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# MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

## Note From the Prez



Hello!

I was elected your President in Gillette after serving as 2nd Vice President and then 1st Vice President under Jerry Jenkins and Wilt Greenwood.

I graduated from Oklahoma State University and after a short stay with General Motors, went to work for Ford Motor Company where I retired after 35 years in 2000. I became active in Monaco International and have attended all but one Monaco Pre-Rally. I have volunteered on several different committees.

I have been married to Kay for almost 52 years and have two children, Annette and Andy. Annette is married to Joe Hickman, and they have two wonderful children, Anna Grace who is 12 and Wade who is 7. Andy cares for our home in Edmond while we are on the road.

It has been a very exciting summer for us. We had Anna Grace with us in Gillette where she was a big help in the Information Booth and swam with the Gillette Swim Team.

I also attended the FMCA Convention where I was busy with the Tram Crew and the INTO and Habitat for Humanity meetings and the general FMCA meetings. It was enlightening hearing about the INTO Rally in Tucson where they had a great attend-

ance and lots of volunteers. The next INTO Rally will be in Lebanon, Tennessee next May 2-6, 2014. As Monaco is part of the International Area formed by FMCA to accommodate RV Clubs who are not area specific, I would encourage everyone who might be in the area at that time to attend this great rally.

The MI Pre-Rally in Albany, Georgia is prior to the FMCA Rally in Perry, Georgia in March 2014. George and Maxine Schremp are the Wagon Masters for this rally and have been working very hard preparing for it. You will hear more about this from them. They are still looking for volunteers! If you have helped before or have never helped in the past, we would encourage you to contact me or the Schremps, or indicate so on your application. Volunteers, new or old, are what make a rally succeed!

Then, Monaco's next big event is the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, October 9-14. We still have a few openings and would love to have a full house! The Balloon Fiesta will be full of surprises this year for those who have never attended as well as for those who have been with us before. There will be a catered dinner on Wednesday evening, plus three more social hours with lots of food and time to get to know each other. We have scheduled two very nice luncheons

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and a breakfast burrito feed on Saturday morning. Then before we leave on Sunday, there will be a continental breakfast and time to say goodbye after a final Balloon lift off.

The main reason for attending the Balloon Fiesta, however, is the flight of the balloons. There will be some 500 hot air balloons of all sizes, colors and shapes flying every day the weather permits! Also, Albuquerque and the surrounding area have lots of sights to see as well as shopping. More information about the Fiesta and registration forms are available at the MI Website, [monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://monacointernationalrvclub.com).

I look forward to being your President this year and will work very hard to help make it a great year! Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

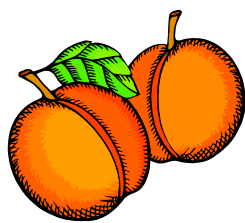
*Dave Piper, President*

## Nominating Committee Report

The annual election of executive board officers and regional directors was held at the Gillette, WY rally on 6/22/13.

Those elected are listed below:

President	David Piper
First Vice President	Dennis "Mitch" Mitchell
Second Vice President	Rich Halverson
VP of Membership	Jean Ann Miller
Secretary	Deanna "De" Pitts
Treasurer	Jerry Jenkins
National Director	Nancy Wolfe
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# Georgia On My Mind

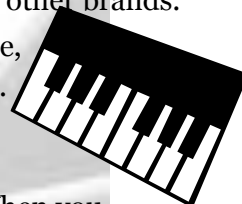


Did you know that several famous musicians were born and raised in Albany, GA? Ray Charles, the Genius of Soul, is just one of many. Albany is also the birth place of the famous cook and television star Paula Deen.

When was the last time you went to an Imagination Theatre or visited a River Aquarium? How about taking a walk down the Riverfront and visit the Riverfront Park? These are just a few things you can do in Albany. And it's less than 90 miles from Perry, GA and the FMCA Convention being held there. Georgia should be on your mind. The dates on March 9 through March 13 2014. Here is a little update about our Monaco International Pre-Rally in Albany, Georgia at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds. The Rally Masters are yours truly, George and Maxine Schremp, along with our President and First Lady, David and Kay Piper.

Jack Brewster has contracted the entertainment, and everything is all lined up for you. Jerry and Marilyn Jenkins have the website ready for members and vendors to go online and fill out your application for the rally. As with all of our MI rallies, we invite all Monaco brands of motor homes to come and attend and enjoy the fun of the rally, and of course, please feel free to bring your friends who own other brands.

For those of you who may be thinking about coming to the MI rally for the first time, I would like to give you a breakdown of what you will receive for your rally fee of just \$295. The very first benefit and reward you can receive is to sign up before December 31, 2013. You are rewarded with \$100 off of your rally fee. Now, let's take that hundred \$195 rally fee and divided it by five days of camping for two people. That equals just \$39 a night. When you divide that \$39 by two people it brings the cost down to just \$19.50 per person a day. Here is what you get for your \$19.50 per person per day: on the first day which is called Preview Night, all of the vendors will be open, all of the show coaches will be open, and there will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks served.



The next four days, the vendors and the show coaches will be open; there will be two keg parties in the show coach area on two different afternoons; there will be seminars and crafts for you to attend during the day. Of course, you receive four full breakfasts, four delicious dinners, four happy hours before dinner, and three nights of first-class entertainment. All this for \$19.50 per person! There just is no better deal like the Monaco International Rally anywhere!

If you would like to plug your motor home into electricity, we have two options to offer. We have a campground on the premises with water, sewer and electrical hookups. There are only 112 sites available. Don't wait too long they will go fast. We also will have an area for those that prefer just 30 amp electricity. And of course, there is always dry camping.

So make sure that you have the rally dates of March 9 through the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 on your personal calendar and sign-up online before December 31. We are going to have a fantastic rally, and you don't want to miss it.

We are both looking forward to seeing you at the rally.

Remember keep "Georgia On My Mind".

***George and Maxine Schremp***

# Past Presidents Article

They say that in Hawaii, the word “Aloha” can mean both hello and goodbye, so consider this my “Aloha” article – a short (hopefully) write-up on the 2012-13 MI year just past. It’s been an interesting one. While our rallies have been the same as usual (first the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, and then the annual Monaco International Pre-Rally before the FMCA Convention), the activities going on in the background have been many, varied, and sometimes hectic, but never dull. Let me try to lay out something of a timeline.

The year started out with a fairly major administrative project – that of completing the on-line automation of the Chapter’s registration processes, both for membership and for rally registration. At the end of last year, we had the membership registration and renewal process pretty well under control, with a few minor bugs to be worked out. The rally registration process, however, had not yet been implemented, and we wanted it to be operational in time for the Balloon Fiesta. Webmaster Jerry Jenkins spent untold hours refining this procedure, and the final result was that a large number of the registrations for the Balloon Fiesta came in via the internet, and virtually all of the registrations for the Pre-Rally arrived that way, with the exception of those taken at Springfield. The implementation of this new approach, like all major technical innovations, was not without the occasional glitch – but on the whole, it was one of the cleanest I’ve seen in a long time. My sincere thanks to Jerry and to the rest of the team (Linda Schreiber, Brenda Reagh, Nancy Wolfe, JeanAnn Miller, Kim Pollock ... the list goes on and on) for their efforts.

I’ll just mention that “The Other MI Rally”, a.k.a. David and Kay Piper’s annual Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, outperformed even its usual excellent turnout in 2012, drawing 69 coaches and 150 people. David and Kay had to go back to the Balloon Fiesta folks twice during the registration process to ask for more sites, and the response for 2013 already looks great. David will be stretched a little thin trying to handle his new President’s responsibilities as well as heading up the Fiesta, but I know he’ll do his usual great job.

On a sadder note, our Membership VP Jean-Ann Miller received notice in January that our sister Chapter, Holiday Rambler International, had finally been forced to dissolve. Their outgoing President, Ron Strawhacker, contacted JeanAnn with the news, and she and I came up with a plan to offer their members a discount on their MI dues if they wished to join us. Several of them took advantage of this offer, and a number of them were in attendance at Gillette. Let’s all make a special effort to make them feel welcome to the Chapter.

And speaking of Gillette, it’s obvious to all, I think, that the primary job of the President of MI is to oversee, in conjunction with the designated Rallymasters, the annual Pre-Rally or Pre-Rallies. I’d like to talk about some of the “opportunities” and solutions that we encountered to in putting this rally together. As you know, we took a pretty radical new approach this year – you’ll have to judge for yourselves how well it all worked!

The approach I’m referring to is, of course, the concept of being co-located with FMCA at the same facility – in this case, the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. We’ve been trying, as a Chapter, to set this approach up for several years now, and this is the first time that circumstances seemed favorable enough to give it a try. It’s been an experience, to say the least, but I remain convinced that it’s workable and even desirable, although perhaps not every year.

The Rallymasters and I had our share of the usual minor disasters, including not one but two major computer crashes and various personal issues, but those could happen with any rally. The one big difficulty that seems specific to this approach is that MI and FMCA did not start out with the same idea on exactly how our cooperation was going to work. This was not FMCA’s fault, and it was not ours either – it just came with the territory of a new, co-located approach. FMCA originally saw us as a “rally-within-a-rally”, a concept that they had been pushing for smaller Chapters who would have their events at FMCA, within the same time frame. We, naturally enough, saw our rally as a major stand-alone event that just happened to be at the same place as FMCA was going to be, after us. The problems arose when it became apparent that FMCA would have to be doing a lot of their preparatory activities before our rally was completed, and that we would sometimes be needing to use some of the same resources.

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Also, complicating the issue was the fact that both MI and FMCA would be selling a large number of 50-amp and 30-amp full hookups and electric-only sites, along with dry camping, with different prices and different methods of allocation, but trying to coordinate so that attendees could retain their sites if staying for both events. These circumstances resulted in some interesting and creative record-keeping techniques, and some long hours for Registrars Bob and Jane White, who, along with Maureen Mullarkey at FMCA, did an unbelievable job of keeping everything together. Then, when the actual Parking process began, John Ham and his crew had to deal with an unusual (to say the least) distribution of 50 amp versus 30 amp sites, one whole campground row that wasn't really designed for big coaches, and copious quantities of mud! Everyone did an outstanding job, and I have to say that the folks at Cam-Plex could not have been more cooperative and helpful.

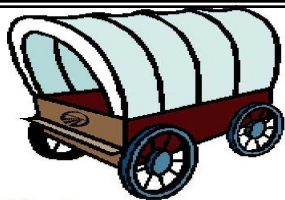
I'll leave it to the Rallymasters to discuss the event in detail in their own article, but from my perspective, at the end of the day everything went as smoothly as we had any right to expect.

To sum up my impressions of the concept, it was difficult to deal with at times, and some things did not go as well as we had planned them to, but I believe that on the whole, it was worth the effort. The vast majority of the participants were enthusiastic about the idea and a large number stayed on for FMCA, so that part worked very well. We think we learned a lot about what to do (and not do) for a co-located event, and at this point I would certainly recommend giving it another try for a future Pre-Rally, assuming that a suitable venue presents itself.

Another factor in the difficulties we had in planning for this year's Pre-Rally has been the feeling of "waiting for the other shoe to drop" regarding the long-term prospects for Monaco RV and their status as a subsidiary of Navistar. For anyone who was following the financial news, it was pretty clear that Navistar had some significant reversals last year, as a result of the large over-the-road engines that are their backbone business being judged as noncompliant by the EPA. Informed opinion was that Navistar would act to divest itself of its RV subsidiaries in an effort to get its core business back on track, and this eventually proved to be the case. In the interim period, however, between the time that Navistar made it clear that they might sell to the right bidder and the time that the actual sale was made to Allied Specialty Vehicles, Inc., Monaco RV was understandably reluctant to commit to the exact amount of support that they would be able to provide us. Now that the announcement has been made, and our old working partner Mike Snell has been named as the President of the Monaco and Holiday Rambler arms of ASV, my hope is that things are getting back to something closer to "the old days". Mike has stated that he personally believes the new situation to be a good thing for both Monaco RV and MI, and that Monaco under ASV will continue to support us as an organization – and he proved this by the support he gave us for the Gillette rally, both financially and in terms of show coaches. Also of interest to many of us, he has stated that Monaco will be honoring the warranties on all coaches purchased while Monaco was owned by Navistar – obviously a major plus for those who purchased new coaches during that period. Personally, I agree with Mike that this purchase by ASV is a good thing for all parties concerned, and I'm optimistic about both the short and long term future of the historic brand with which we have all had such a long and amicable relationship.

In conclusion, let me just say that it's been a tough year, but a lot of fun. I've enjoyed working with everyone on the Executive Board and throughout the Chapter, and I wish David Piper and next year's Board the best of luck. Thanks for providing me the opportunity to serve over the last year.

*Wilt Greenwood*



# Westward HO!



The wagons (motor homes) have pulled out of Gillette and headed on for more adventures in our great countries of Canada and the US, and it's time for a recap of the "Westward Ho" Rally.

You made an overwhelming response to our call for registrations for the rally. In fact, all 250 of our sites were sold out before the deadline to receive the \$100 rebate. We were elated! But then we were also scared because we were looking at a \$10,000 shortfall from what MI would reimburse us for early registrations and what actually came in. No one likes to start an adventure with that kind of loss! Thank you MI Board, for voting in Gillette to increase the subsidy for our rally and future rallies!! We didn't end up in the hole after all!!.

Well, things got a lot better as we went about the job of developing what the rally would look like. The facility was pure gold for us with 30 or 50 amp full hook ups and a staff that could not be surpassed in their responsiveness and positive attitude to help us "git 'er done". FMCA's convention director and staff could not have been more helpful either. There were a lot of negotiations that we worked through, and the key phrase here is worked through because it took a lot of flexibility on the part of FMCA and MI to make this whole thing happen.

Past President and co-rally master Wilt Greenwood talked about the concept of a rally-in-a-rally versus a co-located pre-rally in his article in this issue so we won't go over that here. We think he hit it on the head when he said having a pre-rally at the same location as the FMCA convention can work but might not work in every location. He suggests MI give it another try in the future, and we couldn't agree more.

Another ingredient in putting on a rally was recruiting key people to head up the various functions such as parking, bar, vendors, show coaches, seminars, crafts, sponsorships, and I can go on and on but you get the gist. We were fortunate to be able to fill all of these slots but had to rely on some experienced people to do more than one job. We found it very hard to get people to do crafts and were lucky to get Nancy Wolfe to call in some markers for us. If any of you are "crafty" and would be willing to share your craft at a future MI rally, it would be great if you could contact David Piper, the current MI President, and give him your name and perhaps the craft you could present. This would certainly help out the next rally masters George and Maxine Schremp who are organizing the 2014 Georgia rally.

We had some different activities in Gillette. I think it was a first time ever having Root Beer Floats in the afternoon which Alliance Coach and Paul Everetts RV sponsored. The ice cream sundaes seemed to be a real hit with lots of ice cream and toppings including a cherry to top it all off! Other events during the rally such as the Pet Parade, Mike Snell's keg party, and the Preview Reception went over very well, too.

Entertainment was varied and well received. We are very pleased to note that most people stayed for all of the performances. In fact, the Chugwater Band had everyone toe tapping with lots getting up to dance. The young people in Hands in Harmony brought laughter and fun with their performance and a very long standing ovation. Everyone likes to sing the songs we enjoyed in our own youth, and Kenny Miller gave us the chance to do so when he performed.

We instituted a short questionnaire to ask for feedback from our attendees, and we were blown out of the water with the response. We received 218 of a possible 262 back -- that's an unheard of 83% response rate!! It is apparent MI people care about their rallies. Many members were willing to share their comments on the questionnaires.

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They ranged all over the board, but one thing was very clear the meals on the last days of the rally were better received than the earlier ones; members appreciated the rally masters' quick response to their requests, and many understood the difficulty when you can't bring the usual caterer you like to distant locations. The results also told us that a super majority of the respondents enjoyed the rally; they liked being co-located with and probably would attend another rally co-located with the FMCA convention, and they liked the "bridge days" concept.

