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Greetings Monaco Members,

With the holidays behind us and a glimmer of spring on the horizon we need to turn our attention to the activities of Monaco International. A good place to kick off 2018 is at the MI rally in Moultrie GA, 3/9/18 - 3/12/18. Monaco Travelers and Friends have been busy working on the details of this event. Registration has begun, but signup is slow. I am looking forward to a good turn out for my last rally as President. Contact your Monaco buddies and get signed up, meet old friends and make new friends.

1st Vice President Wilma Jean Alexander is also putting in long hours working on the summer rally in Gillette WY, 7/11/18 - 7/14/18. The Camplex in Gillette is a great facility and is also the choice for the FMCA convention. If you register for the MI rally and the FMCA convention you will be parked for the MI rally and stay in the same spot for the FMCA Convention. It worked well in 2013 and I am sure it will again in 2018. Wilma Jean is looking for a few key people for the Gillette rally. Help her out by being a Rally Master; it is a very rewarding job.

The Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 10/10/18 -10/14/18, is a popular event and sought after by both Monaco owners and non Monaco owners. There is limited parking available so sign up early as it is always a sell out.

Rallies are a lot of work and require many volunteers to make them a success. To get the full benefits of being a member, you need to become involved. Become a volunteer, be a candidate to run for office, do your part to guide our club and keep it the success it has been in the past.

Show your appreciation to the rally masters by attending their rallies. The only way we can gain more vendors and things of interest is by stronger member participation.

Safe travels and see you at the MI rally in Moultrie.

Dick Strzyzewski

President Monaco International

MI 2018 Balloon Festival Rally

Registration is now open for MI members for the over-the-top Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Non-members, with MI sponsors in attendance, may register after April 15 if space is available.



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.

We are limited to 80 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 or emailed by July 15 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 RV 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, welcome social and dinner, two luncheons and the "Bring Your Own Beverage" social hour each afternoon before the evening balloon event.

You can register for the 2018 Balloon festival either [online](#) (recommended) or via mail. You can download and mail with your check.

Click [here](#) to check out the Albuquerque official web site and see more of what you'll be a part of when attending the Monaco International Balloon Festival Rally.

HOW TO REGISTER:

On-line registration can be found mirvclub.com or you can fill in and mail the application on the following page.

Your rally contacts are:

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

or

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

And our registrar:

Sandy Hentschel 719-237-5412, Email:
hhsh1968@gmail.com



MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2018 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

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



Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 10 – Saturday, October 13, 2018

Departure on Sunday October 14, 2018 after morning ballooning events

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

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.



Sign up online
(Preferred)
at

WWW.MIRVCLUB.COM

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.

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719-339-9237 or 719-237-5412
email: hands1968@me.com

Marvin & De Pitts
928-713-0983
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Registrar:
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The rally fee includes

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

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$500
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$450
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$150
Extra person (13 & Above)	each	\$150
Extra person 6-12	each	\$ 90
Extra person under 6	free	
but must be registered		
TOTAL _____		

Sign up Information Required:

- Non-MI members must have a MI sponsor attending Rally. MI Sponsor's name: _____

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

All Rally related correspondence will be sent to this e-mail address

Coach Make _____ Coach Length _____

Names of Guests: _____
(all guests must be preregistered regardless of age)

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.

FMCA NEWS

FMCA is in the process of redesigning its website, FMCA.com. The goal is to make it easier for you to find what you're looking for when visiting the site. The new site is expected to be live within the next couple of weeks and we invite you to give it a try. As with any new rollout, there may be some issues, so please be patient.

FMCA has hired a design firm to help us give the magazine a refresh, which hasn't happened in a decade. If all goes as planned, the new design will be unveiled with the May, 2018 issue. I received a sneak peek into this process, and I'm excited to see the results. Also with that issue, the name of the magazine will change to **Family RVing** to reflect FMCA's expanded membership. One change of note to chapter leaders is that starting with the May issue, the Association Calendar (Event Calendar) will include the two upcoming months of chapter rallies and not rallies taking place during the month listed on the cover. RVers tend to plan their travels farther in advance, and reservations often are required for rallies. By the time the month of the rally arrives, it may be too late to attend the event. The May issue, for example, will include June and July chapter rallies. Rally dates for up to a year in advance will continue to be listed online at FMCA.com.

