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# MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

## Note From the Prez

Hi to all MI members!

For those of you who have no idea who I am, my wife, Barb, and I have been full-timers for eight years. In 2006, we retired from teaching school in Elk River, MN, sold our house, and hit the road. We spend several months during the winter in FL, where our daughter and her family live. We spend several months in the summer in Northern MN where we park on our oldest son's cabin property. The rest of the year we travel.

We joined MI in 1999 and have really enjoyed being a part of this club and want to see it grow back to where it once was.

We just left Redmond where we had a great but very busy FMCA Rally. We were part of the early security crew and also were able to visit some of our very good MI friends who could not make it to Coos Bay and of course, like any good rally, we made a lot of new friends.

I spent a great deal of time with Jim and Melva Crimmins working on plans for the spring rally. Jim does not have any Scotch left and very little Bourbon!

Several of our members, including myself, had a chance to talk to Charlie Adcock and Jon Walker about the benefits to both MI and FMCA and having a Pre-Rally at the same site as their rally. Our discussions with Charlie and

Jon, as well as some of the other members of their Board, we were able to convince them that it truly would be to their advantage. As a result of their change of attitude, they asked Chris Lusk to meet with us and remove anything that was blocking it from happening.

Jim and Melva Crimmins (Rally Masters for our Pre-Rally), Bob and Jane White (Registrar for our Pre-Rally), Dick Strzyzewski (newly elected National Director) and myself met with Chris, as well as a representative of Hale Northeastern (the electric supplier for the FMCA Rally). FMCA was **great** to work with. They now realize that a MI Pre-Rally on the same site is a definite win-win!

However, after running all the numbers, we have decided that a Pre-Rally in Pomona is not monetarily possible. **This is not because of FMCA. It is totally because the Pomona Fairplex charges outrageous prices for their lots and buildings** (we were going to get the same price that FMCA got). **They also have a lock on the food service and the bar.** By the time we were finished adding it all up, we would have had to charge over \$650 per coach for our Rally.

We talked to Charlie and informed him of our decision and he was disappointed but understood the problem. *Continued on page 2*

## Note from the Prez

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We talked to him about working together in the future, since the roadblocks are gone, and he welcomed the idea.

We will be going to Pahrump, Nevada for our Pre-Rally next March. We have registration forms on the Web Site for you to register online or print out the form and mail it in.

*Mitch Mitchell, President*

## Strike it Rich in Pahrump

### Monaco International Pre-Rally

### Pahrump, Nevada

### March 17-22 2015

Make plans to attend our next Pre-Rally. It will be held in Pahrump, Nevada from March 17-22. We will be using two different campgrounds, Preferred RV Resort, Pahrump Station, and the grounds of the Golden Nugget Casino. The first 185 registrants will be able to have full hook-ups.

We will have early parking available on March 15, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for bus tours of the surrounding area on those two early days.

The registration form is now available on the MI Website.

See you there,

*Mitch Mitchell, President*



## VP of Membership Report

Coos Bay Rally had 46 First Timers. Thank you to all those who volunteered to be Mentors. The club gained fourteen new members in the month of September so we are back to over 2,000 members. A reminder that October is the time to start renewing membership by paying dues online or by mail.

We took advantage of the cooler weather and stayed in Oregon since the MI Rally. My mouth still waters when I think about all the great meals that included clam chowder or salmon while in Oregon. We should be back in the desert by mid-October for the winter months!.

*Norma Preston, VP of Membership*

# National Directors Report

Redmond, Oregon, August 13, 2014

The FMCA 90<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion was held in Redmond OR. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The final coach count was 1,474 family coaches and 402 commercial coaches.

The Governing Board meeting was called to order the morning of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer reported that at the eight month mark of the fiscal year, he is seeing a positive financial trend. Currently, we are operating under budget in the expense area by \$386,976.00.

The investment side of FMCA shows a strong balance sheet. As of May 31, 2014, the total investment account stood at \$8,932,115.00. This represents a 9% return for the eight month period of the fiscal year.

