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President's Message

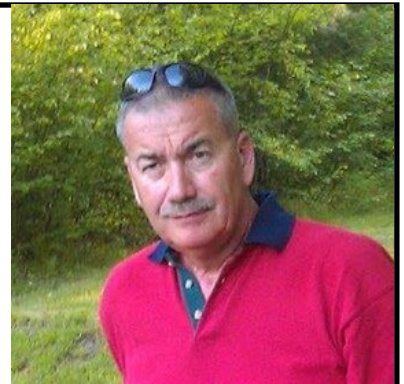
Hello everyone! I would like to introduce myself. I am Dale A. Johnson and currently the president of Monaco International. I started into camping/RV life style a long time ago. I have had a pop up camper, travel trailer, fifth wheel and now a class A Holiday Rambler. I have been to a number of rallies hosted by MI and also FMCA. I have been tasked to fill the position of president and take the responsibility

of the position very seriously. Let me tell you a little bit about me. I am 66 years old, born and raised in the Finger Lakes region of New York. I am a retired police officer/investigator, Volunteer Paramedic/fireman. I have lived in New York, North Carolina and now my legal residence is Florida. I am currently building my off the grid cabin out of wood/lumber from the trees off my property. I enjoy hunting; fishing (both fresh and salt water), complete restoration of antique tools, especially axe's and hatchet's. Enough about my boring self!

I have taken over the president's position during a difficult time for Monaco International. Our membership, financial donations and volunteer assistance seems to be in the decline. I would like to reverse that as much as possible and as soon as possible, with what/who we have available to us as an RV club. There is a tremendous amount of knowledge and talent within our membership! I would like to increase/open the communication avenues between the board and regional directors while at the same time opening up our communication lines with our members simultaneously. I would like to bring back the social aspect of our club to the way it was not so long ago. Information about what our club is doing MUST be shared as soon as possible to all of our members. Communication with other RV clubs, especially other Monaco clubs, would also be very advantage, not only our club but everyone's club that would like to reciprocate. Looking for more sponsors to assist with our financial duties is another direction that I would like to see our club go.

Please remember that all of the officers and directors are volunteers! We are taking on the responsibilities of our positions out of the dedication and love for Monaco International.

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President's Message continued

Please be patient, not only with me, but with everyone who is working for you and in turn for MI. We are very actively looking for more volunteers for our club. We need people to actively help in planning all of our rallies and a lot of help when we get to our rally locations. We are looking for volunteers to take an active role in our club!!

We are actively working on rallies for 2020. Currently there is a rally scheduled for Savannah, Ga, April 5-9 2020. Information is posted on our website and in this newsletter with the registration. Another rally is currently being planned for the Tucson AZ area in March in conjunction with the FMCA Convention. We will meet in Benson AZ, March 19, 2020 and depart for the FMCA rally March 23rd. The summer rally is currently being worked on but we are unable to confirm the dates and location until FMCA locks in their dates and location of their summer convention. We will need a lot of help for the summer rally! Rumors abound about where and when but nothing is decided as yet. Our other premier rally is the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM, October 7-10, 2020. Registration is available on our website and in this newsletter. Destination rally locations for 2021 and 2022 are currently being discussed. Help with planning these events is greatly needed. Please think about stepping up to assist in any role that you can

Please visit our website often to keep informed of our activities. Thank you for reading this message and I look forward to working and socializing with you all!

Dale Johnson, President

Monaco International Website

<http://MIRVClub.com>

Help! Volunteers Needed!