Registration is open for FMCA's 98th International Convention and RV Expo, scheduled for July 18 through 21, 2018, at the CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, Wyoming. Once again, to register, use the form included, visit FMCA.com/conventions-64.html, or call our Events Department. The Governing Board meeting will be held at this event. Don't miss out on FMCA's RV Basics course, powered by FMCA Academy, which will take place July 15-17, 2018, in Gillette. As noted, these information-packed sessions help beginning RVers get off to a great start, or serve as a refresher course for other owners. Visit [FMCA Academy - Gillette](http://FMCA.com), for more information and register now. MI plans to hold a Pre-Rally in Gillette and the plans are to be able to stay in the same location for both events.

Biannual elections are being conducted for the National Vice President positions in each of the Eastern, Great Lakes, **International**, Northwest, and Western areas. Successful candidates will serve on the Executive Board for a two-year term, and take office during the Annual Membership Meeting in Gillette, Wyoming, in July. A nomination form and details explaining the election process.

Submitted by your MI National Director,

Harry Hentschel

MENTORS NEEDED

Our time is short and I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Moultrie. This year we will have a good group of first timers at our rally and we will need your help in helping to provide the best 1st time rally for each of them. Many of you have told me how rewarding being a mentor is. And others have mentioned that the 1st timers meeting is one of the highlights of their rally.

This said, I will need to receive confirmation that you are willing to be a mentor this year. My email is melvac2003@yahoo.com. I would appreciate your commitment today.

Also if you are a Regional Director, please email me and let me know if you are attending the rally.

In order to get to Georgia, Jim and I have to leave the Phoenix area mid February so I would appreciate you emailing me early; that will help make my planning more effective.

Thanks, and see you in Moultrie.

Melva Crimmins

VP Membership

**INVITATION TO ATTEND
WESTWARD HO!!!
CAM-PLEX in Gillette, WY
July 11-14, 2018**

Join the "wagon train" as Monaco International members turn their motor coaches toward Gillette, WY in July for our pre-rally out west. The celebration begins with optional early arrivals on July 9 and 10. Three tours are being planned and will begin around noon July 9 with additional tours on the morning and afternoon of the 10th. Details of the tours will be published on line at a later date as well as included in your confirmation packets. Advance reservations will be necessary as there is a minimum of 30 required for each of the tours: Durham Bison Ranch-\$45 pp; Eagle Butte Mine Tours-\$18 pp; Dry Fork Station Power Plant-\$18 pp. These tour prices include transportation from and to CAM-PLEX. The same tours will be offered as part of the FMCA tours but will be much more costly than through MI.

Campsite selections include dry camping, 30 amp s/w/e and 50 amp s/w/e. Camping fees are listed separately on the registration form since it is necessary for you to make your selection based on what services you wish to purchase for FMCA. If staying for FMCA, they have asked us to park you in the same service category for both rallies to avoid moving of motorhomes. We will have a list of those registered for both rallies and will cross check to make sure we are parking you according to suggested guidelines.

If you wish to park with another coach/s, you must arrive together. Plan to meet at another location and arrive on-site together. Since the 30 and 50 amp sites are intermingled, regardless of which you choose, it may be necessary to park you back to back rather than side by side. If one is planning to stay for FMCA and the other is not, both coaches will be parked as if neither is staying.

Activities will begin at noon on July 11th. The Information Booth will be open for registration of Crafts, Luncheons, etc. as well as the Vendors will open for sales. Show Coaches will open at 4 p.m. with a Cowboy Dinner served in the display area beginning at 5 p.m. So, don't delay your arrival on July 11th. Arrive early so you won't miss out on any of the activities and you will have an opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones.

We will have three catered breakfasts as well as three catered dinners. There will be an open bar for your pleasure along with a salad bar preceding the dinner hour if all goes as planned. Entertainment will consist of a Jazz Concert, a Rodeo, and a local band with vocalist and opportunity to dance.