For those of you who didn't attend, the bridge days concept was for the rally to offer extended activities spanning the early parking days to FMCA. We arranged for four walking tours of Gillette downtown and they were fully subscribed within hours after the sign ups began. We also had a barbeque in the park with picnic fare. Some people brought their own canopies to sit under or utilized the pavilion and shade trees. It was a festive atmosphere, and some even joined in the "C L E M S O N" chant (OK you other tiger fans, Judy did try to trick you into joining in)!

Well, we hope you have gotten a flavor of the fun that went on in Gillette and that it will inspire you to get in your registration for Albany, GA. For us, we are getting rested and looking forward to seeing y'all down the road.

**Steve and Judy**

## Monaco International Website

If you haven't visited the Monaco International web site lately, you've missed out on some of what's going in the club. A few things have been updated recently.

Information about the Gillette Rally is posted, including the final number of attendees, a map of where they all came from, and all the photos taken at the rally by the rally photographer, De Pitts. If you look at the map, you will see there were three from Hawaii and thirteen from Canada.

From a club perspective, you can find the minutes of the meeting, including who was elected as an officer for the club. You can also check out the officers by going to the **Officer** tab. All club business is under the **Members Only** section which requires you to log on to the site with your personal password.

Did you know you can change your personal data in the MI database?? Simply go to the web site [www.MIRVClub.com](http://www.MIRVClub.com) and log on with your email address and personal password. Please note if you have changed or in the process of changing your email, use your old email address to log on and then you can edit it in your profile to your new email address.

If you have any questions regarding the site or how to use it, please go to the **Contact Us** tab and click on the appropriate link, and we'll get back to you as soon as we park our rig.

*Jerry Jenkins, Webmaster*

[Monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://Monacointernationalrvclub.com)

# Who is Rich Halverson?

## Our 2nd VP!

I am a native of South Dakota where I was born and raised in the “big city” of Sioux Falls—all of 60,000 folks when I was young. My parents were both working folks back when a two-parent earning stream was not all that common. Dad was Secretary-Manager of the county fair and Mom was a kindergarten teacher. My paternal grandparents lived 5 blocks away, and I spent many hours in my grandma’s kitchen learning all about Norwegian foods. I was the chief bubble popper when it was time to make lefse! And I loved krub—grandma called them chocolate pancakes but it was actually blood sausage! I quit eating them the day I went with grandma to the meat packing company to collect the fresh pig’s blood and found out what it really was!

After high school, I went to the University of Iowa in Iowa City for my college education. My cousin had graduated from there eight years earlier, and I was very taken with the campus when we went to his graduation. Football weekends at a Big Ten school were fabulous—the Iowa stadium held a paltry 75,000 fans back then, and it was always jammed full for home games! I pledged Phi Delta Theta and spent all four years living in the fraternity house right on the Iowa River.

In the summer between my junior and senior years, I was offered a summer internship with IBM which led to a job offer as I entered the fall semester for my last year in college. Of course, I took the job! Not many of my college friends had a job in their pocket at the beginning of their senior year...I was blessed! After graduation, I moved from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids to begin my short career with the Data Processing Division of IBM as a computer marketing representative. After 3 years, RCA came calling, and I left IBM to join the Computer Division of RCA in Atlanta, GA. By then, I was married with two small children, so I started the family on a corporate nomadship. I was promoted to Sales Manager in Greensboro, NC, and then to National Sales Manager, Virtual Memory Systems, in division headquarters in Cherry Hill, NJ. Shortly after we were settled into our home in NJ, RCA’s Bob Sarnoff decided to pull the plug on the 10,000 member division—and it was time to find a new career!

Thankfully, my dad’s two brothers had gotten into the McDonald’s business right next door to Greensboro—in Winston-Salem—while I was there with RCA. They had tried to recruit me then, but I was still bound and determined to make my way in corporate America. Sarnoff’s decision changed that in a hurry! I really liked North Carolina, so I moved the family back to Winston-Salem and began my 35 year career in the hamburger business. We began expanding and eventually my younger uncle bought out his brother, and I took my restaurants into a separate company. By the time I retired in 2006, my uncle had 6 franchises and I had 9, all in North Carolina.

During my business career, I had the pleasure and the opportunity to serve on numerous community boards as well as on national boards within the McDonald’s system, serving as Chairman of the National Operators Advisory Board in 1980 to 1982. It was an active lifestyle which gave me the opportunity to give back to the communities with which I was associated—perhaps to some detriment to my family at times when I might have been well advised to say “No” to another request to be involved! But looking back, it was a very good life full of great people and interesting challenges!

Moving back to North Carolina let my family put down permanent roots instead of moving all over the country. Winston-Salem was a great place to raise youngsters—both my son and my daughter earned scholarships to Duke University, so they are dedicated Dookies even though Wake Forest University [also a very good ACC school] was right there in their “hometown”. Mike and his wife Laurie are living in Bethesda, Maryland, with my two grandsons whom are both teenagers! He is an actuary with Towers Watson. Anne is married and living in Winston-Salem where she and husband Greg run their own bicycle touring business—Carolina Tailwinds. If you are into biking, check out their website—they have tours from April through October, and from Charleston, SC, up to the Finger Lakes region of New York, and lots of interesting places in between! [[www.carolinatailwinds.com](http://www.carolinatailwinds.com)]

In 2006, I sold my McDonald’s franchises and set out on my life-long dream to “go RVing”! I have been a full-timer since the summer of 2006 and have traveled throughout most of these wonderful United

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# Who is Rich Halverson?

## Our 2nd VP!

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States! After a six-year hiatus from “outside activities”, I volunteered to accept a position as treasurer of Monaco Travelers chapter. And now, here I am taking on the duties of 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. for Monaco International. I am looking forward to bringing my years of board experiences to MI—I am passionate about this lifestyle, and I am anxious to see what we can do together to encourage and build our membership base! Don’t hesitate to contact me with ideas and suggestions—I will be happy to hear from you!

# Who is Dennis “Mitch” Mitchell?

## Our 1st VP!

My wife Barb and I both retired from teaching middle school in Elk River, Minnesota in 2006. At that time we sold our house and went full-time in our Monaco Dynasty. Since we have two sons and their families living in Minnesota and our daughter and her family living in Florida the full-time lifestyle is a perfect fit for us. Summers find us parked on lake shore land in northern Minnesota, winters at a campground in southern Florida, and spring and fall anywhere we want to travel.

We purchased our first Monaco in 1998, and our first Monaco International rally was in 1999 at Mason City, Iowa. Since that time, we have enjoyed meeting new friends and getting together with our MI friends. We look at our MI friends as an extension to our family and are amazed as we travel around this great country and run into these friends in strange places. I have enjoyed chairing the gate committee as well as working the gate committee several times. It is really great to be the first person to greet people when they come to a rally, especially if they are first timers, and we can tell them of the great time they are going to have.

We are also members of Monaco North Central, where I have served as National Director and Alternate National Director for several years as well as Wagon Master for several rallies. We are also members of Monacos in Motion and have thoroughly enjoyed all of the caravans we have had the privilege of joining.

I have many hobbies like hunting, fishing, golfing, and traveling, but I am probably best known for my love of cooking. This is a good thing, because I really like to eat. I have cooked several meals for Monaco In Motion caravans, and I have cooked all of the meals at some of our Monaco North Central rallies. I have even cooked for several grooms dinners, wedding receptions, and church dinners.

I am very excited about the Monaco International Associate Member opportunity, which allows our members who have sold their Monaco motor homes to remain as members of the club.

**Mitch**

## A Message from Mike Snell



Members of Monaco International:

It was good to see so many of you in Gillette, WY last month. There was a fantastic turn out at the Monaco International Pre-Rally and a strong presence at FMCA the following week. If you weren't able to join us this year, we hope you're making plans to be in Albany, GA next March.