Membership as of May 31, 2014 is 76,397 members. We have continued to lose members, however, over the last 3 yrs. The annual loss has diminished each year. The Executive Board voted to engage Membership Corporation of America to develop a marketing plan for the increase and retention of members.

A Bylaws Amendment proposal was presented to the Governing Board to eliminate the Immediate Past President from the Executive Board. After much debate, the Governing Board felt the Immediate past Presidents experience was a valuable assist and needed to remain on the board. The Bylaws Amendment proposal failed.

The Governing Board discussed and voted on an FMCA Assist program to become a member benefit, to all members. The medical evacuation program will be with Seven Corners; it is the program members now pay for on their own. The program was passed and will be effective Oct. 1, 2014, and will be paid for from FMCA reserves at a cost of \$313,000.00. For a more detailed explanation of the benefit refer to the October issue of FMCA magazine.

## **Future convention sites are:**

Pomona, California- March 26 - March 29, 2015

Madison, Wisconsin - July 29 - August 1, 2015

## **Proposed sites with contract negotiations on going:**

Perry, GA winter 2016

Syracuse, NY summer 2016

Pomona, CA winter 2017

Indianapolis summer 2017

Perry, GA winter 2018

Gillette, WY summer 2018

When making travel plans for next spring, please include FMCA 91<sup>st</sup> Family Reunion March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Pomona, CA. and also INTO rally April 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in Shreveport, LA.

*Dick Strzyzewski*, National Director

# A Message from Mike Snell



Dear Members of Monaco International:

Another summer has come and gone. Too quickly, it seems! As the leaves on the trees begin to change color, I hope you all took advantage of the wonderful weather this summer offered and got out on the open road in your Monaco. The overflow of coaches surrounding the RV Park at The Mill Casino in August was proof that many of you did just that and made the long trek west to Coos Bay, Oregon to catch up with good friends at this summer's Pre-Rally. I always love returning to Oregon, and I hope those of you who joined us this year had just as nice a time as I did.

I'm happy to report that the launch of the All New 2015 Monaco Dynasty, despite being slower than we would have liked, has been nothing short of a success. To date we have shipped 19 units into dealer inventory and have delivered eight of those to happy new owners. We continue to ramp up our Dynasty production and are currently building five Dynasty coaches a month, offering two different bath and a half floorplans.

The much anticipated introduction of the new Diplomat is here! The 43DFT Diplomat wowed during its initial unveiling at the Elkhart Open House in Indiana last month. It continues its launch this month, debuting to the public at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual California RV Show in Pomona, CA where we've secured display space just inside the front gate for maximum exposure. We're excited to continue rolling out our new products, and are looking forward to the Diplomat's widespread launch at the Tampa Super Show this January.

Wherever travel takes you this fall, whether it's to enjoy the quiet beauty of the changing seasons, further south to escape the upcoming winter, or to your nearest stadium to tailgate among friends, we're glad you choose to travel in style. We're glad you choose to travel with Monaco.

Wishing you Safe Travels!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Snell'.

Mike Snell  
President  
Monaco and Holiday Rambler



## MONACO INTERNATIONAL

Presents

### "CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING IN BRANSON, AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL" RALLY



BRANSON, MISSOURI  
(Limited to 166 PEOPLE)



Noon Sunday, NOVEMBER 15, 2015  
thru Noon  
Sunday, NOVEMBER 22, 2015



at  
AMERICA'S BEST CAMPGROUND  
Branson, Missouri  
Full Hookups



Fun activities may include:

Tours of the Ozarks; dinner show and cruise on the \$100 million showboat, the Branson Belle at White River Landing; Branson Landing including Bass Pro Shop; Branson Area Lights; Trail of Lights, Shepherd of the Hills; Silver Dollar City; shows such as Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede, Pierce Arrow, Yakov Smirnoff, Presley's Country Jubilee, SIX, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show, Osmond Family Christmas, Kenny Rogers—The Toy Shoppe, The Three Tenors or the Red Neck Tenors, Clay Cooper Express, Red White and Blue, cocktail hours, 6 dinners, and 4 breakfasts; banana split social, and time for factory outlet shopping. Transportation provided for shows, tours, and scheduled shopping. Camping fees for 7 nights included.