Mentors are our greatest need

- *Contact 1st Timer a week or so before they come to the rally and answers any questions they have.*
- *Have them call you when they arrive. Once they are set up, you can meet them in person and show them around the buildings the rally is using, etc. Introduce them to any officers or members you meet.*
- *Explain the difference in the color badges the officers wear. This helps people know who are the current and past officers*
- *Make sure they know about the 1st Timers' Meeting and meet them if possible.*
- *It would be great if you could contact them after the rally..*

Block Party Help

- *Helping out and assist in running the block party. After a few times, volunteer to run the Block Parties.*
- *Ask non-members to join us. Remind them to bring an appetizer, their own drink and a chair.*

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Springtime in Savannah is a Destination Rally

Sponsored by Monaco International RV Club

There will be no:

Vendors

Seminars

Catered Dinners or Breakfasts other than the Riverboat Dinner Cruise

We Will Have:

A Good Time

Tour of Ft Pulaski National Monument & Tybee Island Lighthouse and

Other activities to be announced

BYOB Happy Hour every evening under a tent

Any Questions Please call, text or email the Rally Master

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A Message from our VP of Membership

My name is Lois Tucker (Lane). (It's a joke.)

Our club has had several rallies/destinations, etc. this year so we have been busy. Tallahassee in February was our first ever Destination that we put on. We had about 39 Coaches sign up with 2 First Timers.

A rally in Las Vegas, NV had 90 people sign up. Eighteen were First-Timer Coaches, 15 Non-Member Coaches, and 57 Members. There was a lot to do and many new people to meet.

Our next rally was in Rapid City, SD just before the FMCA Rally in ND. We had 50 coaches sign up with 8 First Timers. We ate, had entertainment & Seminars, and again meet new members and caught up with friends.

The Finality was the Balloon Fiesta. Again, we had 80 sites which were filled early summer. All, I mean, all had a great time watching the balloons go up, eating, watching the balloons go up, eating, etc. If you haven't been to a Balloon Fiesta, you really need to put it on your bucket list.

During 2019 we increased by 75 new members. But we don't want to stop there. We still have December and hope we will acquire many more.

Lois Tucker, VP of Membership



MI 2019 Balloon Fiesta Rally Recap

The 2019 Monaco International Rally at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF) held October 9th through 12th, 2019 was by all accounts another outstanding MI Balloon Fiesta Rally.

The Rally in essence was sold out with 80 coaches registered (80% were MI members). Seventy-seven coaches were actually in attendance as a result of a number of late cancellations that the short time frame just did not allow replacement. In all, 177 individuals attended the Rally. One third of those attending the Balloon Fiesta Rally joined MI within the past year.



All who attended the Rally observed the Inflation of 588 registered hot air balloons, including over one hundred Special Shapes and 96 flying foreign flags from 17 countries. This IS an International event!

The weather was cool - those from FL said cold - but pleasant during the rally, dipping only into the mid-30s in the mornings. No rain or snow! The balloons were able to fly three of the four mornings of the rally and seven of the total nine days of the whole Fiesta. Balloon Glows occurred on all scheduled evenings, although cut short one night due to winds. Following the Glows were skydivers with pyrotechnics and then an enormous and spectacular Fireworks display. There were a lot of Oohs and Aahs in the MI Social Gathering Area as the fireworks were again truly outstanding and we had front row seats! Those who chose not to go down on the Launch Field missed out on being a part of the 900,000 who accessed the Launch Field and missed being Up—Touching close.

Monaco again had The Best parking location that could be had at the Balloon Fiesta. We were located in the first four rows of the premier VIP West Parking facility, immediately adjacent to the launch field. We were less than one hundred yards from the launching balloons and countless balloon flew directly over our coaches at 70 feet, close enough to talk to the pilot and passengers.

We were privileged this year to have two hot air balloon pilots talk to the rally group on the first night before and after one of our excellent included meals. The pilots provided a great history of hot air ballooning and explained the fundamentals of Lighter Than Air flight.

They also brought their balloon systems, and while they could not inflate the envelope, they set out their baskets and partially assembled their system so all could see the instruments. Many took advantage of having their picture taken while standing next to the basket.

Several MI rally participants took the opportunity to crew for a balloon during the Rally. A few indicated they planned to return next year to crew for the same pilot in hopes of getting a balloon ride.

