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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



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Note From the Prez



Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. It is amazing how quickly the Christmas

season comes. I don't know about the rest of you, but it seems that the time between the fourth of July and December 25th is a blink of an eye! Like many of you, I made a few New Year's resolutions; let's hope that my desire and my commitment coincide.

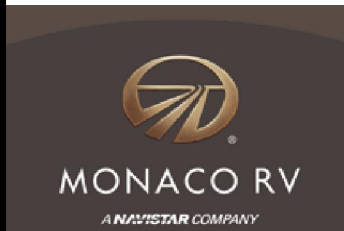
The holidays are always a special time for me. It is a time for family and friendships. Marilyn and I were fortunate enough to visit our children and their families over the Christmas holidays and had a great time seeing them all! Now that we are the grandparents of four boys (yes, still no girls!), we are able to recapture the spirit of the season through a child's eye, and I can tell you that experience makes all the difference. Of course, supervising putting together a five hundred piece train set brings back the ghosts of Christmas past! However, it also gives me time to reflect on the past and make personal commitments for the future.

I am happy to announce that Monaco International is off to a good start this year. As most of you know, we are now accepting credit cards for payment for membership dues. If you have not yet

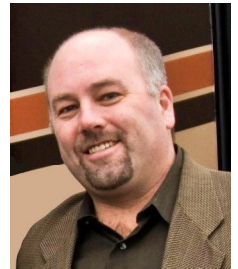
paid you membership dues for 2012, you should go online to our web site, www.monacointernationalrvclub.com and sign in and renew your membership. Even if you don't want to use the online payment methods, it helps the club if you would sign in and renew (actually a commitment to renew) your membership. You will be sent an invoice via email which you can pay via check or credit card – your choice. Online payments will be implemented for rallies in the very near future. We have had positive feedback on this new step, and we hope that you are enjoying the convenience of paying online. For those without emails in our database, bills have been mailed. The club thanks each of you for helping us reduce our operating expenses by registering your email with us and paying online.

Another great item to report is that the club membership continues to grow. Some of our club members must leave every year for many reasons and new members join – that's the way it is. Currently, our membership is up 20% over this time last year. What we need is for more of you to come to our rallies and see what we're all about. Attending Monaco rallies gives each of the participants a sense of what the club is doing, and of course, there is that added benefit of seeing your motorhome friends!

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A Message from Monaco RV



Happy New Year from all of us here at Monaco RV! It has been a while since Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Since Wisconsin, we have introduced our 2012 Knight and 2012 Diplomat. They both have a new look along with a new diesel engine with our new partnership of Navistar and Maxxforce. Our new 2012 Dynasty is doing great, too. We have built 6 new Dynasty's and 5 of them have already sold at the dealers. We have 21 more that we are building with the ISX 650 Cummins. These are the last of the ISX engines. Our motorized products are doing extremely well.

Since our last newsletter, we have opened another service center and working on a few others. We opened the Wakarusa Service center in November 2011. We are working with our Wildwood, Florida dealer for an exclusive service center. Furthermore, we are in discussions on another location in the Southwest part of the country. Our goal is to obtain company-owned service centers throughout the United States for convenience to our owners when servicing their coaches becomes necessary.

We are diligently working on the transition from our Coburg, Oregon motorized operation to the centralized Wakarusa motorized facility. During the transition, we are going to be building in both locations for four weeks to ensure that we keep new coaches in our dealers. The last unit out of Coburg Oregon will come off-line the end of April.

On a personal note, we appreciate your support during this tough transition for all of us in Oregon. It is a rough transition for all, including myself. It is a business decision that needed us to consolidate all to one facility. We are taking some of our people from Oregon but will be leaving many here. We will continue to commit to making sure that you "our customers" are satisfied with our product through our pillars of customer service, quality, and innovation.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the Springfield rally! Wishing you safe travels....

Mike Snell

Sr. Vice President of Sales

Note from the Prez ***Continued from page 1***

As many of you know, an email was recently sent out regarding the Springfield Pre-Rally coming in August of this year and reminding you of the \$100 incentive to register early. This offer is good only until February 1st. In addition, the Balloon Festival fees are being subsidized by the club. The hope is that these incentives will encourage you to attend one or both of these rallies this year. Springfield offers a myriad of interesting activities in the area of the fair ground where the event is being held, and it goes without saying that Albuquerque is a mecca for tourist.

