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# MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

## Note From the Prez



Happy New Year. Hope everyone had a great holiday and is starting the New Year with good health. No doubt, 2009

was a very trying year for our economy and especially the RV industry, but Monaco International remained a very strong Chapter of FMCA. Although attendance at our pre-rallies was down somewhat, this did not keep us from having two great rallies, thanks to the rally masters and all the volunteers.

We are looking forward to 2010 with the winter/spring pre-rally in Tucson, AZ in March, the

summer pre-rally in Salem, OR in August and the Balloon Fiesta rally in Albuquerque, NM in October.

In Springfield last year the members voted to include owners of all brands of motor homes manufactured by Monaco in Monaco International Chapter of FMCA. Please spread the word and invite all your Beaver, Holiday Rambler and Safari friends to join us in the fun and fellowship of our great chapter.

Laura and I look forward to meeting each of you in Tucson,

**Don Wyatt,**

President

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## MAKE YOUR PLANS TODAY TO.....

### “Rendezvous in the Desert”

Come join all your friends for lots of  
fun, food, and entertainment!

*Fill out the application found on page 4,  
write a check and mail it TODAY*

*Limited to the first 400 coaches!!!!*

## Are You Ready?

Are you ready? There are lots of things for you to participate in and enjoy. Pack up your RV and join in the fun.

### Mark Your Calendars "Rendezvous in the Desert"

Monaco International Pre Rally

March 15—18th

Tucson, AZ

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### "Back to the Fifties"

Monaco International Pre Rally

August 3—7th

Salam, Oregon

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### "2010 Balloon Fiesta Rally"

October 6 –10th

Albuquerque, NM

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# Special Invitation

**John & Susanne Verretto, Rally Masters**

## "Rendezvous in the Desert"

We are very excited about the rally in Tucson Az. Time to get those applications in the mail so you can see old friends, make new friends, go to seminars, shop at the vendor booths, have repairs made if needed, crafts, entertainment, eat, drink and have fun. We even have an art class where you will be able to make a beautiful painting in just 3 hours. YES YOU CAN!

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** we will have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres around the coach display. So remember to get parked and setup early.

We are still working on finalizing the scheduling and all the fun events that we are planning for your enjoyment. There are so many things to do in Tucson. If you have never been there or haven't had time to have that extended stay to see all the sights, now is the time, come early, and stay late as we have a special rate at the park for 5 days before and 5 days after the rally of \$25 per day plus tax

**SOME OF THE GREAT SIGHTS TO SEE:** Pima Air & Space Museum, Biosphere 2, Titan Missile Museum, Mission San Xavier del Bac, Old Tucson Studios, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Kartchner Caverns, Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, and much more. Remember the Arizona sunsets are must to see.

**Please plan to join us for this very special "Desert Rendezvous."**

**We look forward to seeing you there!!!!!!**

## Gregg Owned RV Dealerships in Four States



Buddy G. Gregg, president and founder of Buddy Gregg Motor Homes Inc., died at his home in Texas on Wednesday (Dec. 30).

Buddy and his wife, Carole, opened their first dealership in Little Rock, Ark., in 1984. In 1986 they moved the dealership to one of its current locations in Knoxville, Tenn. For almost three decades, Buddy Gregg Motor Homes sold and serviced RVs to individuals and businesses across North America, according to a statement from the company.

Buddy Gregg was considered an innovator and industry leader, and his reputation for quality service before and after the sale made him a hallmark in the recreational vehicle business.

At the height of the RV business, Buddy Gregg had dealerships in Oregon, Florida, Texas and Tennessee.

As a perennial recipient of the top 10 Dealer Award from Monaco Coach Corp. and Country Coach Inc., Buddy earned a reputation as a high volume and high quality service dealer. During his career, Buddy sold or serviced over 100,000 recreational vehicles.

Buddy Gregg is survived by his wife Carol, son Gregory, daughter Marla, son-in-law Brian Griffith, two grandsons and mother-in-law Dorothy Williams.

## Officer Profiles

*Want to get to know your officers better? In each issue of our newsletter, we will include a short profile of a few of our officers so you can get to know them better.*

### **Kaye Martin, VP of Membership**

Kaye and Jim have been involved with Monaco International since 1996 when they purchased their first Monaco Coach. They have been involved in many rallies since that time. Kaye and Jim hosted the Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque for 11 years and met many of our members during those fun rallies. The Martins are also members of Monaco Wan-na-go's and Monaco's in Motion.

Kaye and Jim have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. It is good they like to travel as the children live in four different states. When not traveling in their coach, they reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Since retirement from the drafting department at Sandia Labs, Kaye keeps busy volunteering for several non-profit service organizations. Kaye also enjoys reading, hiking, quilting, scrapbooking and watching college sports.