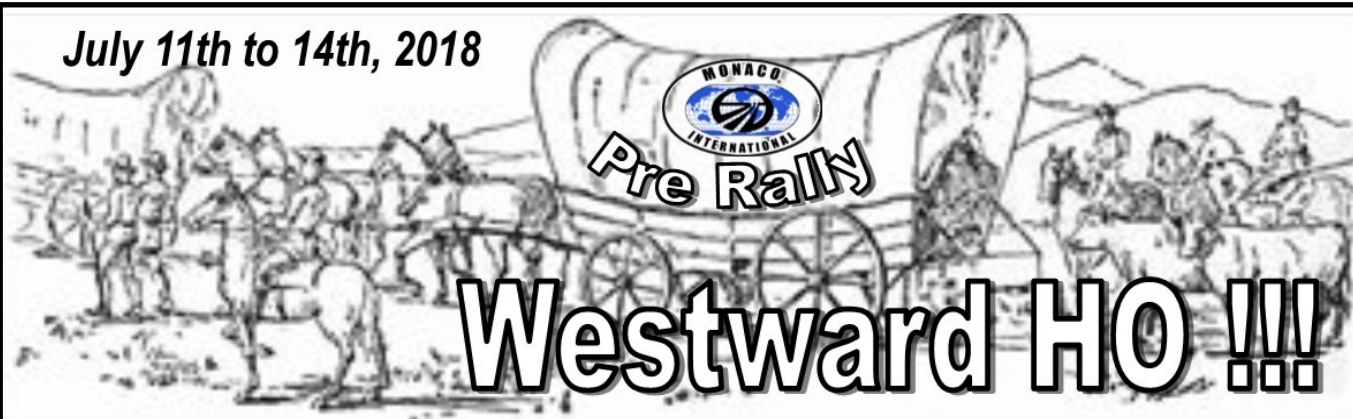
Seminars will be presented by our vendors, suppliers, as well as members. If you have an area of expertise and would be willing to share it with fellow members, please give me a call so we can include you in the program. One of our objectives as a club is to provide educational opportunities for those in attendance. We need your help if we are to accomplish this goal!

Don't forget—AS A MEMBER, IF YOU REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 10—you can deduct \$100 from the registration fee.

Go on-line today and register today or complete the form included in this newsletter and mail it to Bob & Jane White, who are serving as our registrars, at the address shown. We look forward to welcoming you on your arrival in Gillette at the CAM-PLEX.

Your Rally Host and First Vice President
Wilma Jean Alexander

July 11th to 14th, 2018



Camplex Gillette, WY

RALLYMASTERS

PRESIDENT, Wilma Jean Alexander
FIRST GENTLEMAN, Les Alexander
bumminfir@hughes.net
(WJ) 309-824-0652
(L) 309-824-0639

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, Dinners
& Social Hours
Entertainment
Seminars
4 nights parking
(July 11th—14th)

Early parking available on July 9th & 10th
\$20/night (dry)
\$25/night for 30A W/S/E
\$30/night for 50A W/S/E

All early parking fees MUST be included
with registration

Extra!
Pre-FMCA Social for those who stay!

REGISTER EARLY

Save time and postage

Register online at www.MIRVClub.com
or Mail this form with Check to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally
Bob & Jane White
3916 N. Potsdam Ave. PMB 993
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
email: monaco2015rallys@aol.com

Phone
Jane—909-560-3816
Bob—909-967-8106

First Name _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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

Monaco Coach Year/Model _____ Coach # _____

Handicapped? Yes [] No [] (Must have state-issued handicapped placard)

Would you like to be a volunteer? Yes [] No [] Interest _____

First Timer? Yes [] No [] Staying for FMCA? Yes [] No []

*You MUST select Dry, 30 amp or 50 amp above in addition to rally fee.