An obvious benefit of belonging to Monaco International is our partnership with Michelin, and the Michelin Tire program has worked well for many. In 2011, we had 92 members take advantage of the program. I personally was faced with a tire failure and benefited from the program. I was glad I didn't have to pay the full price for the tire I purchased. Eventually, we all need tires, and it's nice to know we can purchase a good tire at a reasonable price. ***There are major changes coming to the Michelin program. Be sure to read the article later in this newsletter regarding how to register your credit card to purchase tires. You will not be able to purchase tires using the Fleet program after February 12th unless you have registered your credit card with Michelin prior to your purchase!***

I wish you good health and safe travels! Marilyn and I hope to see you in Springfield.

Jerry Jenkins, President

Membership - Help, Help and more Helps!



Please log onto the website www.monacointernationalrvclub and check to make sure your personal information is correct. If you cannot remember your password or have never logged on to the site, you can enter your email address and click on the "Forgot Password" link. An email will be sent to you allowing you to set your password to one you can remember or one you frequently use. If you have difficulty in logging in - please use the "contact us" button to email us for help.

When you move, change addresses, change email addresses, or even change spouses you can do this yourself now we have the new website. This saves your volunteers hours of work and eliminates words being misspelled because of the difficulty of different letters sounding the same.

Since the last newsletter over 2200 members names were individually compared to the FMCA list for our annual accreditation. Please remember that if you fail to pay your FMCA dues, we must drop you from our club membership since we are a FMCA Chapter. Please pay your FMCA dues so we can continue to enjoy you as members.

This has been an exciting fall as most of you have been able to renew your membership online, and now as we look forward to the Springfield Rally, we will be able to register online for that too - in the near future!

See you in Springfield and bring along some friends.

JeanAnn Miller, VP of Membership

Monaco International Website

Monacointernationalrvclub.com

If you have not logged onto our Monaco International web site, you definitely do not have your finger on the "pulse" of our organization.

Our web site offers "everything" you ever wanted to know about our club. You will find answers to all your questions including upcoming rallies, past rallies, current officers, membership, and as a member, you will be eligible to take advantage of our Michelin Tire program.

You may renew your membership on-line and use your credit card or PayPal to complete the renewal. You may register for upcoming rallies, and, in the near future, you will be able to pay the rally fees by credit card or PayPal also.

Do not miss out on a great experience. Log on to the Monaco International Web Site today. You will be asked to set your own personal password; just follow the easy prompts. We are currently sending club e-mail updates to over 2,000 members with a response of almost 50%. When you receive an e-mail from Monaco International, be sure to open it.....if you do not, you may be missing out on something really, really important.

If you have a question or comment, the Web Site Committee and officers welcome your input. You may contact a member of the Web Site Committee or an officer by logging onto the site, and click on "contact us." We are here to enhance your MI Web experience!

Are You Ready?

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

Heartland of America Pre Rally



Aug 21-25th
Clarke County Fairgrounds
Springfield Ohio

2011 Balloon Fiesta Rally

Oct. 10-14th
Albuquerque New Mexico
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See you there!

National Directors Report

If you have not made plans to attend the 87th FMCA Family Reunion and Motor home Showcase – August 27 – 30, 2012 Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana I urge you to go on line and register now. As of this date, the dates and exact location for the 88th FMCA convention have not been confirmed; however, an announcement with full details should be made within the next couple of weeks.

Several positions within the FMCA office have changed since the August 2011 Governing Board meeting. Brad Koshland, Executive director has resigned due to family commitments. Jerry Yeatts, has assumed the position of Executive Director as well as Membership/Member Services. We wish him the best in his new position, particularly during these difficult times. Changes in staff numbers as well as positions have resulted in a considerable savings to FMCA/FMC amounting to approximately \$268,000.

Many budget items have been reviewed and additional cuts have been made in order to make every attempt to balance the budget. Various contracts have been scrutinized and have resulted in considerable savings such as in cleaning and garbage services. These two combined have produced a savings in excess of \$21,000.00.

While some of these figures may not seem like a great amount, it does show that our President and Executive Board, as well as the staff of FMCA have been working diligently to cut costs while continuing to offer the members services and benefits, which we have been accustomed to over the years. We all need to consider the times and the financial crisis in our entire country that affects us daily.

One way in which you as a member of MI and FMCA can help is to put forth every effort to help preserve our membership and solicit new members. The membership has dropped significantly in FMCA.....consider the total membership in FMCA as of January, 2011 was 93,466.....As of January 1, 2012 the total membership is 85,879. This translates to a loss of 7, 587 FMCA members for the past year. We cannot continue to lose members at this rate. Do your part and invite motor home owners that you see in campgrounds, etc. to join FMCA. We need to work together to preserve our lifestyle and continue to enjoy rallies and conventions.