### **Peggy Rahkola, Secretary**

When Peggy retired from Xerox in 1998, she and husband John (Rocky), a retired LA City Firefighter, purchased their first Monaco and began traveling and enjoying the RV life style. In 1999 they gave up their stick built house and became full timers. They joined MI in 2000 and have since attended many rallies where they worked on the parking committee and as bartenders. Peggy has also been a greeter, a service writer, and has taught beading classes at several rallies. They are active members of the Monaco Romers and have served as rally masters and are co-hosting the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta this year. They recently bought a home in Arizona where Peggy was elected to the HOA board.

Peggy & Rocky have been married 29 years. Peggy has two sons from a previous marriage, one grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

### **Linda Schreiber, Treasurer**

Linda and her roommate, Linda Hlavin, have been together for 40 years since they were sorority sisters back in college. They have been RVing since 1974 when they got their first mini RV to use for weekend ski trips to Lake Tahoe and camping vacations with their dogs. In 1993 while living in Atlanta, they bought their first Monaco diesel pusher from Buddy Gregg in Knoxville and began taking longer trips. They didn't join any RV groups until 1996 when they joined MI and then in 1997 became charter members in Monaco Norcal, hosting rallies, and holding several officer positions in that club. About 2000, they joined other clubs including Monaco Northwest and Monaco Romers while still working in order to extend their travel to other states. Since Linda S retired in 2006 from Hewlett Packard, they have been "most timers", travelling about 10 mo/yr. even though they still have a home in San Jose, CA. Most recently, they own two dogs, Chieftan and Princess, who also enjoy the RV lifestyle and are well known by many fellow RVers.

Aside from RV'ing, Linda S enjoys swimming, reading, hiking, golf, card games and photography. She has an older brother living in Wisconsin.

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## National Directors Report

### **January 2010**

We are looking forward to the 83<sup>rd</sup> FMCA International Convention to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 22,23,24, & 25. If you have not registered, it's not too late! You can register on line with FMCA or look for the application in the January, 2010 edition of the Family Motor Coaching Magazine.

The 84<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Convention will be held August 11 to 14 at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon. This is a premier venue in the northwest United States.

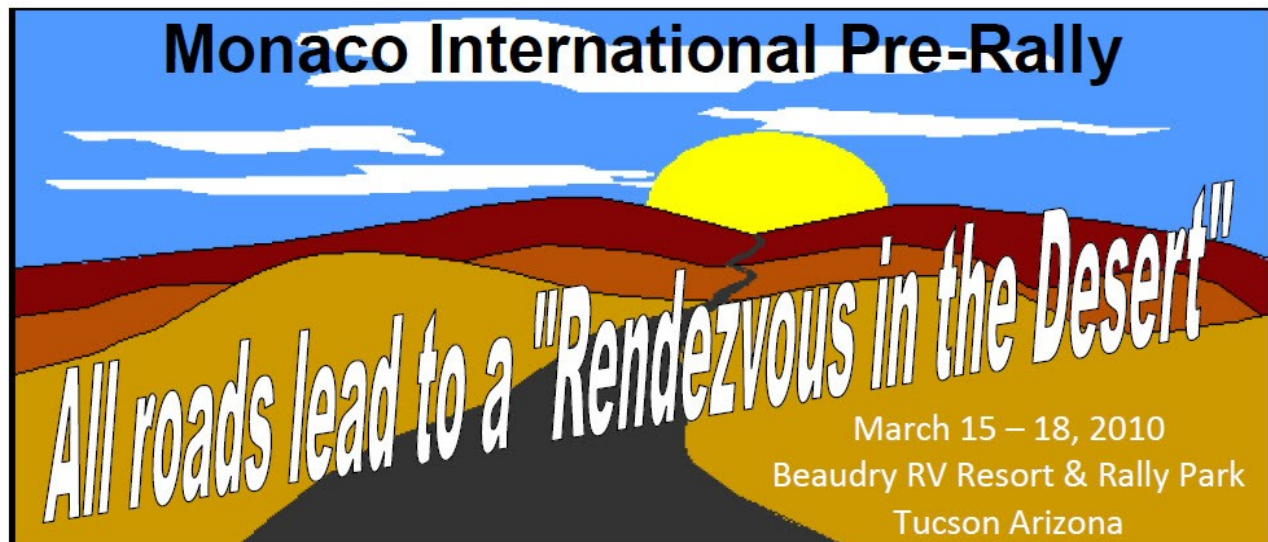
The Governing Board recently received ballots by mail to vote for or against the FMCA dues increase in the amount of \$5.00. If the increase is approved by the majority, it will become effective beginning with the April 1, 2010 renewals.

