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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



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Note From the Prez



The year is half over?! Where did it go? Personally, I think we should be making plans to celebrate Easter,

but that has come and gone. We did have a wonderful spring which included celebrating THE BIG birthday for me with a trip to Hawaii. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the islands, you are in for a real treat. (However, all things considered, I would rather skip the trip to Oahu if I didn't have to celebrate the magic number that put me on Medicare!)

Now that we are entering the summer, the holidays of Memorial Day and July 4th occur and they give all of us a chance to pause and reflect just how very fortunate we are. Freedom is something that we often take for granted, but as you well know, freedom is not FREE. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women have sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy that barbecue in the back yard, the baseball games with our families and the right to worship when and whom we please. Memorial Day marks a day of homage to those who served our great country. As for the fourth of July, we often mark this holiday with fireworks, but for those brave men in 1776, the fireworks were all too

real; they faced being charged with treason, a charge that carried the death penalty. They risked everything – their lives, their families, and their fortunes for a very uncertain outcome. They were our founding fathers, and sometimes what they believed and fought for is not recognized to the extent that it should be. We take the names of George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and others to be somewhat of fictional characters, but they were not. They were men who chose to take a stand, to fight for what was their right, thus ensuring that today in America we are free. So hopefully, at this time of the year, you will pause and think carefully about the sacrifices that have been made so that we can enjoy the lifestyles that we do in America.

We hope that celebration of the RV lifestyle will include attending the Springfield Pre-Rally. It's patriotic theme will reinforce your pride in America, and Jack and Terri Brewster, the Rally Masters, welcome you to the "Heartland of America." So, get out your red, white, and blue and come enjoy paying homage to this great land of ours.

Jerry Jenkins,
President



A Message from Monaco RV



What a season for change! As we've wound down motorized production in Oregon and I've prepared for my big move to Chicago, I've had a chance to reflect on the places throughout this great country we've "rallied", the faces of so many friends we've made over the years, and all of the advancements that have been integrated into the RV industry.

When I set out to sell my first Monaco Windsor, back in 1993, we wouldn't have dreamt of building motorhomes like we do today. No one had envisioned installing residential appliances and other comforts from home in your home on wheels. There were certain sacrifices that had to be made to live the high life, out on the open road.

But, we have always strived to give our owners what they want. And when you asked for an All Electric Stainless Steel Refrigerator, we found a way to do it. When 225hp motors weren't getting you up the hill as quickly as other motorists, we set out to find you more power. Today we're putting everything we have into getting RV certification for the Maxxforce 15, so we can power the forthcoming Dynasty with a 600hp engine.

Yes, change isn't always easy, but when you take time to reflect on the changes we've been through, and the advancement it's brought, you realize change isn't an enemy, or something to be feared. Change is a way to measure growth. Over the last several months, the changes we've made at Monaco RV have helped us increase our Class A Market Share more than 24% over last year. We know we have it in us to increase those numbers yet again. And we know we can't do it without the support of our magnificent owners who are on the road, enjoying their motorhome and telling others about the Monaco family. From all of us at Monaco, thank you for everything you do to promote the lifestyle!

Until I see you at the next rally,

Mike Snell
Sr. Vice President of Sales

Membership - Help, Help and more Helps!



The exciting news is that our membership continues to grow and has passed the 2000 mark for 2012 three months before reaching this point in 2011 (August). Each year our membership drops at renewal time due to the selling of a Monaco manufactures coach, illness, death, or simply giving up motor homing. This year we continue to be most thankful for the support we get from Monaco RV, Paul Evert's, and Alliance Coach for their support for our new members.

Our most important source of new members and the most important reason for member retention is you – our current members! Please continue to encourage other owners to join and invite them to attend a rally with you. Springfield is right around the corner and we are hoping to see you there and do come – with or without a friend.

It is also not too early to plan a fun trip to the Balloon Fiesta or heading to Wyoming next June (Gillette will be the site of the FMCA Rally and we will be the week before is some location yet to be announced)! For all of you west of the Mississippi, this will be the first rally out West since 2010 when we were in Tucson and Oregon in the same year! It is always fun to explore new areas of the country and especially fun to meet new and old friends in the process.

We will be having a large number of first timers at the Springfield Rally and I would love to have some volunteers who would like to be mentors the first day. We have had some wonderful long lasting friendships started this way and it is fun. Just email me at vpmbship@gmail.com or phone me at 678-617-8855. This is a great opportunity in getting involved with our club.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Springfield.

JeanAnn Miller, VP of Membership

Are You Ready?

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for these upcoming rallies

Heartland of America Pre Rally



Aug 21-25th
Clarke County Fairgrounds
Springfield Ohio

2011 Balloon Fiesta Rally

Oct. 10-14th
Albuquerque New Mexico
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See you there!