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 their time to help manage the affairs of your club.

Normally there is a progression from 2nd VP to 1st VP and 1st VP to President; therefore if this is followed the 2nd VP position must be filled in addition to the term limited positions below:

Treasurer

Region 1 – one director

Region 2 – two directors

Region 3 – one director

Region 5 – one director

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

Important News – Changes Coming to the Michelin Tire Program

Michelin is changing the process for paying for tires purchased under the Monaco International Tire Program. ***Effective February 12, 2012, any member wishing to purchase tires must register their credit card with Michelin prior to the purchase.***



To register your card, you must call customer service and give them your full credit card number along with the billing information. This will allow you to make **one** purchase with your credit card within a 30 day period after making the call. After the 30 day period, your card information is removed from their system completely. If you wish to make more than one purchase during the 30 day period or any other time, simply call customer service for each purchase required. The system is real time, so you can actually purchase immediately after calling.

Michelin is making this change to put them in compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and to make customers' credit card data safer. The process is new and subject to change as we learn more of how to comply with Michelin's new rules for credit card processing so check the our web site for the latest information.

Instructions to Register a Credit Card for Michelin Tire Purchases:

To register your credit card for tire purchases:

1. Call (800) 382-2456
2. Press option 9: you will prompted to enter our ship to number and use the **zip code 78028**
3. Press option 3 to speak to a National Account Representative
4. Tell the representative that you are with Monaco International RV Club and wish to register a credit card so that you can make a one-time purchase of tires using our National Account.
5. If they ask you to use "B2B" or any other method, tell them you don't have access and need them to register the card for you.

You will need to furnish the follow information to register your card:

- Our Ship to number which is on your Monaco International Membership Card
 - Credit card number to be used
 - Name on credit card
 - Expiration date of credit card
 - Zip code used for billing on the credit card
 - Phone number where you can you can be reached in case of any issues.
6. Once you have completed this process, you may purchase tires using **the first digit and the last four digits of your card, name on the card, and expiration date of the card.**
 7. There can be only **one** purchase made by the card per call to customer service and the card will not be valid within Michelin after 30 days. If you wish to make multiple purchases, call customer service before each purchase.

If you have problems using the process described above, please let us know by email us at Michelin@monacointernationalrvclub.com

Heartland of America

WHERE WILL YOU BE? In August.

Hopefully, you'll join us for a good time along with friends, old & new, at the Monaco International pre-rally in the "Heartland of America". (Because of its shape, Ohio is often referred to as the "Heartland of America")

Once again the Clarke County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH, August 21st thru 25th, 2012 will host.

The location is set!

The caterer is arranged and the menu is set!

Monaco RV will be there with the parts truck and technicians!

All we need now is YOU! Register today!



Rally Price includes: Air-Conditioned Dining Area, Welcome Preview, 4 Breakfasts/Dinners, Social Hour, Entertainment, Seminars, Vendors, Suppliers, New Coach Display, Fun & Games, 5 nights parking (August 21st—25th).

About Springfield

Springfield is located in West Central Ohio, on U.S. 40, U.S. 68, State Route 41 and State Route 72. Interstate Route 70 brushes our southern city limits. Along Interstate 70, approximately 60 miles east of the Indiana state line, and approximately 40 miles west of Columbus. Springfield is about 24 miles from Dayton, about 75 miles from Cincinnati and about 175 miles from Cleveland.

Springfield is the seat of Clark County. Also located within Clark County are the city of New Carlisle and the villages of Catawba, Enon, New Carlisle, South Charleston, South Vienna and Tremont City. The village of Clifton is located partly in Clark County and partly in Greene County.

The Historic National Road (now U.S. 40) travels through Springfield, and was a contributing factor in Springfield's early development. The original National Road began at Cumberland MD and ended at Springfield, hence our designation as "The town at the end of the road".

Springfield is now the home of a diverse business base - you can find just about anything you would need in Springfield. Yes, we have most of the major chain businesses here, but we also have a large number of "mom & pop" businesses, too. As you navigate through the pages of springfieldohio.info, you will learn more about this city, its features, its opportunities and its businesses. There are lots of local, family restaurants for your enjoyment, if you desire.

A trip to Springfield would not be complete without a visit to Young's Jersey Dairy, started in 1869. In 1960, they built and opened their first real dairy store and started dipping ice cream. They also added other dairy products, like cheese, and snack foods. This building is attached to the big red barn and is where they make ice cream today. Their Service Theme is *"We Create Fun for Our Guests by Delivering the Best Customer Service, Every day, with the Finest in Quality Products, in a Clean, Safe, and Entertaining Place."* They keep this in mind when they do anything at Young's. Creating fun for their Guests — families — is why they are here. While they sell a lot of food and ice cream, their main product is fun, education, and entertainment.