### **INTO Area Rally**

The International Area Rally will be held at the Rose RV Park, Quartzite, Arizona, January 20 to 24, 2010. Contact Sonny Gillespie, International Area President, for information regarding this rally. Sonny's email address: sgillespie@fmca.com

**Nancy Wolfe**  
National Director





**Rally Masters**  
John & Susanne Verretto

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary: First Last Secondary: First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Add to Monaco International email list.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Monaco Coach Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach #: \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan to FMCA? (circle one) Yes No First Timer? (circle one) Yes No

Handicapped Parking? (circle one) Yes No (Must have state issued handicapped placard)

Confirmation Packets (circle one) Mail Hold

**Cost:**

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| ( ) MI Member Coach and 2 persons               | \$350.00 |
| ( ) MI Member Coach and 1 person                | 250.00   |
| ( ) Guest in coach (age 12 & above) Name: _____ | 150.00   |
| ( ) Guest in coach (under 12) Name: _____       | 100.00   |
| ( ) Non-member fee (per coach)                  | 400.00   |
| ( ) Golf (per player) Name: _____               | 50.00    |
| Name: _____                                     |          |
| ( ) Ladies Luncheon - Name: _____               | 15.00    |

**TOTAL REMITTANCE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Price Includes: Welcome social with hors d'oeuvres, 3 breakfasts, 3 social hours, 3 dinners, seminars, entertainment and 4 nights parking (March 15 - 18<sup>th</sup>). Early parking available on March 14<sup>th</sup> at \$15.00 per day (\$25.00 per day with electric). Approximately 300 sites, with electric and water, are available on a first come first serve basis for the 4 nights of the rally for \$50.00. All early parking and all electric will be collected at the gate by check or cash. (NO CREDIT CARDS)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** February 22, 2010 **LIMIT 400 COACHES**

Confirmation packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after February 1, 2010.

Cancellation request must be received by February 15, 2010 for refund.

Make checks payable to Monaco International Pre-Rally and mail with application to:

Bob White  
17200 West Bell Rd. Lot 1769  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Refer questions to: [monaco2010rallys@aol.com](mailto:monaco2010rallys@aol.com)  
Phone: 909-967-8106 909-560-3816



When you are close to, or reach your desert destination —Beaudry RV in Tucson, you may be interested to know what is “close by.” Following is a **short** list of places you may **need** or **want** to locate on your arrival:

**Tucson Mall**— [www.tucsonmall.com](http://www.tucsonmall.com) - 4500 N. Oracle (approx. 12 miles)

**Walmart**— 1650 West Valencia—(approx. 6 miles) or **Walmart**— 5500 East 22nd St—(approx. 7 miles)

**Sams**—4701 North Stone Ave. (approx. 13 miles)

**Beaucoup Conge’ Bead Store**—[www.abcdirectbeads.com](http://www.abcdirectbeads.com)—Largest Bead store in Southern Arizona

**Total Wines & More**—4370 N. Oracle ([www.totalwine.com](http://www.totalwine.com))

**Golf Courses**— Too numerous to list, however, my personal favorite is: Tucson National—rated in top 75 of US courses....home of numerous PGA tour events....two courses available.....awesome experience!

**Geocachers**— Definitely NOT giving locations.....your on your own! Happy Hunting!

This was a “last minute” (with limited space) article so I used my prerogative as a “lady” and listed the items I felt were most important to the “ladies” .....notice I didn’t forget the men...liquor store and golf course!

Submitted by: **Nancy Wolfe**

### **VISIT ALBUQUERQUE AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE BALLOON FIESTA HOSTED BY MONACO INTERNATIONAL**

In 1971 Sid Cutter decided to use a hot air balloon as the centerpiece for his mother’s 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration. “When I picked up the balloon,” he said, “they showed me how to inflate it; and the thing just kept getting bigger and bigger. Later that year, Sid and eight friends founded the Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association, signed up members to learn to fly, and purchased their first balloon, named “Roadrunner.” The following year, 1972, 13 balloons took part in New Mexico’s first hot air balloon rally ever. Thus began the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!

From those original 13 balloons, the annual event has increased to just a little more than 550 balloons in 2009. Not only are there hundreds of traditional, colorful round balloons, there are also balloons simply described as “special shapes.” Balloon artists have chosen cartoon characters, animals, and physical structures as inspiration for the “special shapes,” such as Airabelle the Cow, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, two kissing bees, a soccer ball and a football, the Marine Bull Dog, Smokey the Bear and a Pink Elephant among many others. It is a spectacular sight to see 550 balloons flying over the RV’s parked near the launch field.

Due to clear skies, perfect October climate and a phenomenon called the “Albuquerque Box,” Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city. With a combination of weather patterns and geographic landscape, the box allows balloonists to control and even retrace their adventure.

Balloon Fiesta Park covers over 200 acres and is filled with balloons and vendors selling everything from traditional New Mexican food to balloon memorabilia.

There are daily and evening activities to enjoy. After the initial launch, there are competitions such as “key grabs” and “bean bag drops” where the pilots compete for prizes including a new truck. In the evening, there is a “balloon glow” when more than 200 or so balloons are securely tethered and inflated. At one time, burners are ignited and the evening sky fills with a brilliant, luminous color that is truly magic. The “balloon glow” is followed by a huge fireworks show.

And if the experience of all those balloons and activities isn’t enough, Albuquerque has area attractions to keep rally attendees busy when they aren’t having a wonderful lunch at the Tanoan Country Club and El Pinto Restaurant and enjoying a “social hour” every afternoon at 4:00 with lots of food and fun visiting with one another. Some of the area attractions include shopping in Historic Old Town and Bien Mur Indian Market Center and visiting the Ice Cave and taking a tour of Bandera Crater and Acoma Sky City. There are several cultural centers, monuments and museums to explore. One can be assured that there is plenty to do in the Albuquerque area. Santa Fe, with its history and attractions, is only a short distance north on I-25.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend this rally!! Applications are available on line [www.monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://www.monacointernationalrvclub.com) or from David and Kay Piper, [dfpiper@aol.com](mailto:dfpiper@aol.com), 405-833-8471 or Rocky and Peggy Rahkola, [rahkola@yahoo.com](mailto:rahkola@yahoo.com), 760-831-6691.

# ***Membership Update***

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has renewed his 2010 Membership dues. If you have not, you still have time. Please mail your renewal form along with your dues by the end of the month.

Not sure if you have paid or not? E-mail me, [vpmbrrship@aol.com](mailto:vpmbrrship@aol.com), or give me a call at 505-271-4992 or 505-506-7134, and I can tell you your status. You do not want to miss out on all that is happening in Monaco International.

Thanks,

**Kaye Martin**  
VP Membership



**Did you pay your MI dues yet?**  
**It's not too late!**

## **Officer Profiles**

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### **Nancy Wolfe, National Director**

Nancy Wolfe has been active in Monaco International since she and her husband, Dick, purchased their first coach in 1997. Nancy has served on several committees, both at the Executive Board level and the rally level including the initial MI Web Site committee. Dick and Nancy were Rally Masters for the March 2005 Moultrie, GA, rally and will serve as Rally Masters for the March, 2011 rally to be held prior to the FMCA Convention in Perry, GA. They are active members in other clubs: Monaco Wan-na-go's, Monaco Travelers, Eastern Monaco, Monaco's In Motion, Eastern GeocOachers, and Gourmands.

As the MI National Director, Nancy has conducted several National Director Forums and has been active in the FMCA, having served on the Presidents Council 08-09; she was recently elected to the new FMCA Review Council where she will serve for 2 years.

Nancy and Dick were high school sweethearts and will be married 50 years in November. Their family consists of two children, four grandchildren and a pet Beta named "Patron." Prior to 2001, Nancy worked in their family business of Mobile Home Parks and Rental properties. When not on the road enjoying their Monaco, they spend time at their home in Bradenton, Florida keeping busy with family and community activities.

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### **Maxine Schremp, Alternate. National Director**

Maxine Schremp married George while they were both working for the US Army and living in Northern Virginia. A few years later, Maxine moved over to the US Coast Guard and had a fulfilling and rewarding career at USCG Headquarters located in Washington, DC. She ended her career in 2002, retiring as the Deputy Chief of Information Technology with 31 years of Federal Service.

In 1979; Maxine and George purchased their first of many motorhomes. In 1994, they joined the Monaco family becoming the proud owners of their first of three Dynasty's. They love traveling throughout the country with their mixed Chihuahua/Whippet, Taco, although they call Virginia and Florida home.

Maxine and George are members of eight FMCA chapters and Maxine has been elected as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor in several of these chapters. Additionally, both volunteer for several non-profit organizations in both Florida and Virginia.

Maxine enjoys life on the road, looking for new adventures and meeting new people. Although this keeps her busy, she has kept up with her computer skills as editor of five different newsletters, including our newly published Monaco International Newsletter.



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## Fabulous 50s



## Pre Rally

Oregon State Fair  
& Expo Center  
Salem, OR

August 3rd thru 7th, 2010

RALLY MASTERS:  
Bob and Dorothy Larson  
Bobdotrhome@aol.com  
PHONE: 602-625-2880

Rally Price includes:  
4 Breakfasts/Dinners  
Social Hour/Entertainment  
Seminars  
5 nights parking  
(Aug 3rd-8th).

Early parking available on  
Aug 2nd for \$20.

30 Amp Electric is available  
for \$80 on a first come – first  
serve basis. (approx 300)  
Cash or check at the gate

MRV Parts Trailer

Techs will be available on  
site.

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

COST:	Before July 15th	After July 15th
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Member Coach and 2 persons	\$ 320.00	\$ 370.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Member Coach and 1 person	220.00	270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	125.00	125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person (under 12)	90.00	90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member fee (per coach)	370.00	420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Hat Luncheon	15.00	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player)	60.00	60.00
Name:		
TOTAL REMITTANCE		

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 15, 2010

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Cancellation request must be received by 07/15/10 for refund.

Make checks payable and mail with application to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally  
Bob White  
3590 Round Bottom Rd #222114  
Cincinnati, OH 45244  
Phone: 909-967-8106  
909-560-3816

monaco2010rallys@aol.com



## ***The Romantic Wine Country of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley***

Situated in the Mid-Willamette Valley, Salem is the state's capital city and is in the heart of some of the most breathtakingly beautiful scenery you will find anywhere on earth.

Rolling hillsides tucked between the Cascade Mountains and the Coastal Range flank the Willamette River as it winds its way north to meet the mighty Columbia. These hillsides provide the perfect microclimates and fertile soils necessary to grow grapes that are made into some of the world's finest vintages. This is a wine-growing region of rare distinction. Volcanic soils, perfect elevations and cool Pacific breezes work together to produce the ideal growing conditions for cool climate grapes.

Wines reflect the essence of the land where the grapes are grown and the care with which they are crafted. The soil, weather and the gentle, sunny slopes allow the grapes to ripen slowly, developing the delectable flavors required for world-class wines. By world standards, the region's largest wineries are small but the wines they produce are exceptional.

These wineries are headed by dedicated individuals and families who are committed to producing outstanding vintages while being good stewards of the land. By state mandate Oregon wineries must comply to strict labeling standards, with the "LIVE," "Salmon Safe" and "organic" designations indicating the vineyards' adherence to the limitation of chemical substances, an ecology friendly policy of biodiversity in the vineyard, the prevention of runoff and erosion or compliance with organic designation standards.

Pinot noir has become the state's signature varietal and no other region in the New World has the climate to produce this complex and elegant red wine. Only France's Burgundy region rivals the conditions found here for this temperamental grape. Pinot noir grows well in only a few places outside of Burgundy, France and the hills of the Salem area are one of those rare regions. Our pleasant summers of long, warm days and mild cooling autumns provide the long growing season that allows grapes to ripen gradually and develop complex flavors.

Pinot gris is the States major white varietal. Oregon's visionary pioneer winemakers brought Pinot gris vines from Alsace, France and their intuition that this grape would thrive and flourish here proved correct. Chardonnay and Riesling are other white wines you will enjoy here, along with Gewürztraminer, Pinot blanc, Müller Thurgau, and others – as well as excellent dessert and sparkling wines.

A tour of the Wine Country in Marion and Polk Counties can be based in Salem, the region's largest city. The natural beauty of the Willamette Valley makes touring by automobile a pleasure at every turn, whether you choose to hire a limousine to chauffeur you from one winery to the next or to drive yourself as you explore the region. Just remember that a designated driver is always a good idea!

Northwest of Salem lie the Eola Hills, home of several fine wineries. Just a short 10 minutes from the heart of the city, you'll discover an area that many of Oregon's most acclaimed vineyards call home. Bring a picnic along for your afternoon's excursion, you'll want to linger at the wineries and soak in the vistas from their tasting rooms and picnic areas while discovering for yourself why so many wine connoisseurs have ranked the vintages produced here so highly.

Bethel Heights Vineyard was founded in 1977 and was one of the first vineyards planted in the Eola Hills. This vineyard and winery has been owned and operated by the same family since the first grape stocks were planted. Burgundian-style Pinot noir and Chardonnay, as well as Pinot blanc and Pinot gris are crafted here. Bethel Heights has earned a distinction for its small lots of block-designated reserve Pinot noir and Chardonnay. The beautiful tasting room, its terrace and picnic area have breath-taking views of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Range.

At Cristom Vineyards owners Paul and Eileen Gerrie, winemaker Steve Doerner and vineyard manager Mark Felts combine their talents and fuse old world traditions with new world technology. This winery has gained a reputation for producing superb Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Pinot gris and Voignier utilizing natural methods and minimal handling. A visit here provides the sensual tasting of outstanding wines combined with the visual feast of a breathtaking view.