Register at [MIRVClub.com](http://MIRVClub.com) or  
send form with a minimum of  
\$700 (U.S. funds) deposit made  
payable to MI Rally-Branson  
(Note: Payment in full required  
if mailed after Sept 15, 2015)

#### Mailing Address

John Ham  
12572 E 47<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
(970) 927-3273  
Email: [branson@johnham.us](mailto:branson@johnham.us)

Co-Rally Masters:  
Les & Wilma Jean Alexander  
John & Rita Ham

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2015

### "CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING" RALLY

Branson, Missouri

Registration Form November 15-22, 2015

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_ First Branson Rally \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Make Year Length

MI Member Coach 1 person \$ 850 \_\_\_\_\_

MI Member Coach 2<sup>nd</sup> person \$ 550 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra per person in Coach \$ 650 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Coach additional \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (minimum \$700) \_\_\_\_\_

Balance of fees due by May. 15, 2015

Register at: [MIRVClub.com](http://MIRVClub.com)  
or mail application to above address

*No Refunds after September 15, 2015*

## **Coos Bay, OR – “Where the Coast is the Most” Monaco International Pre-Rally August 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Wow! What a rally!**

Those that were there had a great time; if you weren't, we missed you.

The rally started with three days of early parking which provided plenty of time to enjoy the area and one of many fine restaurants. The weather cooperated for the most part, light fog in the morning which burned off to sunny, enjoyable, breezy afternoons and evenings.

We had vendors, both inside and out, suppliers and the Monaco techs. I can't forget to mention the new Monaco Dynastys on display, a new Holiday Rambler, and many used coaches that were all available for purchase.

There were full hookups for 100 coaches, 118 possible electric spots and even about a dozen dry campers as well.

The Mill provided shuttle transportation with a tour around town to the various museums and shops. The first night of the rally featured a preview party, with food, refreshments, and an opportunity to view one of the 2015 Dynastys on display. Breakfast in the morning, liquid refreshments and salad bar just before dinner, and entertainment each of the four days we were there, was enjoyed by all, and we were able to feed all 400 dinners each night in about 20 minutes.

The entertainment was exceptional; we were thrilled with The Young Bucs played one evening, and with The Coats, an acappella group on Friday night which kept the crowd in their seats for the full 90 minutes.

On Saturday afternoon, Don Ivy, an elder from the Coquille Indian tribe, provided a traditional, educational and delicious salmon bake for all to enjoy.

Staff Sargent Dean Sanchez joined us from the Wounded Warrior Regiment, and we raised just under \$24,000 dollars (which included a \$10,000 match from the club).

The staff at the Mill did a great job in making us feel welcome. The last day wrapped up with elections, and David Piper stepped down as President and Mitch Mitchell was elected for a year and a half term.

The next rally in March 2015 from the 17th to the 21st will be held in Pahrump, NV. Come enjoy the good times and comradery. Meet old friends and great new ones at what promises to be a fantastic rally as well!

**Jack and Terri Brewster,**  
Rally Masters



## Who is George Schremp?

Hello to all of the Monaco International members. I am your newly elected Second VP. My name is George Schremp. My last name is pronounced just like the seafood—shrimp; it's just spelled a little different. I want to thank all of our members who voted for me. I really do appreciate it.