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MI 2019 Balloon Fiesta Rally Recap *continued*

This is common after crewing for the same pilot a number of times. Unfortunately, the balloon ride concessionaire was sold out weeks before the event this year disappointing some attendees. For 2020, we will try to provide details on how to sign up at an earlier date.

At least eighty percent of the MI Rally attendees were first time attendees at the AIBF and for a few, this was their first MI rally. As with most MI Rallies, there were numerous comments about the copious amounts of food available for rally attendees. Yes, we ate, and ate again. In addition to the catered BBQ dinner on the first night, we returned to the extremely popular El Pinto restaurant for a buffet lunch and also again had an outstanding Texas size New Mexico style breakfast of burritos one morning, a continental breakfast another day and of course, daily Social Hours with heavy appetizers.

We also experienced outstanding volunteerism from the Parking and Greeting Crew to the numerous volunteers who helped prepare daily appetizers and the photographers who captured the Rally. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who were essential in making the rally a success. Not enough can be said for the outstanding Advance Crew that assisted the Co-Hosts this year. They that included: Dan and Mary Beth Scott, Jim and Pat Goettinger and Jan and Marshall Couch. Also a special thanks to Roy and Jackie Holt who jumped in at the last minute to cover for a medical issue of one of the Team Members and to Lee and Kathie Fowler (guest of the Scotts) who also helped out with the arrivals and daily appetizers. Co-Host Roger Smalley took dozens of photographs which will be posted to the MI website.

We have already reserved/registered for eighty spaces in 2020. MI rally dates for 2020 are October 7th through 10th, departing mid-morning on the 11th after ballooning activities are over. As custom for the last two years, only MI members can apply through mid-April. On April 15th, registration will open to all FMCA members on a first-come basis, but non-members must have an MI member who is also attending as a sponsor. We want to provide an opportunity for friends who travel with MI members to also attend. We have actually picked up several as MI members when they learn they can join if they have a REV product.

The 2020 theme for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is Time Flies. So start your planning now to trek to Albuquerque in October, 2020 and register early. Remember: Time Flies!

Submitted by Co-Host:

Harry and *Sandy Hentschel*

Carol and Roger Smalley

Welcome our New Members

November 2019

Name	City	State	Coach	Year	Region
Tommy & Nancy Adams	Crossville	TN	Cayman	2005	4
Michael Davidson & Melanie Freeman	Visalia	CA	Endeavor	2001	2
Craig & Jacquie Marquiz	Henderson	NV	Executive	2007	2
Fred & Chris Williamee	Oak Point	TX	Dynasty	2009	3

October 2019

Babs & George Heath	Raymond	WA	Knight	2018	1
Glen & Debbie Campora	Fair Oaks	CA	Scepter	2007	2
Dale & Kathy Schell	Concord	CA	Monterey	2006	2
William & Rosalie Wasson	Corona	CA	Monarch	2008	2
Mark Carboni & Betty Lee	Willis	TX	Knight	2006	3
Roy & Martha Dameron	Springfield	MO	Royale	2005	3
Bob & Jo Ann Hardy	Ft Worth	TX	Diplomat	2008	3
Barry & Sondra Wilson	Muleshoe	TX	Diplomat	2006	3
William & Janice Freeman	Winston Salem	NC	Camelot	2006	4
Rob & Sherry Krajcek	Lakeland	FL	Fleetwood	2019	4
Sam Krause & Diane Zettle	Dauphin Island	AL	Signature	1997	4
Paul & Lucy Levine	Hernando Beach	FL	Fleetwood	2005	4
Alan & Elaine Merchant	Alexandria	VA	Marquis	2018	4
Brett and Sandy Sloan	Hawthorne	FL	American Coach	2016	4
Jordan & Emily Bohonek	Albert Lea	MN	Diplomat	2000	6
Mark Hagan & Erin Taylor	Traverse City	MI	Monarch	2008	6

TECH TIPS



Yes, it's Winter! Some of you may have already put your coach in storage for the Winter and others migrated South. Either way, there are engine and generator issues you need to consider.

