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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez



The Salem pre-rally just wrapped up. Thank you to our Rally Masters Bob & Dorothy Larson. Our attendance was just over 200 member coaches, and I understand 5 coaches were sold at the rally. The first evening's entertainment was a moving video on the history of the American flag, "The Many Faces of Old Glory." From all indications the rally was a great success and enjoyed by those that were in attendance. Again Thank you to Bob & Dorothy Larson, their Committee Chairs and volunteers that helped to make this the success it was. Terri and I were sorry to have missed this rally due to circumstances beyond our control. I might add that Terri is doing well and we are on our way back to enjoying this wonderful lifestyle and seeing all our friends in Moultrie.

Coming up, the first week in October is our MI Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque, NM. Rallymasters are David & Kay Piper (dfpiper@aol.com) with Peggy & Rocky Rahkola (rahkola@yahoo.com). As this newsletter goes to press there are only a few

spaces remaining. Please contact the Pipers or Rahkolas if you are interested in seeing the biggest and best gathering of hot air balloons anywhere.

Mark your calendars for March 7 thru 11, 2011 when we return to Moultrie, GA for the MI pre-rally to FMCA's Perry, GA. Rally Masters will be Dick & Nancy Wolfe dicknancy-wolfe@aol.com

The next rally will be "AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL" RALLY A NEW "LANDING" FOR FUN, in BRANSON, MISSOURI from Sunday, MAY 1, 2011 thru Sunday, MAY 8, 2011 at City of Branson Lakeside RV Park. Rally Masters for this event are John & Rita Ham (Branson@johnham.us) with Les & Wilma Jean Alexander (bumminfir@hughes.net).

The summer rally for 2011 will be in Manitowoc, WI, with Dick & Judy Strzyzewski (RStrzy6827@aol.com) serving as Rally Masters. Further information on the above rallies may be found thru out the newsletter or on the website:

www.monacointernationalrvclub.com

Jack & Terri Brewster

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2010-11

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"BACK TO THE FABULOUS 50'S"

Poodle skirts and ponytails, white t-shirts, rolled up jeans, and ducktailswhoa, did I step back in time? No, I just went to the Sock Hop at the "Back to the Fabulous 50s" rally in Salem, OR. It was a great rally starting with Preview night when rally attendees were treated to chili dogs and beer courtesy of Brett Howard and Alliance RV. There were 202 coaches at the rally and we had a record number of first timers.....35. In addition to the many vendors, Monaco RV had techs on hand at the rally to perform service work at a discounted price. The parts trailer was also at the rally, along with Monaco wearable's. On evening, Monaco brought their newest product the Vesta to dinner, so we could all have a close up hands on look.



In addition to visiting vendors and attending seminars, attendees had lots of craft classes to choose from and an opportunity to visit the Willamette Art Center on the Oregon State Fairgrounds. There, they were able to watch local artisans create and fire pottery. And several took a class in painting pottery pieces. There was also the pet parade with a most unusual entrant this time.....a Beta fish! Should of brought my cat!

Rally Masters Bob and Dorothy Larson announced they were "retiring" and would no longer be heading up the Parking Committee. As Mike Snell of Monaco said "we can't imagine a Monaco International rally without Bob & Dorothy." On behalf of all the members of MI in appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our club, , Jerry Jenkins presented them with a lifetime membership in MI.

Thanks Bob & Dorothy for all your contributions to MI over the years, and we'll see you at Mardi Gras in March!

Submitted by **Peggy Rahkola**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Drum Roll, Please!



Monaco International has been chosen to be the Chapter featured in the October, 2010 issue of the Family Motor Coach Magazine.

Your Communications/Networking Committee spent many hours with lots of input from our board to insure our chapter was presented in the best possible manner. We are truly pleased and proud of this article and hope you will enjoy reading it and sharing it with your friends.

Peggy Rahkola put the photos together and it will be the first "collage" the magazine has ever printed. We are anxious to see what the final version will be as the FMC staff has final editing privileges of the photo's as well as our entire article (which they do exercise.)

Be sure to check your October FMC Magazine for the "Chapter Spotlight" Feature.

Your Communications/Networking Committee

Nancy Wolfe, Chair

Kaye Martin

Peggy Rahkola

Maxine Schremp

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

"2010 Balloon Fiesta Rally"



October 6—10th
Albuquerque, NM
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"Mardi Gras in Moultrie"

Monaco International Pre Rally

March 7—11th, 2011

Moultrie, Georgia

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"American's Musicshow

Capitol" Rally



May 1—8th, 2011

Branson, MO

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Membership Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have been mentors for our first timers at our rallies. You do a great job and your efforts are appreciated by all.