I'd like to give you a brief background about myself and what I have done in the world of FMCA. My wife, Maxine, and I have been FMCA members since 1983, attending numerous local, regional, area and International rallies across our nation. During our RVing years, I have served as Vice President of the Virginia State Winnebago Association and President of two FMCA Chapters. A few of the committees I have worked on or chaired are: By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee, Greeter Chairman, Bar Tender Chairman, Golf Cart/VIP Parking Chairman, and Registration/Vendor Chairmen, and recently, Monaco International Rally Master in Albany Ga. I also served on the FMCA Review Council, FMCA Membership Committee and was VP of the International Area Association (INTO). Currently, I am a National Director, and the Senior Vice President of the INTO. I am very proud to be your Second VP of the Monaco International Chapter. Yes, I am an active and busy person and having lots of fun!

*George Schremp, 2nd Vice President*

## Who is Dick Strzyzewski?

*My wife Judy and I are life long residents of Wisconsin and have been married for 48 years. We have one daughter, married, the pride and joy of our life who is a PhD scientist working for the federal government.*

*In my working career, I was a journeyman machinist working in machine maintenance at various companies in Milwaukee. I eventually settled in at the Miller Brewing Co., taking on a variety of assignments including my last five years in the office of purchasing and maintenance scheduling. I retired from Miller Brewery after being employed there for 30 great years.*

*We have been campers and RVers all of our married life working our way through all classes of RVs. A motor home became our choice of travel in 1982. In 1990 we bought our first class A motor home and joined FMCA, attending and volunteering as often as my work schedule allowed. We became members of Monaco and Monaco International in 1991 when we purchased a new 2002 Windsor. In 2013, we upgraded our Windsor to a 2007 Signature which entailed a new learning curve.*

*With MI, I have volunteered for many jobs (sheriff, decorations, bar tending, mentoring, etc.) and enjoyed them all. I have served as Regional Director of region 6 for three years. I have been a part of layout/parking since 2008 and recently was chairman of that committee. In 2011, Judy and I had the fulfilling experience of being Rally Masters for the Monaco Pre Rally in Manitowoc WI. I recommend everyone try it. I also belong to Monaco North Central where I served as Alternate National Director for a year, National Director for three years, Vice President for a year and am currently President.*

*I consider holding the position of National Director for Monaco International a real honor that I hope to live up to.*

*Dick Strzyzewski, National Director*







### **Option 1 - Frequent Fueler RV Card - or RV Value Card:**

These cards were issued in the past by FMCA or Flying J and also by Pilot/Flying J after the acquisition by Pilot.

Benefits:

- Pump start at the commercial lanes

- \$.03 off the cash price at RV and Commercial lanes

- Save \$.05 per gallon on propane

- Save \$2.50 on dump station fees

- No transaction limit on commercial lanes - RV lanes limit depends on credit card issuing bank.

The RV Value or Frequent Fueler Card will no longer be issued.

*However*, these cards will be grandfathered so *they will continue to work in the future*.

### **Option 2 - Good Sam Swipe and Save**

To obtain this card, you must call Good Sam.

There is no fee for the card.

It will not include pump start for the commercial lanes - the only way to use this card at the commercial lanes is to pre-pay for the fuel inside and have them start the pump.

Benefits:

- At the commercial lanes, \$.03 will be off the credit price, *not the cash price*, if you pay via credit card or the cash price if you pay with cash.

- At the RV lanes, the Swipe and Save card works exactly like the RV Value Card and the price paid will be the same.

- Save \$.05 per gallon of propane

- Save \$2.50 on dump station fees

- Commercial Lanes - must prepay - RV lanes limit depends on credit card issuing bank

### **Option 3 - Good Same RV Plus Credit Card**

To obtain this card, you must call Good Sam and apply and be approved.

Benefits:

- Up to \$.10 per gallon of diesel off the cash price at RV and Commercial lanes depending on your Good Sam Membership level

- Pay at the pump at RV and Commercial lanes

- Save \$.10 per gallon on propane

- Save \$5 on dump station fees

- Save up to \$.07 per gallon on gasoline

- No transaction limit

Submitted by *Jerry Jenkins*



## Who is Norma?

I was a secondary level teacher of Home Economics, Physical Education and Special Education before spending fourteen years as a Junior then Senior High School Counselor in Orange, California. I was active with the CASA (Community Against Substance Abuse) Programs at both secondary levels.



All the years our three daughters were growing up as well as after they graduated from high school, I was involved with the Girl Scouts as Troop Organizer for elementary schools and Troop leader at the various levels. For eight years I co-chaired the Fun Events for Cadet-O-Rama, a council wide competition. My last GS involvement was a year long planning effort as chairperson of the Arts and Crafts for the 1997 Girl Scout Celebration for ten GS Councils at the Pomona CA Fairgrounds.

My husband, Don, and I retired in 1998 and have been full-timing since then. The first fourteen years we spent much of our time providing farm management and overseeing health care for Don's mother and relatives in Indiana. We still travel to Indiana most years to visit relatives.

I served three years as Secretary of Monacos-In-Motion and recently co-led a caravan to Canada--Ramblin' Through the Rockies.

We are fortunate to be able to enjoy this lifestyle.

## Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal time is coming up!! Around the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, every member whose membership is due to be renewed on January, 1, 2015 will receive an email invoice reminding them to renew their membership. The dues are not actually due until January 1<sup>st</sup>, but you can help us tremendously if you go ahead and renew your membership when you have the time. It's easy to do by going to our web site [www.mirvclub.com](http://www.mirvclub.com) and logging on with your email address and password.

We accept most types of credit cards and even allow you to pay with your PayPal account. It saves us time and money when you pay online, and the sooner you pay, the easier it is for us to manage our database activities regarding membership.

While you're taking care of paying your dues, you can take this time to update any information that may have changed such as a new phone number or perhaps a new coach! If you have any questions, you can always contact any of us online - there is a "Contact Us" page on the web where you can send an email to us based on the question you have.

# **Introducing Monaco International Wearables available now!**

**A complete line of Monaco International Embroidered Apparel is now available.  
Bags, Button downs, Children's, Fleece & Towels, Hats, Polos, Outerwear, Sweatshirts,  
T-Shirts, Men's and Women's styles.**



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### Pahrump Nugget Casino

Pahrump, NV

RALLY MASTERS :

Marvin & De Pitts

Jim & Melva Crimmins

PRESIDENT, Mitch Mitchell

FIRST LADY, Barbara Mitchell

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
- 5 nights parking included  
(March 17th thru 21st)

Up to 2 days early parking available  
starting on March 15th  
\$30 per night for Full Hookups  
\$15 per night Dry Camping

**All early parking fees must be  
included with this reservation.**

There will be optional bus tours  
(on early parking days).  
one to Death Valley  
the other to the Casinos of Las Vegas.

Confirmation Package (circle one)  
MAIL    HOLD

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

**March 1st, 2015** Packet will be held at the  
gate for any applications received after Feb 1st.

Register online at

[www.MIRVClub.com](http://www.MIRVClub.com)

or Mail this form with Check to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally

Bob & Jane White

17200 West Bell Rd, Lot Number 1769

Surprise, AZ 85374

Email: [monaco2015rallys@aol.com](mailto:monaco2015rallys@aol.com)

Cell: Bob: 909-967-8106

Jane: 909-560-3816

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)

COST:	FEE	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	\$ 245.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Member/Spouse/Significant other (add)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 13 & above)	145.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nights Dry Camping Early Parking March 15 & 16 (add)	30.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 night Dry Camping Early Parking March 16 (add)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full hookup site for 5 nights (add)	155.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nights Full Hookup Early Parking March 15 & 16 (add)	60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 night Full Hookup Early Parking March 16 (add)	30.00	
<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 Jan 31, 2015 may deduct \$100 from the fee)		-100.00
*Must be postmarked no later than Jan 31, 2015 TOTAL INCLUDED:		

**REGISTER EARLY Sites are limited**

**Cancellation request must be received by 02/28/2015 for refund.**