COST	FEE	AMOUNT
[] Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	200.00	
[] Extra person in coach (age 12 and over) or spouse add	150.00	
[] Non Monaco International Member (per coach) add	50.00	
[] Extra person in coach (under 12) add	75.00	
[] W/S/E - 50 Amp—4 nights rally (per coach) * add	*120.00	
[] Early Parking (50 Amp) W/S/E per night up to 2 nights add	Per night 30.00	
[] W/S/E - 30 Amp—4 nights rally (per coach) * add	*100.00	
[] Early Parking (30 Amp W/S/E) per night up to 2 nights add	Per night 25.00	
[] Dry Camping 4 nights rally (per coach) * add	*80.00	
[] Early Parking (Dry) per night up to 2 nights add	Per night 20.00	
[] Ladies Luncheon (per person) add	25.00	
(Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay* before June 15, 2018 may deduct \$100 from the fee)		-100.00
*Must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2018 TOTAL REMITTANCE		

Confirmation Package (circle one) e-MAIL HOLD

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 1st, 2018

Packet will be held at the gate for those without e-mail access or any applications received after June 30th.

**Cancellation request must be received by 06/30/2018
for refund.**

MONACO INTERNATIONAL NOMINEES FOR 2018-19

The Monaco International Nominating Committee has put together the following slate of officer and regional director candidates for the election to be held in March at the Pre-Rally in Moultrie, GA. Resumes for non-incumbent officer candidates will be available at the Pre-Rally. In the case of officers, you will vote for one, but for regional directors, you will vote for two. Voting will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting in Moultrie.

In accordance with the MI Bylaws, we are presenting this list to the membership more than 30 days before the election date.

President	Wilma Jean Alexander	F163804
1st Vice President	John Jones	F394104
2nd Vice President	Dale Johnson Jerry Shubb	F460389 F433793
Vice President Membership	Lois Tucker	F387098
Secretary	Carolyn Banks	F114477
Treasurer	Hugh Lyttleton	F305857
National Director	Harry Hentschel	F104078D
Alternate National Director	J.R. "Jack" Ehlenberg	F381914
Director Region 1	Joe Bolkovatz Ed Hudson	F421487 F421801
Director Region 2	Roy Holt Bob White	F356669 F222114
Director Region 3	Lloyd DeGerald Richard Pasetto	F241916 F169404
Director Region 4	Bart Mix Gordon Owenby	F435063 F437629
Director Region 5	Don Henderson Walter Nelson III	F028418 F293431
Director Region 6	Dan Mitchell Bob Tucker	F270356 F387098



Respectfully submitted,
Jim Crimmins, Chair
Carolyn Banks
Harry Hentschel





Pre Rally

**SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL
EXPO CENTER
(Spence Field)
Moultrie, Georgia**

Regarding Rally Please Contact
Dick Strzyzewski
rstrzy6827@aol.com

PRESIDENT, Dick Strzyzewski
FIRST LADY, Judy Strzyzewski

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**Monaco International
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and is open to all motorized
recreational vehicles.

**Volunteer/Host Chapter:
Monaco Travelers &
Friends**

Rally Price includes:

Welcome Social
3 Breakfasts/Dinners
Social Hour, Entertainment
Seminars, Vendors, Suppliers
New Coach Display
Fun & Games

****INCLUDING:**

**4 nights parking with water and
electric**

(March 9th—12th)

Early parking available on
March 8th

With Electric/ Water \$30.00

All **early** parking fees **must** be
enclosed with this registration.

Sign up online at
"mirvclub.com"

Or make Checks payable and
mail to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally
Kathianne Taylor
512 Homecoming Way
Polk City, FL 33868
kathiannetaylor@msn.com

First Name _____
Second Name _____
(First and last name for EACH person/attendee)
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____
[] 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

	FEES	
[] MI Member Coach for 2 adults ALL INCLUSIVE **	\$ 450.00	
[] MI Member Coach with 1 adult ALL INCLUSIVE **	300.00	
[] NON-Monaco International Member (ADD per coach)	50.00	
[] Extra person in coach	150.00	
[] Early Parking March 8 with Water/Electric Additional	30.00	
[] Ladies Luncheon (per person, ADD)	15.00	
[] Golf (per player, ADD)	60.00	
Name of Golfer:		
Name of Golfer:		
MI Member discount until Feb 20 deduct \$100.00		
VOLUNTEER - YES [] NO []	FREE	FREE
TOTAL REMITTANCE		

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2018

Confirmation Package available on-line—February 15, 2018

For those without internet access—Check Hold at Gate []

**CANCELLATION REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 FOR REFUND**

**** CAMPING FEES INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION**