponsors

Alliance Coach

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Precision Frame & Alignment

Bronze Sponsors

Hearthside Grove RV Park

Jagemann Stamping

National Indoor Storage

North Texas RV

Wow!

Dealers

Alliance Coach

Paul Evert's RV Country

Thanks to our OEM

Monaco RV

For their continued support

You're Great!

You're Fantastic!

and THANKS to our Vendors

In addition to our dealers and sponsors, we have many vendors who bring their products and services to our rallies to sell. These folks work hard to provide quality products and services to our members. Be sure to thank them by purchasing their products.

4 Happy Feet

A' Cero Art

Aero Cosmetics/Distinctive Designs by Sharon

Almost Heaven Microfiber

Always Shiny Wheels & RV

Aqua-Hot Services

Big Rig RV Accessories

Blue Ox

Custom Coach Connection

Dip'N Food Dips dba The Diplomats

E S C RV Service & Collision

Gems N' More/Slide Master

Jirah

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Patriot Enterprises

Pennywinkle Valley Ranch

Precision Frame & Alignment

Quilters Treasure

R & S Induction

Rhodes Enterprises

RV Satellite Sales & Service

Sandra Nelson-Mary Kay

Satellite Electronics, Inc

Silverleaf Electronics

SkyMed International, Inc.

The RV Solution

The Shop

Traverse Bay Resort



National Directors Report

Following is an abbreviated National Director's report from the Governing Board Meeting held on August 10, 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin.

New FMCA National Officers elected during the GB meeting are:

National President: Charlie Schrenkel

Senior Vice President: Allen Rein

National Secretary: Vicky Ferrari

National Treasurer: Wil Young

Immediate Past President: Connie Pool

There will be no winter convention 2012 or 2013 in Pomona, California.

A summer convention in Hutchinson, Kansas will be held in 2013.

The next FMCA convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2012, with family parking days on Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 2012.

NOTE: A full report will follow in the next issue when the minutes from the meeting have been published and all information reported may be confirmed.

Nancy Wolfe,
MI National Director

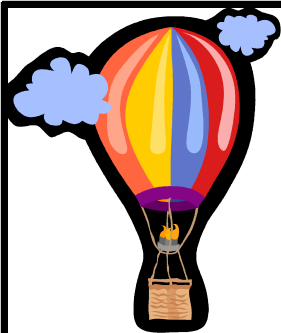
Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the 2012 election consists of Jack Brewster, Chairman, Kaye Martin, and David Piper. They need your help in identifying candidates to fill the open positions on the ballot. Please contact one of them if you are interested or know someone who is willing to volunteer his/her time to help manage the affairs of your chapter.

The following positions will be up for election at our 2012 Pre Rally:

President	Region 1 – one director
1 st VP	Region 2 – two directors
2 nd VP	Region 3 – one director
Secretary	Region 5 – one director
Treasurer	
National Director	
Alt. National Director	

All positions on the board are up for re-election, and anyone may submit his/her name for consideration to any position, regardless if there is someone in the position that is not term limited.



BALLOON FIESTA 2011!!!!!!

It's that time again! This is the 40th Anniversary of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, and it should be a great one! Imagine the possibility of 750 hot air balloons flying at one time!! When the "Albuquerque Box" is working, the balloons fly one direction at a given altitude and turn around and fly the opposite direction at a different altitude.



We still have openings available for the Rally and would love to have all our Monaco Family Members and other brands join us in the fun, so bring your friends! We will arrive on Wednesday, October 5th, and enjoy a Social Hour beginning at 4:30 pm. We will review the upcoming days' events at that time and have the opportunity to answer questions and get acquainted.

On Thursday morning, the Dawn Patrol is up around 6 am with mass ascension around 7 am. Lunch will be served at the Tanoan Country Club at 11:30 am. This is a beautiful club with an outstanding view of Albuquerque. There will be some door prizes and a tasty lunch. That afternoon, there will once again be a Social Hour at 4:30 pm followed by a Balloon Glow and Fireworks.

One of the highlights of the Fiesta are the Balloon Competitions! They attempt to retrieve truck keys and prizes from the tops of poles while flying by in their balloon baskets.

Friday, once again, brings the Dawn Patrol and mass ascension. Lunch that day will be at El Pinto Mexican Restaurant. At 4:30 pm we will have Social Hour, Balloon Glow and Fireworks!

Saturday, after the balloons have flown, everyone will be on his own for sightseeing and lunch. We will have our Social Hour again with the Balloon Glow and Fireworks.

The Fireworks are some of the best we have ever seen and seem to go on forever!! All of the balloon flights and balloon glows are subject to the weather cooperating; however, last year all the flights were made and only one balloon glow was cancelled due to the wind.

Sunday is departure day after the balloons fly. We say goodbye and hope to see everyone back again for Balloon Fiesta 41!!!

DISCOVER WISCONSIN ***CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3***

Friday was a day for details. Business was conducted for the club, a caravan meeting was held and last minute deals were made on new coaches.

After a great meal and a round of applause for the wait staff, Paige Robertson took center stage and finished out the rally as only he can.

The parking crew did a great job getting the caravan in order and Dick and Nancy Wolf led them to Madison without a hitch.

We need to thank many people starting with the army of volunteers who worked for us; without you, it would not have run so smoothly.

We can't say enough about the sponsors and dealers. You came forward and offered not only moral support but financial support in these trying economical times.

We would like to thank the vendors for being a part of this rally; you are without a doubt a very important part of any rally and hope to see you in the future.

We wish to extend a big thank you to Monaco RV. The support and backing of Mike Snell, staff and technicians was amazing and greatly appreciated. Stella can deal with unknown surprises better than anyone. A rally would not be complete without hugs, hand shakes and humor of the ever popular Paige Robertson.

Dick and Judy Strzyzewski

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



Pre Rally

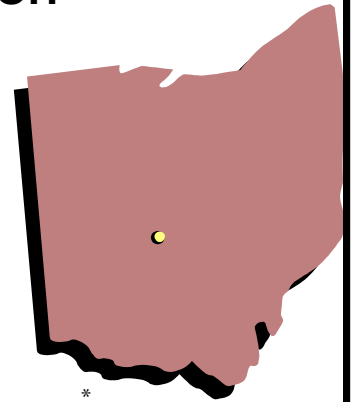


Heartland of America

Clarke County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

August 21st thru 25th, 2012.

Because of its shape, Ohio is often referred to as the "Heartland of America." Monaco International will return to the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio for its Pre-Rally to the FMCA Rally in Indianapolis, Indiana.



We will once again enjoy their local caterer who did such a fine job on our last visit, with an important modification: this time the dining hall will be air-conditioned!

Ohio is blessed with many incredible museums. In this immediate area are:

- The National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton
- The Packard Museum in Dayton
- Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum Railroad
- Dayton Air Institute
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

These are just a few; there are also several wineries in the immediate area.

Now for the important part, the rally fee is just \$295 and includes the Welcome Social, 4 Breakfasts/Dinners, Social Hour, Entertainment, Seminars, Vendors, Suppliers, New Coach Display, Fun & Games, and 5 nights parking (August 21st — 25th). Early parking will be available for a modest fee on August 20th.



As an additional incentive to prompt you to register earlier than you normally would, the Monaco International Club will contribute \$100 towards your rally fee. So deduct that from your total. There is one catch however; you must register and remit payment prior to Feb 1st, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS!



Clarke County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH
August 21st thru 25th, 2012

RALLY MASTERS : Jack & Terri Brewster
jbrewster@graphics-solutions.com
914-475-3899

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.



Pre Rally

Heartland of America



Rally Price includes:

Air-Conditioned Dining Area
Welcome Social
4 Breakfasts/Dinners
Social Hour
Entertainment
Seminars
Vendors
Suppliers
New Coach Display
Fun & Games

5 nights parking (August 21st—25th)

Early parking available on August 20th
\$25.00 per night (\$20 for dry camping)

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



Make Checks payable and mail to:
Monaco International Pre-Rally
Maxine and George Schremp III
5715 Highway 85 North, #879
Crestview, FL 32536
mschremp2002@yahoo.com
Cell #: 540-273-1606

First Name _____

Second Name _____
(First and last name for EACH person/attendee)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell #: _____

☐ 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:	FEE	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 2 adults	\$ 295.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	245.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/electric - 5 nights of rally (add)	100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	125.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person (under 12)	90.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player)	60.00	
Name:		
(Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay* before Feb 1, 2012 may deduct \$100 from the fee)		-100.00
*Must be postmarked no later than Feb 1, 2012 TOTAL INCLUDED:		

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 1st, 2012 Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after July 15th.
Cancellation request must be received by 08/01/2012 for refund.

REGISTER EARLY

Water/Electric sites are limited!

To reserve yours, be sure to include the \$100.00 fee with your rally registration.

Maxine Schremp
Alternate National Director
Newsletter Editor

Thanks,

If you would rather receive your Monaco International Newsletter via email, please send JeanAnn Miller an email at vpmbship@gmail.com. JeanAnn 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!



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