If your coach has been winterized and put in storage, you still should "exercise" your genset at least once a month to keep it lubricated and seals flexible. You should do this by starting the generator and running it for a couple of hours with a "load". A load can be provided by turning on your roof heat pump(s) or by running a couple of 1,500 watt space heaters or drying a load of clothes in the dryer if you have one. Watch a football game while you are there!

Even if you are in the deep South and living in your coach, you still should exercise your genset at least monthly. This does not mean just starting and turning off. You should run it for 1-2 hours with a load applied. If you are way South, you may be able to run your roof ACs on a very warm day to provide the load. If you are not into football, while your generator is being exercised, this is a good time to lubricate your entry steps and other hinges with Kwikol "Grease Gun in a Can", so you won't be surprised in the Spring when you open the door and the steps stay put because of corrosion.

Oh yes, don't forget your engine. It needs to be started and brought up to operating temperature (160 - 170 degrees) to eliminate any moisture and to keep seals pliable. Starting and turning the engine off immediately does more harm than good because of condensation when first starting. A side benefit is you are also keeping your batteries charged up when running the engine or generator for a while.

A little time each month in the winter can save a lot of time consuming and expensive headaches when you are ready to hit the road.

SAFE TRAVELS! *Harry Henschel*

TIPS AND TRICKS

Blood stains: Soak the spot in hydrogen peroxide then wash. Don't dry! Repeat if necessary. If the stain is small, the person whose blood it is can spit on the spot and it will go away. (I tried it and it actually works) This item was a suggestion from Debbie Darby from American Coach Association.

Shout Color Catcher: This product works well in RV washers, is excellent for small loads and allows you to mix whites and colors in the same load. According to the package, the "sheets trap loose dyes and dirt released during the wash cycle". At the end of the wash, the dye and dirt come out on the Color Catcher sheet, not on your clothes." Splendide, the makers of most of our washers, however, recommend that you put the sheet in a mesh bag so it won't accidentally go down the drain and stop up the plumbing!

More Tips and Tricks in the next newsletter.....

Sandy Henschel



Monaco International Destination Rally

April 5, 2020 - April 9, 2020

**Creekfire Motor Ranch
275 Fort Argyle Road
Savannah, Georgia 31419**

Brand new RV park with pull thru concrete sites
with 20/30/50 amp electric, water, sewers & Wi-fi.

\$460 coach with 2 people

\$380 coach with 1 person

+\$80 each additional person

Includes:

Riverboat Dinner Cruise

(with soft drinks, coffee, tea & cash bar)

Happy Hour each night under the Tent

(BYOB and snacks to share.)

Welcome Hot Dog Dinner

Potluck Dinner

Tour Fort Pulaski & Tybee Island Lighthouse

Optional dinner at The Shell House

(Dutch treat)

Registration deadline January 4, 2020.



UPCOMING 2020 RALLIES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

January 5 - 12, 2020

MI will be joining Monaco Romers for a Pre-Rally and staying in same location for the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio, CA. Register by 12/15/2019. (gizmo4wine@yahoo.com)

January 8 - 12, 2020

Western Area Rally, Indio, CA. (lcross@fmca.com)

March 19 - 23, 2020

MI Pre-Rally in Benson, AZ — Will caravan into Tucson for the FMCA Winter/Spring Convention to be held at Pima County Fairgrounds March 26-29. (MI Website)

March 19 - 24, 2020

RV Driving School (Register at fmca.com) Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ.

March 23 - 25, 2020

RV Basics (Register at fmca.com) Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ.

March 26 - 29, 2020

FMCA's 101st International Convention & RV Expo, Tucson, AZ. (fmca.com)

April 5 - 9, 2020

MI's Destination Rally at Creekside Motor Ranch Savannah, GA. (MIRVClub.com)

April 30 - May 7, 2020

Ramblin Pushers 419 Maintenance Session in Goshen, IN. (www.ramblinpushers.org)

June 17 - 20, 2020

Great Lakes Area Rally, Allegan, MI. (lnaylor@fmca.com)

June 24 - 27, 2020

Northwest Area Rally, Roseburg, OR. (dschleuse@fmca.com)

August tbd

MI's Pre-Rally prior to the FMCA Summer Convention in Lincoln, NE. In planning stage.