Monaco International Website

Monacointernationalrvclub.com

We continue to see additional members use the web site sign up for membership, rallies, or to obtain information regarding the club. However, the emails and calls we get from some members indicate we still haven't clearly conveyed the message that you have the ability to manage changes to your personal profile directly.

You can change your address, phone numbers or other information within the club's database yourself. It's as easy as logging on the site and clicking on the "View Profile" which is at the top left portion of the screen just under your name. Once in the profile screen, click on the edit profile to edit your information, enter a picture of yourself or simply fill in missing data.

Thanks for all your support!

From the 1st VP - 2013 Update!

Hi, everybody, and welcome to another great summer RVing season. I know that you are probably all wrapped up in preparations for our upcoming Springfield, Ohio Pre-Rally, and after that, our fall Albuquerque event – but I just want to get you started on thinking about next year also. Our 2013 Pre-Rally will be earlier in the year than usual – mid-June, in fact – so it's not too early to start planning your trip.

As you all know, we have historically scheduled our major rallies each year for just before the FMCA Convention(s) – that's why they're called Pre-Rallies. The 2013 FMCA Convention will be held in Gillette, WY, from June 19-22, and it's going to be a big deal – a celebration of FMCA's 50th anniversary. They selected Gillette as a venue for a number of reasons, but high on the list is its proximity to a truly amazing number of premier tourist attractions. I just took a look at my Road Atlas, and within an easy day's drive of Gillette, you will find Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower, the Black Hills, motorcycles in Sturgis and gambling in Deadwood ... I could go on and on. We are looking at a number of potential sites close to Gillette for our Pre-Rally, whose dates would be around June 11-15. As usual, it's been difficult to locate a site that has everything we need – some have good coach parking facilities but no decent buildings; others have a great spot for our meals and entertainment but no place to put the coaches, and so on. We're having some success, but the process takes time.

One possibility that we've been talking over with FMCA is to hold our event at the same facility as theirs (the CAM-PLEX in Gillette). This has some very real advantages – the facility itself is great, with lots of parking and electricity and many new buildings, and the concept of not having to move to attend two major rallies is very attractive. It also has some drawbacks – mainly in the area of commitments that FMCA might want from us. Negotiations are in the “early discussion” stage with FMCA on this, and in the meantime we are continuing to talk to several other venues in the eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota areas. We hope to be able to make a final decision before the Springfield rally.

It is the job of the First Vice President to select the Rallymasters for the next year and to then work with them throughout the planning process to put together the best rally we can for the membership. Accordingly, I've asked the team of Judy and Steve Czarsty to be Rallymasters for the 2013 event. Judy and Steve are long-time members of MI and have even been MI Co-Rallymasters in the past. More recently, of course, Judy has been VP and then Acting President of FMCA (and incidentally chairperson of their Convention Committee), and Steve has been an Area VP of the Eastern Area and has been instrumental in negotiating the site contracts for several of the recent FMCA Area Rallies. They bring a lot of expertise to the table, and I think that the combination of their fresh approach and the MI experience of those of you who will be chairing the traditional Pre-Rally Committees should provide a formula for a great event.

Let me close by reminding you that we are talking about a June rally here – the Weather in Wyoming should be beautiful, everything is open for business, and the kids (or grandkids) should be out of school. What a wonderful opportunity to combine a memorable family vacation with an exciting pair of motorhome events. And last, but not least, I'm told that Wyoming currently has the lowest fuel prices in the nation. So enjoy Springfield and Albuquerque and have a great 2012 – but save some time for 2013.

Wilt Greenwood
1st Vice President

Nominating Committee Report

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We still have openings for: Treasurer,
 Region 1 Director
 Region 2 Director (2)

If you are interested in any of the vacancies, or would like to be nominated for another office please contact a member of the nominating committee.

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Michelin National Account Update



The changes to the Michelin program have occurred, and it seems to be working well. Through the month of May, there were 43 members who purchased tires using our National Account. One issue that occurs is that some of the dealers get confused and try to process the sale as an FMCA Advantage account. For the most part, our prices with our National Account are better than FMCA, especially for the larger coach tires, thus you need to ensure that the dealer uses our "ship to #". **Another item that we need your help on is the purchase order number (P.O.).** Our instructions call for you to tell the dealer to use your FMCA number as the P.O. number. The reason for this is that without having something unique, it is not always easy to identify to whom the invoice belongs so we can email you a copy of your invoice. This may sound trivial, but it is the details really help us make the program run more smoothly.

National Directors Report

The 87th FMCA Convention known as the Family Reunion and Motorhome showcase is just around the corner. Register on line at: FMCA.com for the convention to be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27 – 30, 2012. In addition to all of the activities surrounding the FMCA convention, there will be the "Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show" which will take place in the Exposition Hall the same weekend. The venue is new to the FMCA convention so take advantage and discover the area; it promises to be an interesting and exciting location.

The 88th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will take place Wednesday thru Saturday, June 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2013 at CAM-PLEX in Gillette, Wyoming. This location will be a first for the FMCA, and will also be the 50th Anniversary of FMCA.

Perry, Georgia will be home to the 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in March 2014. Mark your calendar for March 17 to 20, to be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. This venue has always been popular, especially for those snowbirds traveling north.

The Governing Board will be voting on the 2013 budget as well as 3 Proposed Bylaws Amendments. (1) Due to a recent revision to Robert's Rules of Order we will be voting on the ability to conduct electronic meetings, via either the internet or telephone with stipulation that everyone has the ability to hear the entire discussion. (2) This proposal would allow a member of more than one chapter to hold office in no more than two chapters, other than the position of National Director, or Alternate National Director. (3) Membership categories will be redefined to offer membership to owners of fully contained towables. This proposal opens membership in FMCA to a large number; approval would add to the membership and thereby improve the financial outlook of FMCA.

The Evac Benefit Special Committee was re-established in January 2012. The provider of the FMCAssist program is On Call. It has been determined they are not a good fit for FMCA and On Call will discontinue on September 30, 2012. There have been bids solicited and received, the Executive Board will present their findings and recommendations to the Governing Board in August.

The staff at the FMCA office has been reduced by since November 2011 by 10 full-time employees, which has resulted in considerable savings to be reflected in the proposed 2013 budget.

Membership has been reduced to 84,556. The Dozen Does It program is still in effect; please do your part to solicit new members.

If you entered the MASCOT CONTEST, check the FMCA's web site and the June FMC magazine to see if your entry is one of the five selected for the final voting. We will find out what our new mascot will be at the convention in Indianapolis.

INTO: The newly elected INTO Area National Vice President is Alfred "AL" Vormittag who will officially take office in August, 2012 during the Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Indianapolis. Ballots for those seeking positions for the remaining offices are out and results will be announced in August during the INTO meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wolfe, National Director

Heartland of America



Monaco International's "Heartland of America" Pre-Rally in Springfield, Ohio is just a few months away.

Progress has been made on many fronts. The caterer is selected; the menus are almost complete, and the dining hall is air-conditioned this time. We will also have some unique talent to entertain you throughout the rally.

Our Platinum Sponsor "Alliance Coach" will provide food and beverages for the preview party. Monaco Coach will be sponsoring our entertainment in the coach display area, at the preview party, and each afternoon.

A fantastic and exceptionally skilled keyboardist, Tommy Johnson, is a world renowned musician, and he will be our afternoon entertainment as well as our entertainment on Wednesday Evening.

Entertainment has also been selected for the other evenings. Thursday night the entertainment will be "Phil Dirt and the Dozers" who will provide the ultimate musical journey. They will help travel back to a time when life was simpler, the world a bit smaller, and the cost of a new Chevy about \$2000. It was a time when poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and the corner drug store were all part of everyday life. It doesn't have to! Their "Rock 'N R'oldies" review will help you recapture those wonderful days! On Friday night "Hickory Wind", a band that covers the standards of country, rock, pop, and jazz will be performing to complete your week of entertainment.

Did I mention that Monaco Coach will be there with techs, parts trailer and a new series of coach maintenance seminars?

Maintenance 101 Part 1 & 2 - How to keep your coach in the best shape and having less problems.

Extended warranty's Pros and Cons - What to look for, what's the best deal, how to use them and how or what is the best coverage.

Slide out and leveling - How to use them and when or when not to use them.

Chassis Maintenance - How to keep your chassis moving in the right direction.

Ladies Driving Tips - How to drive, what to expect, and how to help with all kinds of issues.

Ladies walk around - How to help maintain your RV and things you can do to help keep it free of issues.

Interior Refurbishing and Upgrades - What types of upgrades you can do and some cost ideas, from flooring to TV's to household refers.

Appliance Maintenance - What to look for and how to help them stay free of issues.

Vendors, suppliers, book exchange, pet parade, golf tournament, ladies luncheon, and Monaco's-in-Motion Luncheon will all be a part of the activities for rally. There's no limit on things to do.

So come join us in Springfield, and for those of you coming to your first Monaco pre-rally, pay the few extra dollars and come in early on Monday August 20th. If you come the first day of the rally, you're two days late!