In October you will be receiving your yearly renewal letter for your MI dues. If you have any changes in any of the categories, please indicate them on the form. We will then be able to keep our files current. A big thank you to everyone who has sent me an update on their e-mail and mailing address. We do not want you to miss any mailings with important information about our events.

If you have any questions about membership, e-mail or call me. I would enjoy talking to you.

Kaye Martin

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National Directors Report

The FMCA 84th International Convention was recently held in Redmond, Oregon at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center with approximately 2000 coaches in attendance. The Governing Board meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11, with 290 members present. Two of the by-laws changes were passed as presented with the one exception being Proposal # 1 relating to the changes in terms of National Officer. The adopted change allows the President, Senior VP, Secretary, and Treasurer to be elected to a two year term and if they desire they may run for election to a second two year term. The term limit for each of those offices is four years. All proposals made to amend policy and procedures were approved.

The proposed 2011 budget, with a \$91,570.00 operating loss was passed as presented by the National Treasurer. It was the consensus of opinion by well over 2/3 of those governing board members present that the Executive Board and the Finance Committee had worked together to present the facts in an accurate and honest manner. The Budget passed quickly.

As a side note this was the shortest Governing Board meeting I have ever attended and yet I felt the majority of those in attendance were well prepared, had studied the issues presented and were prepared to make intelligent decisions.

INTO – (Known as the International Area, to which our chapter is a member.)

The results of the election held this past June were announced. We are pleased to report that of the Four VP's for the area, Monaco International has two of our members on the Board: David Piper, and George Schremp. In addition to the two VP positions on the International Area Board, Maxine Schremp was elected Secretary of the International Area and will serve on the board as well. We are proud that our chapter is so well represented and congratulations to all three. Information regarding the International Area rally to be held May 11 – 14, 2011 in Goshen, Indiana, will be forth coming.

Nancy Wolfe, National Director

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2010 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

HOSTED BY --- DAVID & KAY PIPER
AND ROCKY & PEGGY RAHKOLA

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010

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

Over 700 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

(Monaco Products only) A wait list will be established. Due to the high demand for sites, there will be NO REFUNDS unless your cancellation request is mailed and postmarked by July 1 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 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.

Rally Contacts:

David & Kay Piper
405-833-8471,
email:

dfpiper@aol.com

Rocky & Peggy
Rahkola

Cell phone
760-831-6691
or 623-544-2633

email:

rahkola@yahoo.com

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

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 _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally

Mail to: Rocky Rahkola
17200 West Bell Road, #1137
Surprise, AZ, 85374



Pre Rally Mardi Gras in Moultrie

SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL
EXPO CENTER

(Spence Field)
Moultrie, Georgia

March 7th thru 11th, 2011

RALLY MASTERS
Dick & Nancy Wolfe
dicknancywolfe@aol.com
PHONE: 941-704-4455
941-224-9180

PRESIDENT, Jack Brewster
FIRST LADY, Terri Brewster



Rally Price includes:

Welcome Social
4 Breakfasts/Dinners
Social Hour/
Entertainment
Seminars
Fun & Games
5 nights parking
(March 7th—11th)

Early parking available on
March 6th

\$15.00 per night (dry)
With Electric/ Water
\$35.00

All early parking fees will
be
collected at the gate
Cash or check only



**Make Checks payable and
mail to:**
Monaco International Pre-Rally
Wilt & Barbara Greenwood
1006 Sharon Lane
Henrico, VA 23229-6529
greenwood@mail.escapees.com
(804) 337-7733 (Wilt)
(804) 337-4345 (Barbara)

First Name _____		
Second Name _____ (First and last name for EACH person/attendee)		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Email _____	Phone _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please add me to your e-mail/newsletter mailings		
Monaco Coach Model _____		Coach # _____
Handicapped? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Electric? Yes No (Must have state issued handicapped placard)		
First Timer? Yes No Caravan to FMCA? Yes No		
COST:	Before Feb 20 th	After Feb 20 th
<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"/> Water/electric - 5 nights of rally	100.00	100.00
<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"/> Ladies 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: February 20, 2011 Packet will be held at the
gate for any applications received after Feb. 20.
Cancellation request must be received by 2/20/11 for refund.

REGISTER EARLY
Water/Electric sites are limited!
To reserve yours be sure to include the
\$100.00 fee with your rally registration.





Mardi Gras in Moultrie

EARLY REGISTRATION
"VIP"

"MARDI GRAS IN MOULTRIE" "VIP"

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REGISTER FOR THE
"MARDI GRAS IN MOULTRIE"

RALLY BEFORE

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

VIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VIP Early Registration Certificate

Good for one night of early parking – valued at \$15.00

(Electric available at a fee of \$20.00)

VIP Preferred Parking

VIP Reserved table in the dining room one night

VIP Welcome Reception – Served by your officers!