Eola Hills Wine Cellars is noted for producing award-winning wines and feature a wide variety of regular and reserve wines that include Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Pinot gris, Riesling, Sauvignon blanc, Syrah and late harvest dessert wines. Their famous "Sunday Brunch in the Cellar," "Bike Oregon Wine Country," and "Enchanted Christmas" holiday concerts are just some of the special events held here. Located across from the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, the tasting room and gift shop are easily accessible from Salem.

Evesham Wood Vineyard and Winery produces small lots of premium handcrafted wines from the finest Eola Hills vineyard sites. Evesham Wood earned its organic certification in 2000. With its small vineyard, Evesham Wood purchases grapes from nearby vineyards. Although moderately-priced wine is produced from multiple-vineyard blends, most wines are "vineyard designated." This production of small vintages allows the wines to best express their distinctive nuances of soil and microclimate. Currently producing 3,000 to 3,500 cases annually, the winery has a commitment to limiting production to only 4,000 cases per year to maintain the highest standards of quality.

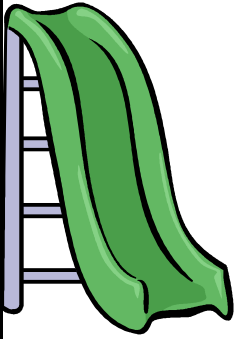
The 100-acre estate at Witness Tree Vineyard is nestled in the Eola Hills northwest of Salem. This small producer of outstanding Pinot noir and Chardonnay wines utilizes grapes grown entirely onsite. Witness Tree's philosophy is that only by tending their own vines can they produce the finest wines.

Witness Tree Vineyard was named after an ancient oak tree that towers over the vineyard and hillsides, this mighty oak was designated a surveyor's landmark in 1854 and bears physical scars of the markers that give it its designation. The winery's label carries an image of this impressive tree whose roots, like those of the grapevines, find sustenance in the vineyard's rich soils.

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## When to extend/retract slides



There are lots of discussions around the campfire regarding this subject. However, the information from Monaco has always been the same. They recommend that you remember **first out, last in** as a way to keep things in the right order. The concern is keeping the slide from getting into a bind while extending or retracting.

Thus, to extend the slides, you should first stop the engine once in your parked location, extend the slide and then level, which if you have HWH levelers means you must crank the engine. If you have the Power Gear levers, you don't have to crank the engine, but you do have to turn on the ignition key.

To retract the slides, you should crank the engine, switch the levelers to Travel mode and wait until the air pressure reaches maximum, then kill the engine and retract the slides. Some models allow the slides to be retracted while the engine is running – others require the ignition key to be in the off position for the slides to move.

***Jerry A. Jenkins***

*The information contained in this article reflects the experience of the author and has not been endorsed by Thetford, Monaco RV, or Monaco International.*

*Hopefully the article is informative, but remember, you are the owner and ultimately the decision is yours.*

## VISIT MONACO INTERNATIONAL ON LINE

***Check out the new video for Monaco LLC/  
Navistar on our website!  
Log on to.....***

***[www.monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://www.monacointernationalrvclub.com)***



*For your convenience, you can down load rally applications from the site, contact the Vice President of Membership regarding any membership questions, send a message to our president, as well as many other options.*

*Your Web Site Committee members may be contacted thru the site if you have suggestions or comments regarding the site. We welcome your input!*

*We encourage you to use the site...so log on now!*

*Nancy Wolfe  
Web site Committee Chair*

## ***The Romantic Wine Country of Oregon's***

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West of Salem, located in the small town of Monmouth is Airlie Winery. Here you'll find a small, family-owned and operated winery that produces award-winning wines, including the renowned Müller Thurgau. This winery is only one of two producers of Maréchal Foch in the area. Other wines include Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer and Riesling, with a late harvest Gewürztraminer.

Near Turner is the region's largest winery – Willamette Valley Vineyards. Located just south of Salem and visible from Interstate 5, Willamette Valley Vineyards was established by Oregon winegrower Jim Bernau in 1983. The winery has grown into a public common stock winery owned by many enthusiastic wine consumers. Willamette Valley Vineyards produces quality Pinot noir, Pinot gris, Chardonnay and Riesling. Scheduled guided tours provide a view of the winery's unique architecture, underground cellar and state-of-the-art winemaking equipment. Special events are held throughout the year and include concerts, an annual "Grape Stomp and Harvest Celebration" and "Holidays in the Vineyard." The knowledgeable staff in the tasting room will steer you to the discovery of some remarkable wines as you enjoy the spectacular view.