Jack and Terri Brewster

Rally Masters



Clarke County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH
August 21st thru 25th, 2012

RALLY MASTERS : Jack & Terri Brewster
jbrewster@graphics-solutions.com
914-475-3999

PRESIDENT, Jerry Jenkins
FIRST LADY, Marilyn Jenkins

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



Pre Rally

Heartland of America



Rally Price includes:

Air-Conditioned Dining Area
Welcome Social
4 Breakfasts/Dinners
Social Hour
Entertainment
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Vendors
Suppliers
New Coach Display
Fun & Games

5 nights parking (August 21st—25th)

Early parking available on August 20th
\$25.00 per night (\$20 for dry camping)

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



Make Checks payable and mail to:
Monaco International Pre-Rally
Maxine and George Schremp III
216 McCarty Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405
mschremp2002@yahoo.com
Cell #: 540-273-1606

First Name _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell #: _____

☐ 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:	FEE	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 2 adults	\$ 295.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	245.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/electric - 5 nights of rally (add)	100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	125.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person (under 12)	90.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player)	60.00	
Name:		
TOTAL INCLUDED:		

Confirmation Package (circle one) MAIL HOLD
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 1st, 2012 Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after July 15th.
Cancellation request must be received by 08/01/2012 for refund.

REGISTER EARLY

Water/Electric sites are limited!

To reserve yours, be sure to include the \$100.00 fee with your rally registration.

Monaco International BALLOON FIESTA

October 10-14, 2012

David and Kay Piper, Rally Masters
and Kay and Tressa Williams, Co-Rally Masters



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



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

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.



There is a phenomenal fireworks display at 8 PM every night

Over 500 balloons come from around the world to participate in the greatest spectacle of its kind. You won't believe your eyes as 75 or more special shaped balloons take off to create a menagerie in the sky.



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the biggest and best gathering of balloons anywhere on this planet – and best of all, you can be a part of it! In October, the crisp, clear desert skies are painted with a kaleidoscope of color as hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park.

Monaco International BALLOON FIESTA

We have front row seats! Mass ascensions fill the sky with balloons as far as you can see. Special shape events where you'll marvel and laugh at the whimsy. Magical night landscapes, where you can wander through the glowing balloons and enjoy fireworks!



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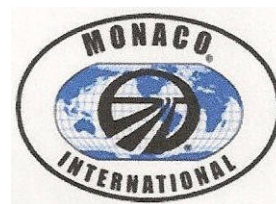
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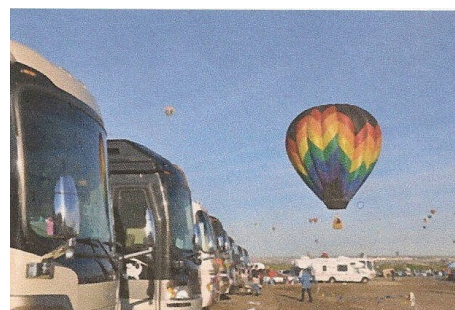
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Monaco International Event



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MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2012 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

HOSTED BY --- DAVID & KAY PIPER

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

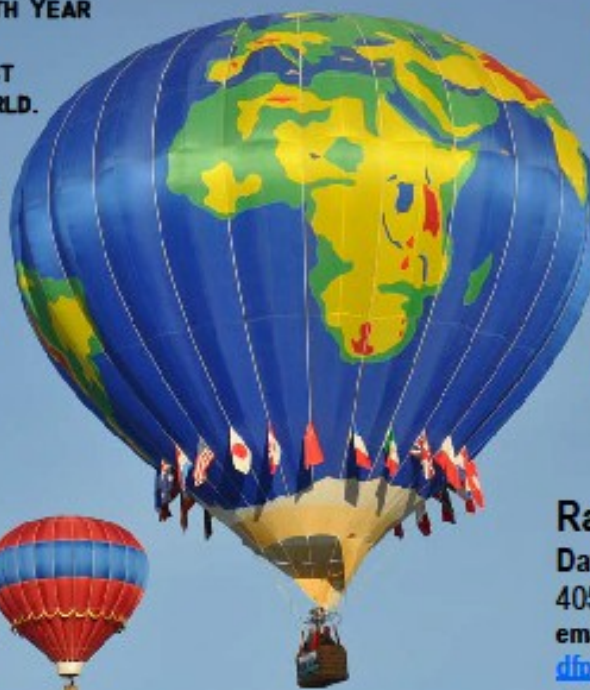
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012

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THE BALLOON FIESTA IS THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED EVENT IN THE WORLD.

Over 500 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 1 or your space can be filled from the wait list. If you want confirmation, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope or it will be e-mailed to you.



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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For Fiesta details or more information, please feel free to contact the Piper's or William's

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Coach Make _____

Names of Guests: _____

☐ Please check if this will be your first time at the Balloon Fiesta

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$395.00
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$345.00
Non-MI Coach	2 persons	\$ 445.00
Extra person	each	\$100.00

TOTAL _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

FMCA # _____

License # & State _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally

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Denton, TX 76201-4109

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