VIP Badge

VIP Windshield Identifier:

"MARDI GRAS IN MOULTRIE EARLY REGISTRATION VIP"

VIP Name entered in the Rally Fee Paid Drawing

AND MORE

NOTE: All Registrations postmarked on or before November 1, 2010 qualify. You will receive your "VIP Windshield Identifier" with your confirmation packet.

This is one rally you definitely don't want to miss! We will begin with a **"Traditional??? Mardi Gras Parade."** Start making your plans now to participate. You may enter as part of a club (Monaco, Holiday Rambler, Safari, Beaver, etc.) or you may enter as a group of friends, or just by yourself! We will have a contest for the best "float" as well as other categories.....details will be forth coming. There will be lots of **games**, a **chili cook-off**, great **entertainment**, **vendors**, **suppliers**, **techs** and **parts truck by Monaco RV LLC and Alliance Coach** at reduced rates.....and **"Fabulous Food"**.....back by popular demand is Billy Sims of Nine Degrees North Catering (formerly International Catering.) **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....A CHANCE TO VISIT AND PARTY WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!!!**

Complete the application and get it in the mail TODAY.....don't forget...You will be a VIP!

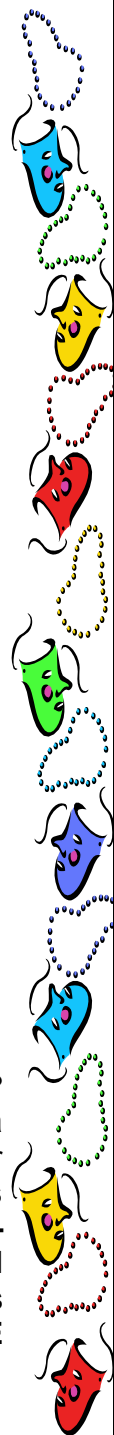
2011-2012 Nominating Committee:

The following members were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Wilburn Ply, Joe Monk, Carol Williams, Dick Wolfe and Lew Anderson.

The committee chose Lew Anderson as their chair. If you are interested in running for office for the 2011-2012 year, please contact Lew Anderson via

email @ landers@tfb.com or via phone at 619-987-0981.





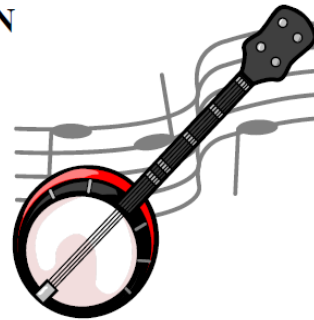
MONACO INTERNATIONAL
Presents
**"AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL"
RALLY**



A NEW "LANDING" FOR FUN
BRANSON, MISSOURI
(Limited to 166 PEOPLE)

**Noon Sunday, MAY 1, 2011
thru
Sunday, MAY 8, 2011
at**

City of Branson Lakeside RV Park
Branson, Missouri
Full Hookups



Fun activities may include selections such as the following: Tour of the Ozarks; dinner show and cruise on the \$100 million showboat, the Branson Belle at White River Landing; shows such as Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede, Pierce Arrow, Silver Dollar City, Jim Owens, Lost in the 50's, Magnificent Seven, Clay Cooper Country Express, Yakov Smirnoff, The Platters, Broadway! The Star Spangled Celebration, Presley's Country Jubilee, Andy Williams; cocktail hours, 6 dinners, and 5 breakfasts; ice cream social; and time for craft and factory outlet shopping. Transportation provided for shows, tours, and scheduled shopping. Camping fees for 7 nights included.

To enroll send form and
a minimum of \$600 (U.S.
funds) deposit made payable
to **MONACO International**
Branson Rally
(Note: Payment in full required
if mailed after Dec. 15, 2010)

Mail to:
John Ham
12572 E. 47th Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367
(970) 927-3273
Email: Branson@johnham.us

Co-Rally Masters:
Les & Wilma Jean Alexander
(309) 824-0652 or 824-0639
bumminfir@hughes.net
and
John & Rita Ham



"AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL" RALLY

Branson, Missouri

Registration Form MAY 1-8, 2011

Name _____ Spouse _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____ FMCA # _____

Coach _____ Make _____ Year _____ Length _____ Handicapped _____ First Branson Rally _____ YES _____ NO

\$1150 2 people, 1 Unit

\$ 725 1 person, 1 Unit

\$ 585 X-person in Unit

_____ Payment in full enclosed.

_____ Deposit of \$600 enclosed. We agree
to pay balance of fees by Dec. 15, 2010

Total _____

NO refunds for cancellations after March 1, 2011