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Prez Sez

Greetings fellow members,

With the holiday festivities behind us, it is time to enjoy the winter season, whether you are in the warmer part of the country as so many of us are or in the snowy North, it is a good time to sit back and relax. Winter season is also a good time to get out the calendar and maps to plan summer travels, to meet up with good friends old and new.

The next Monaco International pre rally will be July 5th thru 9th in Celina Ohio, with a caravan to Indianapolis for the FMCA convention. If you have not heard the good news, REV will supply service techs for repairs, **labor free!** Rally Masters Cathy and Marty Kimball are working tirelessly to make this rally a fun and exciting event. Registration forms are online and active now. The Rally Masters will have more information later in the newsletter.

Spring is the time of year that we have elections. Because there is no spring rally, elections become a little more difficult but still need to be done. At this time the nominating committee is still seeking one or two volunteers to fill the slate. Joining the Board is a good way to get your ideas in front of the membership and make changes to our club to insure our longevity. Read the committees reports later in this newsletter and consider doing your part to guide our club.

While I am on the topic of volunteering I would like to talk about future rallies. FMCA will hold their convention in March of 2018 in Perry GA. and now is the time to start organizing our pre rally. I am anxious to get started but need a rally master to work with. I have a tentative site, new to our group, on temporary hold. Being a rally master is a rewarding task. With a possible co-rally master if needed and committee chair people, it can be fun and a good way to make changes you might think would enhance our rallies. There are past rally masters willing to mentor with advice and guidance. Please give this some consideration; we don't want to miss another pre rally as happened in Arizona.

Wishing you safe travels, till we meet in Celina.

Dick Strzyzewski

President Monaco International

FMCA NEWS CORNER

FMCA Officer Elections

Biannual elections are being conducted this Summer for the National VP positions in five of the ten areas, including: the Midwest, Northeast, Rocky Mountain, South Central and South-east areas. These are in addition to the positions on the Executive Board of FMCA; President, Senior Vice President, National Secretary and National Treasurer of the Association which will also be elected this July.

Successful candidates will serve on the Executive Board for two-year term and take office during the Annual Membership Meeting in Indianapolis, IN in July.

A Nomination Form for the National VP positions and details explaining the election process can be found at FMCA.COM for those interested in serving the Association in one of these capacities.

Details explaining the election process and submitting an application can be found at FMCA.COM under Member & Volunteer Handbook, Policy and Procedures #2005 and #2009.

OR you may contact me as your current FMCA National Director and I will either forward appropriate documents to you or assist you in locating them. If you have thoughts regarding the candidates for any of the National Offices, please contact me, or the National Director of any chapter. Increase your FUN and ENJOYMENT by getting more involved!

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry S. Hentschel
Monaco International National Director
719-339-9237

MESSAGE FROM SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—WILMA JEAN ALEXANDER

Looking forward to a great rally in Celina, OH. I will be conducting a microwave-convection oven seminar and invite you to submit any questions prior to the rally via bumminfir@hughes.net. By submitting questions and/or concerns, I can better plan.

Les and I are in charge of vendors. If you have a particular vendor you would like to be invited to participate, send me their name and contact information such as telephone number and/or e-mail and I will follow-up on the request. It is imperative that once we get the vendors to attend that we support their attendance by visiting the booths and buying on site rather than delaying purchases until we get the FMCA.

Join us in OH and become actively involved. Appreciate your getting involved by making suggestions via e-mail bumminfir@hughes.net or calling 309-824-0652.

Wilma Jean Alexander
MI 2nd Vice President

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

A big thank you to those of you who are visiting with people you met and encouraging them to join Monaco International. The majority of our new members have used coaches. We had 139 new members in 2016 of which 25% have new coaches. Please continue to share the website with friends.

In looking forward to the Pre-Rally in Cleina, OH, as you fill out your registration form, please indicate if you would like to be a mentor. Remember that if you want to mentor a specific couple, you just need to communicate your wish to Norma Preston, vpmbship@gmail.com and the match will be made!

When members have contacted us indicating they are not renewing their membership due to their sale of their motorhome or due to health problems, they have been thanked for letting us know and reminded about the Associate Membership choice should they ever wish to attend a Monaco International Rally in the future with some other brand of RV.

As of the end of January, we had 1344 members registered and 324 who have not responded to the renewal notices. If you know of anyone who has not renewed or will not be renewing, please have them contact us so Brenda Reagh will not send them reminders.

If people have moved, added or changed their phone numbers, or made any other changes to their information, they should go on-line to www.mirvclub.com, log in, and make the changes. If passwords are needed, Brenda Reagh (brendareagh@gmail.com) should be contacted.

My term of office expires this summer. If anyone is interested and would like to talk to me about the duties, do read the description on-line at the Monaco International website and feel free to contact me by e-mail or phone at 714-458-7570. Until June, we will be on the West Coast. Also we will need at least one Regional Director for each region.

Looking forward to having fun with all our Monaco International family in Celina, Ohio in July.

Norma Preston, Vice President of Membership

Volunteers Needed

The nominating committee would like to thank those people who have volunteered to run for positions with the club for 2017. There are several positions that still need volunteers.

The Regional Director position is a vital one for the club. You are usually the first to contact a new or potential member and tell them about our club. First impressions last a long time so this position is critical to growing our club. We need volunteers to run for regional director in:

Region 1 which includes:

Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory

Region 3 which includes:

New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana

Region 5 which includes:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, DC, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland

If you would be willing to volunteer to run for one of these positions, please contact one of the nominating committee members.

Jan Couch 770-354-4367

couch9748@prodigy.net

Dan Mitchell 612-940-7468

dan.mitch4310@gmail.com

JJ Tucker 404-374-1700

jtucker201@aol.com



GREAT AMERICAN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Celebrate our nation's birthday with Monaco International, July 5 – 9, 2017 in Celina, Ohio. Enjoy an old fashion 4th of July picnic by gathering around the coach display the evening of July 5th, welcome old friends and meet new people.

Worried about being on the road during the holiday weekend? Come early! We are offering early parking starting July 1. Come enjoy Celina's Freedom Days Festival with bands, crafts, food trucks and fireworks over Grand Lake. And it's all only a mile away.

REV techs will be on site starting July 5th as well to perform two (2) service items on your coach. Parts are discounted and labor is FREE! We will also have Lippert service techs on site to complete any step recalls that you have been delaying and Ulman Carpet Cleaning will be on site to clean your carpet while you enjoy a seminar or craft class. Each of these will have sign-up sheets posted in the coming weeks, so be sure to watch for those and sign up early.

The ever popular cooking class presented by Wilma Jean Alexander will return. REV has graciously provided 2 microwave ovens for her use and I can't wait to see what items she prepares.

We are planning 3 nights of entertainment for you to enjoy as well as craft classes, seminars, and a golf outing. All are in the planning stages but we will be announcing them as plans become firm.

Something different for Sunday, July 9th. Sleep in, worship at one of the many churches in the area, or just relax and then join us for our general membership and caravan meetings. After, we will enjoy a traditional Sunday brunch, complete with Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. Rejoin us at 4 o'clock for a Muscle/Classic Car Cruise-In. A local Muscle car enthusiast and restorer will bring his collection for us to view and he has also invited some of the local classic car clubs to join him. Also visiting us at 4 o'clock will be Moeller Brew Barn with their own craft beers.

Register now by going to www.MIRVClub.com. The more members that register the more vendors and suppliers I will be able to convince to join us.

Marty and Cathy Kimball, Rally Masters

MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER



GREAT AMERICAN 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION



PRE RALLY

**Mercer County
Fairgrounds
Celina, OH**

RALLY MASTERS :
Marty & Cathy Kimball
cathykimball@earthlink.net
919-656-3504

PRESIDENT: Dick Strzyzewski
FIRST LADY: Judy Strzyzewski

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

Rally Price includes:

Welcome Social
3 Breakfasts/Social Hours/Dinners,
Sunday Brunch -Entertainment
Seminars-Vendors-Suppliers-Crafts
New Coach Display
Cruise In- Classic & Muscle Cars

**MONACO TECHS
WILL BE ON SITE
FOR 2 SERVICE
ITEMS**

Up to 4 days early parking available
starting on July 1st
\$25 per night for Electric / \$20 Dry

REGISTER EARLY

Register Online At
www.MIRVClub.com
or Mail this form with Check to:
Monaco International Pre-Rally
Dick Wolfe
704 Palma Sola Blvd.
Bradenton, FL 34209
wolfeas@aol.com

First Attendee _____

Second Attendee _____

Additional _____ (First and last name for EACH attendee)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell #: _____

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

Monaco Coach Model _____ Coach # _____

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

Caravan to FMCA? Yes ☐ Diabetic Desert? ☐ Number of? ☐

Would you like to Volunteer? YES ☐ NO ☐ Interest? _____

COST:	FEE	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach including 1 adult Includes 5 nights dry camping	\$ 300.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Member/Spouse/Significant other (add)	150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> each Additional Guest (add)	150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Campground w/Electric - 5 nights of rally (add required)	25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 4 nights Early Parking w/Electric (add \$25 per night)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 4 nights Early Parking Dry (add \$20 per night)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player) *	50.00	
*Names/Handicaps		
(Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay* before May 15, 2017 may deduct \$100.00 from the fee	-100.00	
*Must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2017 TOTAL INCLUDED:		

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 1st, 2017

Confirmation Package Available On - Line

For those without internet access - Check Hold at Gate ☐

**Cancellation request must be received by
06/15/2017 for refund.**

2017 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

REGISTER NOW!



If attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta with Monaco International is on your Bucket List, And It Should Be, you need to consider making your reservations **NOW!** In 2016 the Rally was full by mid-May and while a waiting list was established and grew to twenty coaches, the list unfortunately was not fully worked down because there were very few cancellations.



We have again reserved eighty spaces, which is a result of having great relations with the Fiesta folks and filling all our spaces. This is well over the limited spaces that groups can now reserve. Accordingly, we can not get any more sites even if the interest is there.

However, we have made a reservation change for 2017 to provide a limited exclusive registration period for MI members. Hopefully, this will help preclude MI members remaining on the Wait List at the time of the Fiesta. Only MI members can register until mid-April, then registration will be open to both MI members and non-members so we can ensure filling all of our spaces and hopefully keeping our very desirable and sought after location.

Our eighty spaces will again be in the premier VIP West RV parking area, immediately adjacent to the Launch Field. You can not get a better location to see the action! Also as in the past, registration includes: Four nights of dry camping, field access to all ballooning events while we are there, Welcome Social and BBQ dinner on the first night, two catered sit-down lunches at premier locations, two breakfasts, social hours daily with appetizers, goody bag with Balloon Fiesta "stuff" and other items. You can not attend the Balloon Fiesta on your own for less than the MI Rally fees. The MI Balloon Fiesta Rally is the best bargain in Albuquerque.

For more information go to the MI website, Upcoming Rallies, Balloon Fiesta Rally - 2017.

Again, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE - REGISTER SOON before registration is open to others. As of the end of January, the rally was more than half full and we expect it to be full and a Waiting List established by May.

Your host for 2017 will again be Sandy and Harry Hentschel along with De and Marvin Pitts. They have all been involved with this MI Rally for the past five years and know how to make it a great experience for attendees. Their contact information is on the Registration Forms and questions are encouraged.



MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2017 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- Harry & Sandy Hentschel & Marvin & De Pitts

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 11 – Sunday, October 15, 2017



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

Over 600 balloons come from around the world to participate in the greatest spectacle of its kind. You won't believe your eyes as 100 or more special shaped balloons take off to create a menagerie in the sky. See Mass Ascensions, Night Glows, Special Shapes Glows, Races, Key Grab Competition, Fireworks, and more. Nearby for your entertainment – Golf, Casinos, Shopping, Fine Restaurants, etc.

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



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

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

Rally Contacts:

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

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

Registrar:
Sandy Hentschel
719-237-5412
Email: hsh1968@gmail.com

The rally fee includes

Parking, admission to all ballooning events, welcome dinner, two luncheons and the Bring Your Own Beverage social hour each afternoon before the evening ballooning event.

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

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

License # & State _____

Coach Make _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Names of Guests: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally

Mail to: **Monaco International**
c/o Sandy Hentschel
3520 Windjammer Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

[] Please check if this will be your first time at the Balloon Fiesta with Monaco international.

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