August 26 - 29, 2020

FMCA's 102nd International Convention in Lincoln, NE.

September 16 - 19, 2020

South Central Area Rally - Shawnee, OK. (jwright@fmca.com)

September 30 - October 4, 2020

Eastern Area Rally, Lewisburg, WV. (bmallory@fmca.com)

October 7 - 11, 2020

MI's renowned Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque, NM. (MIRVClub.com)

October 22 - 25, 2020

RMMA Ramble (Rocky Mountain Area Rally) - Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ. (jerickson@fmca.com)

**Please Make Your Reservations Early!
For More Information Go To:**

<http://MIRVClub.com>

Meet the Levine's & Campora's

Lucy and Paul Levine
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Lucy and I are originally from N.Y. We both were born in Brooklyn , moved to Queens, went to the same High School, but never met till we went to SUNY New Paltz. On our first date I told her a joke, while she was drinking a coke! It was a good one and the Coke soon fountained out of her nose..... It was love at first sight! We have lived in Fl. for the past 20 years. I am a retired prison Superintendent, Lucy , taught art and special education . We have been camping since we married in 1968, in tents, vans, class B, Cs, and now a class A. We have been coast to coast, as well as Canada, and BC. Our hobbies are; (me), Corvettes, model ship building, woodworking, and of course updating and repair of our RV! Lucy, Art, giving me projects to do , Antiques, and converting our various abodes to our liking.(no small task, lots of sweat equity!) We are members of 3 FMCA chapters, the Challengers, Fl. crackers, the Sandpipers, and now MI. We still love to travel the USA. And look forward to meeting new friends.

Glen and Debbie Campora

We are both native Californians, recently retired, and raised two boys in the Sacramento area. Our sons each have 4 kids (3 boys and 1 girl) and live within 30 minutes of us, but in opposite directions. When we first met in the mid 80's, we were surprised to learn each other had a Vizsla and since then have always had at least two.

We began RVing part time in 2016 to travel with our 2 Vizslas and we currently own a 2007 HR Scepter, 38PDQ. Our very first trip was on a 52-day caravan to Alaska in 2017. Needless to say, we learned a lot about RV'ing on that trip and it didn't scare us off. Looking forward to making new friendships.

Newsletter Editor Returns

Yes, I am back! Thanks to Dale Johnson and several other members requesting that I again assume the task of getting out the Monaco International Newsletters. It is a pleasure to returned to Monaco International as your Newsletter Editor.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist Monaco International in getting out the news and events to all of our members.

Since my husband, George, was elected as the International Area President in 2018, it has been impossible for us to attend the MI pre-rallies. Believe me, we both miss the great comradery of the MI members and the rallies.

If you have an article that may be of interest and/or an event we may want to partake, please send me an email and I will be glad to get the word out to our membership.

George and I hope to see many of you at the FMCA convention in Tucson and again in Savannah, GA next year. Yea, we can make MI's destination rally!!! Happy Holidays.

Maxine Schremp, mschremp2002@yahoo.com

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2020 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- Harry & Sandy Hentschel & Roger & Carol Smalley

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 7 – Saturday, October 10, 2020

Departure on Sunday October 11, 2020 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 received by e-mail (prior to July 15th) or 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 parked in the VIP West area which is immediately 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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The rally fee includes

Parking, admission to all ballooning events, welcome dinner, one luncheon, two breakfasts and the Bring Your Own Beverage social hour with appetizers provided each afternoon before the evening Fiesta activities.

Sign up Information Required:

- MI Member? YES _____ NO _____ FMCA # _____
- 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.

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$550
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$500
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		