We appreciate the feedback received from so many of you at the pre-rally. Roughly 135 women attended our Ladies' Product Seminar and we heard from countless other owners in the display during our annual Keg Parties and in product-specific focus groups throughout the week. We took all of your comments and advice back to the Product Development team to shape the new High End Diesel coach, which is set to debut to dealers in Louisville this December. You'll be able to get your first peek of the coach at the Tampa Super Show next January. Of course, we'll have a proper unveiling in Albany for the Monaco International Pre-Rally too!

In an effort to provide our engineers and designers with the same quality feedback we received from you at the Pre-Rally, I've loaded my family into a 2014 Dynasty and we're on our way to southern California so my sons can experience Legoland and Disneyland. I'm working on my own list of ideas to improve functionality, the first of which is to have a place to put my box of Cheerios.

For those who have not heard me say this, I want to let you know that Monaco is thrilled to be part of Allied Specialty Vehicles (ASV). ASV is committed to producing a quality coach and has a true appreciation for what is important to today's motorhome buyer. Rest assured that all warranties on products built while under Navistar remain intact. And you can continue to have your coach serviced at our great factory service centers in Indiana and Oregon.

One of the unfortunate realities of our transition to ASV is that production in Wakarusa is ending and we have to say good-bye to so many wonderful and dedicated employees. In early July, a farewell luncheon was held to show appreciation for employees who have been such an integral part of bringing you the coaches you've loved for so many years. As a testament to the terrific people who have been part of the Monaco family for so long, this was not as somber a day as it would seem. Our employees chose this day to unveil a special project for the good folks at Hello Gorgeous.

Hello Gorgeous of Hope is a locally-based foundation that travels the country providing makeovers to women fighting cancer. Their mobile day spa, a converted 20 year old Monaco gas coach, had seen better days. Wakarusa employees completely updated and remodeled the old coach so Hello Gorgeous can continue to provide their services to the many deserving women fighting this terrible disease. The employees unveiled the remodeled coach to the foundation as part of their farewell luncheon to rounds of applause and cheers. Just as the foundation was ready to thank everyone, the employees completely surprised Hello Gorgeous with a new 2012 coach, also lovingly converted into a mobile day spa. What would have rightly been a sad day was indeed very special and we are extremely proud of the great team of people who made this happen. A short video of the unveiling can be seen on our website.

We keep pushing forward here at the factory and anticipate the day we can show you what your input, and a dream, can produce. Until then...

Happy travels,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mike Snell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mike Snell**  
President

# National Directors Report

Following is an abbreviated National Director's report from the Governing Board Meeting held Wednesday, June 19 at the Cam-Plex Pavilion in Gillette, Wyoming. A full report will be given in the next issue when the minutes from the meeting have been published and all information reported will be confirmed.

## **New FMCA National Officers elected during the GB meeting are:**

National President: Charlie Adcock

Senior Vice President: Jon Walker

National Secretary: Vicky Ferrari

National Treasurer: Percy B. Bell

Immediate Past President: Charlie Schrenkel

FMCA's 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2014, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia.

FMCA's 90th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will be held at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon. The dates for the event will be August 13 to 16, 2014.

**INTO** - There will be an International Area (INTO) Rally, in Lebanon, Tennessee, May 2 - 6, 2014, known as the "SpringFest INTO Tennessee."

Respectfully submitted,

**Nancy Wolfe**, National Director

## ***VP of Membership Report***

If you missed the fun rally in Gillette, you missed a fun time so plan on being with us at the Balloon Fiesta in October 2013 in Albuquerque and in Georgia in March 2014, Oregon in August 2014, and California in winter/spring 2015. We are usually the week preceding FMCA. Rally dates and exact locations are on our web page as well as the applications.

Our membership is 2,024 as I write this and that is slightly below last year so I would love to have all of you help encourage the owners of other Monaco Coaches or other Monaco manufactured coaches to join. I do have some club business cards you can hand out to others you meet in rest areas and campgrounds, and we gave them out at Gillette. If you would like some, please email me, and I will send you some. [www.vpmbrship@gmail.com](mailto:www.vpmbrship@gmail.com).

*JeanAnn Miller*

**Maxine Schremp**  
Alternate National Director  
Newsletter Editor

Thanks,

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