Antique Shopping

Springfield is renowned for its world class antique shopping. No Antiquing trip would be complete without stopping at the Heart of Ohio. Come see for yourself why Martha Stewart's Living Magazine listed the Heart of Ohio as "One of the Best Sources for Antiques and Collectibles".

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Monaco International BALLOON FIESTA October 10-14, 2012

David and Kay Piper, Rally Masters
and Kay and Tressa Williams, Co-Rally Masters



The 40th Annual Balloon Fiesta is now history and a wonderful time was had by all 90 of the attendees. We enjoyed afternoon social hours every day and two wonderful luncheons that were part of the rally experience which included the activities provided by the Balloon Fiesta.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta offices are busy preparing for the 2012 Fiesta. New Mexico's Centennial also occurs this year. The entire Fiesta runs from October 6 – 14, and our rally runs from the 10th through the 14th.

Included in the rally fee will be four “bring your own beverage” social hours, two luncheons, and a surprise or two! The fee also includes passes to the balloon field for every event and DRY CAMPING for your motor home for four nights. We will be parking in the VIP West RV area which is adjacent to the south end of the launch field. This location gives us an excellent opportunity to enjoy the balloon launches in the mornings and fireworks in the evening. “Bean bag drops” and “key grabs” by the balloonists are best viewed on the field which we have passes to attend. There are many food and other vendors also located around the field.

This year, the rally fee has been reduced thanks to Monaco International RV Club's support. We would like to invite everyone to enjoy the Balloon Fiesta experience with us. The enrollment forms are available on the monacointernationalrvclub.com web site and in this newsletter. In the future, you will be able to register online as well.

For more information, please feel free to call David and Kay Piper at 405-833-8471 or email us at dfpiperok@gmail.com or Kay and Tressa Williams at 940-367-5583 or email them at etressawilliams@aol.com.

Heartland of America

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America's Favorite Antique Destination! One of the single largest antique shows in the country is held at the Clark County Fairgrounds the weekend before our arrival. The Springfield Antique Show and Flea Market has been a favourite source for thousands of collectors and dealers for over 25 years.

If you're into antiques, come a few days early; there are several area campgrounds, and take in the antique show at the fairgrounds.

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.

Following our Rally, we will caravan to the FMCA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.





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.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2012 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

HOSTED BY --- DAVID & KAY PIPER

KAY AND TRESSA WILLIAMS

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

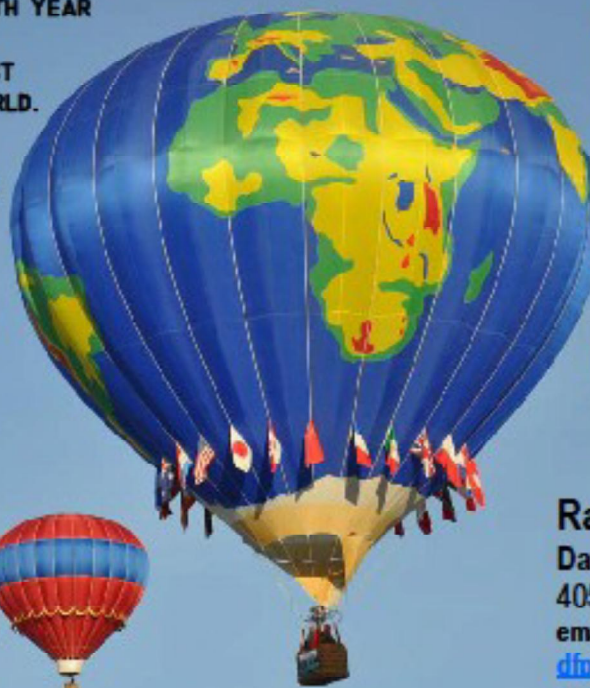
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012

THIS WILL BE NEW MEXICO'S 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION

THE BALLOON FIESTA IS THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED EVENT IN THE WORLD.

Over 500 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 1 or your space can be filled from the wait list. If you want confirmation, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope or it will be e-mailed to you.



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.

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Kay & Tressa
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940-367-5583

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etressawilliams@aol.com

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

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Coach Make _____

Names of Guests: _____

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

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$395.00
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$345.00
Non-MI Coach	2 persons	\$ 445.00
Extra person	each	\$100.00

TOTAL _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

FMCA # _____

License # & State _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally

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Denton, TX 76201-4109