Returning to Salem, you'll find Honeywood Winery located near Willamette University and the Mission Mill Museum complex. Established in 1933, Honeywood is the oldest producing winery in the state. A full line of premium vinifera wines, including Pinot noir, Riesling, Chardonnay and Muscat, as well as the most extensive listing of premium fruit and specialty wines made in Oregon are produced under the Honeywood label.

Traveling along the country roads of this region, keep your eyes open for vistas, wildlife, old country churches and photo opportunities. You can spot deer, hawks, coyotes, dogwood trees in bloom, picturesque clapboard churches, flocks of goats and the comical faces of llamas. During summer months look for farm fresh produce that you can purchase and enjoy with your day's wine selection to create a memorable summer repast.

Getting to know the winemakers and vineyard managers during your tour will lead to unforgettable experiences. Seeing the strength of the roots of old Chardonnay vines being pulled up by tractors to make way for new, more vigorous rootstock, as they hold to the ground against the mechanical strength of the backhoe. The early morning light or sunset over a vineyard is breathtaking – coupled with panoramic vistas it creates an unforgettable image. New vineyards being planted in spring, vines being stripped in winter, and warm sun-ripened grapes being harvested in fall are all a part of the annual cycle of life that occurs in the vineyard.

When you tour the wineries of Marion and Polk Counties, you will meet the people who work hands-on to create and craft fine wines that they take pride in presenting for your enjoyment in their tasting rooms. These winemakers are justifiably proud of their work and are willing to help you to learn more about the wines so that you might better enjoy "the fruit of the vine."

Visiting the wineries, meeting the winemakers and seeing the setting will give you a connection to the wine that you taste and choose to take home to enjoy with a meal or to share with family and friends. When you pull the cork and pour a glass, your vineyard memories will flood back and you'll begin to think about your next visit to this outstanding region.

### **WINE TASTING TIPS**

When visiting the wineries, there are a few tips to enhance your tasting. First, always have a designated driver! If you are (or look like you are) age 26 or younger, Oregon law requires wineries to check your identification, so don't leave it behind.

At the winery, remember that tasting involves multiple senses. Keep the perfumes and heavy scents to a minimum – better yet don't wear them at all that day. They will distract your nose, and others' noses, from the aroma of the wines.

When presented with a glass of wine, first look at its color. Swirl it around, sniff it, savor the bouquet and take a moment to identify the aroma. Now you're ready for a sip. Swirl it over your tongue and enjoy its taste and feel in your mouth. Identify the flavors. Ask yourself what do you like about it? Why? With what food would this taste good? Now, spit it out – that's right, spit it out! Tasting is just that – tasting, not drinking.

Remember to be adventurous and try something new – you're on a voyage of discovery and this is the perfect opportunity to encounter unique offerings. When you find a wine you enjoy, buy a glass to drink, or better yet, buy a bottle – or even a case – to take home. Some wines are of limited production and may be available only at the winery.

If you are visiting during hot summer weather, a cooler is a must for maintaining a wine-friendly temperature for the bottles you purchase as you continue your tour.

Remember, too, that not all wineries offer free tastings. Some wines are complimentary and others may be available for a nominal charge. Pack a picnic, most wineries have picnic areas and spectacular views can be found more often than not, so bring along a camera and binoculars.

### **WINERY CONTACT INFORMATION**

A listing and map of the wineries located in the Mid-Willamette Valley, including those described here, can be obtained by calling Travel Salem at 800.874.7012 or [TravelSalem.com](http://TravelSalem.com) or by visiting the Salem Travel Café Visitors Center at 181 High St. NE, Salem. Be sure to ask for the Salem Area Visitors Guide (including Marion and Polk Counties).

# 2010 Elections

Your Nominating Committee was elected in March, 2009, during the business meeting held in Moultrie, GA. The committee consists of **Joe Monk, Donald Walker, Carol Williams, Wilburn Ply** and **Ellen Brighton, Chairperson**. Since that time, the committee has contacted area clubs and members searching for candidates to serve Monaco International. Listed below is the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at the general business meeting to be held during the Spring Rally in Tucson, AZ. Plan on being at the rally to vote for your candidate.

## Monaco International 2010 –2011 Slate of Nominations

<b>President:</b>	Jack Brewster, <i>current 1<sup>st</sup> VP</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP:</b>	Jerry Jenkins, <i>current 2<sup>nd</sup> VP</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP:</b>	Wilt Greenwood
<b>VP Membership:</b>	Kaye Martin, <i>Incumbent</i>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Peggy Rahkola, <i>Incumbent</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Linda Schreiber, <i>Incumbent</i>
<b>National Director:</b>	Nancy Wolfe, <i>Incumbent</i>
<b>Alt National Director:</b>	Maxine Schremp, <i>Incumbent</i>

### Regional Directors:

*In alphabetical order*

*Two from each Region will be elected*

#### Region 1

Phyllis Beebe, *Incumbent*  
Dorothy Larson

#### Region 4

Susan Hale  
Jean Anne Miller, *Incumbent*  
Jackie Smith  
Andrea Sponenberg

#### Region 2

Ellen Johnson, *Incumbent*  
Pat Quilla, *Incumbent*

#### Region 5

Ginny Perrone  
Rich Grega  
Dan Van Alstine, *Incumbent*

#### Region 3

Connie Monk, *Incumbent*  
Kay Piper  
Don Rider

#### Region 6

Cari Mitchell, *Incumbent*  
Dick Strzyzewski

**Note:** Please turn to page 12 for Wilt Greenwood's résumé

## Looking for Monaco Members

FMCA has announced an exciting new membership recruitment program— **"A Dozen Does It"** - which started January 1, 2010, and will continue thru December 31, 2010. FMCA has challenged each chapter to work on recruiting at least 12 new families into FMCA. Of course, as we recruit these new members we increase our membership and strengthen our own Monaco International Chapter. When our chapter reaches the goal of 12 families, the reward will be a Membership Recruitment Prize Package, filled with FMCA logo merchandise which may be used as door prizes at a chapter rally.

**Let's get behind this program and make it a "win-win" for both FMCA and Monaco International.**



## Résumé—Wilt Greenwood, Candidate for Second Vice President



Hello. My name is **Wilt Greenwood**, and I am a candidate for **Second Vice President** of the Monaco International Chapter of FMCA for 2010.

I was born in Richmond, Virginia, on September 6, 1940, and I've made the Richmond area my home base all my life, except for short relocations for job-related activities and to attend school. I've been married to my wife Barbara for almost 40 years now, and between us, we have three children and six grandchildren, scattered all over the Eastern Seaboard. We spend about half the year traveling the country in our 2003 Dynasty.

**FMCA # F200764**

I began work on a BS in Electrical Engineering at Virginia Tech right after high school, but was forced to drop out after approximately two years for financial reasons. I returned to school during my working life, mostly at night, and emerged eventually with a BS in Information Systems (cum laude) from Virginia Commonwealth University.

After a variety of different jobs, I finally got into the field of business computing (then called Data Processing). I remained there for my entire career, beginning as a punched-card handler and getting as far as full Vice President of a Richmond-based multi-faceted IS firm, overseeing departmental budgets in excess of two million dollars annually. I continued to work as a consultant in the electronic claims processing field for several years after my semi-retirement.

Barbara and I were involved in several recreational activities PTM (Prior To Motorhoming). I was very active with the Virginia Motor Sport Club for over 35 years, serving on the board of that organization for at least 30 of those years and holding every club office except Secretary. We were also active in the Sports Car Club of America, where we were Rallymasters for several National-level Time-Speed-Distance Auto Rallies. Participating in such rallies was our primary hobby for most of our lives, along with omnivorous reading and the collection of mystery fiction. To those latter activities we have added (since we became motorhomers) an enthusiastic interest in Geocaching, having now found caches in 49 of the 50 states and parts of Canada and Mexico.,

We have been members of FMCA since 1993 and joined our first FMCA Chapter (the Dogwood Chapter, in eastern Virginia) in 1996. I served as President, National Director, and Newsletter Editor for that Chapter, for several years in each job. We also founded two new Chapters, the Eastern Gourmands and the Eastern Area Geoc0achers. We belong to several other non-Monaco Chapters, for many of which we have served as Officers and Rallymasters. In addition, we were Co-Rallymasters for the FMCA Great Eastern Area Rally in 2009.

After experimenting with several other brands (Coachmen, Winnebago, and Safari), we acquired our first Monaco coach in 2002 and immediately joined Monaco International. We have attended most Monaco International Pre-Rallies since joining and have worked in some capacity at almost all of them. We've also joined (and been active in) Monacos In Motion, Monaco Travelers, and Eastern Monaco.

I have served on the Nominating Committee of Monaco International and most recently have been one of the two Regional Directors for Region 4, where my efforts have been concentrated on member services. If elected as Second Vice President, I will do my best to fulfill the requirements of the office and promote fun and fellowship among Monaco Coach owners, and especially to build and retain an active, viable membership for Monaco International as we enter a new era of challenges and opportunities for the motorhoming lifestyle.

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**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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## Sign up Information Required:

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Make \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$460.00
Non-MI Coach	2 persons	\$500.00
Extra person	each	\$120.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

MI Member: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

License # & State \_\_\_\_\_

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