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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez

Hello,

I went to Decatur, Indiana the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of October and reviewed the new location of Monaco's parts operation, the service operation, body shop, and the plant. This is also where the Fleetwood and American Eagle coaches are built on a separate assembly line. I was able to tour the plant twice, once with Mike Snell, President of Monaco Coach, and once on a regular customer tour. I was able to look at the new Dynasty as it was being completed at the end of the Dynasty assembly line. That unit is shown in the teaser on the Monaco Web Site. We also talked about the RETURN TO POWER RALLY being held in Charlotte, North Carolina on January 7-9, 2014. The RETURN TO POWER RALLY enrollment form is also included on the Monaco Web Site under Monaco RV Rally - Charlotte.

The visit with the parts department was, at the time, the last of the Wakarusa parts department was being moved into Decatur. I was also shown an on-line parts ordering system which should be up and running by the end of the year. At this time, the service technicians are being cross-trained by the Oregon staff and the service department has 50 technicians and they are looking for more. While I was there, the service Manager was installing a brand new front end machine in the service department. They are eager to work on Monacos, and the people that have been in there so far have been

pleased. The body shop has three paint booths and has the capability of mixing their own paint. It appeared to be equipped enough to handle any paint and body needs.

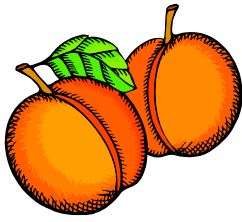
The plant tour with Mike Snell allowed me to look at the new Dynasty. At this time, they are building one 600 hp Dynasty with one floor plan and that is what will be introduced in January. There will be more floor plans and models to choose from later on. The next day, I took another tour of Fleetwood and American Eagle. This was in the same plant but a different tour than what I took with Mike. It gave me a good view of the plant's production capabilities and the differences between the Fleetwood and Monaco production.

I also toured the new location of the Monaco wood shop. The Monaco wood cabinetry that we are used to seeing will remain in the new coach. The Monaco bay doors will be kept as well.

It appears to me that Monaco is alive and well and the new product is encouraging. I would encourage everyone to visit the Monaco Club Web Site and look at the teaser showing the new coach and go to the RETURN TO POWER RALLY enrollment form and attend the rally in Charlotte. This will give you the opportunity to see the new coach and drive it and also tour the plant where the new frame components are being built.

See you there!!

Dave Piper, President



Georgia On My Mind



Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to each of you! It won't be too long and it will be Spring with warmer weather and spring flowers blooming. That's the time that you will be getting ready to head to our Georgia on My Mind Rally in Albany, Georgia. The dates are March 9 through the 13th 2014, so be sure to mark your calendars.

The Monaco International Rally is in the final planning stages, and we are sure you will have a fantastic time. Think about the warm weather in Georgia and the smell of fresh peach blossoms in the air. Entertainment is lined up; the caterer has been selected; the seminars and crafts are being scheduled as I type this; and we expect to have lots of our Monaco International members in attendance. George and I can't wait for the rally to get started.

If you haven't registered, now is the time to do so and quickly. The discount time is running out at the end of December. With the holiday season around the corner, what better time is there to save \$100?

There are so many different things to do in Albany you certainly won't get bored. Just think about the things that Albany has to offer. There is the aquarium that was built around a 175,000 gallon blue hole spring, a wild animal park and I do mean wild animals, information and memorabilia about the 1960 Albany Georgia Civil Rights Movement, a professional symphony and ballet company, and would you believe a planetarium! George and I are looking forward to going to at least a couple of these sights on our next trip to Albany to confirm everything. Did I mention the River Front Park where you can hear a complete concert given by no other than Ray Charles himself. There is a revolving, illuminated bronze statue of Ray Charles seated at a baby grand piano. As the water flows down the sides of the statue, music by the legendary blues singer plays on the loudspeakers.

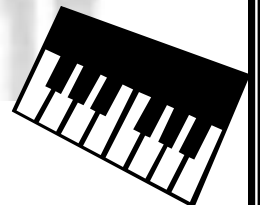
Oh, and don't forget that the downtown area has some of the best restaurants in the entire state. Yum!

Make your reservations now if you have not done so, or you will miss out on a great time, the best of friends, and great entertainment.

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

Remember keep "Georgia On My Mind".

George and Maxine Schremp



Who is De Pitts? Our Secretary!

I was born in Torrance, California but have lived in Arizona since 1955. I am a graduate of Northern Arizona University, and following Marvin at his various banking assignments, I taught school at various schools for 32 yrs. I worked as a secretary at a real estate office and later at a Ford dealership while I was an undergraduate.

Since retirement, I have remained active in various organizations. I have been President of my Red Hat Chapter, active in a pine needle basket group and a board member of Prescott Area Art Trust. I am also learning a lot about quilting by being involved in a quilting group.

Since Marvin and I joined FMCA, we have been involved in several chapters. I served two years as secretary for the first chapter we joined, Sun Country Roadrunners, and was chapter historian for five years. At the Rocky Mountain Ramble, I chaired the pet parade for two years, was active in trams for three years and have been in charge of entertainment for three years. I have also worked security at the FMCA Convention and drove trams for two years. I am in my 3rd year as secretary for Monaco International. At the invitation of David and Kay Piper, Marv and I served as co-hosts for the MI Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta this past year and will do so again next year.

Marvin and I have been married for 52 years and are richly blessed with three sons and seven grandchildren.

VP of Membership Report

Time to renew is now! Please make life easier on yourself and your spouse by doing it now (before December 31st) so you don't go into panic mode when you all of a sudden need Michelin Tires! It is absolutely amazing how many members who let their \$15.00/year lapse and then want to rejoin when they realize this will save them hundreds of dollars.

Associate membership causes questions at rallies when we have other brands parked among us. If a member has been a member in good standing (dues paid up to date) and they sell their coach and purchase another that was not manufactured by Monaco, they can continue their membership as non-voting members associate members. This enables them to continue their friendships and enjoy being with all of us and we love having them.

JeanAnn Miller

Who is Jerry Jenkins? Our Treasurer!

I married my high school sweetheart in 1969 after attending college together, and we promptly moved to Texas to live in the city of Baytown. I worked for 34 years for ExxonMobil (known as Humble when first I went to work). My career focused mainly on the computerization of the oil fields and office environments. I retired as a VP and Director of an internal company accountable for the computing systems throughout 24 countries outside the United States. The challenges included not only the technical ones associated with the country and environments we were operating in but also the political ones which normally became the most difficult to solve. Marilyn taught school for 22 years as a high school English teacher and touched the hearts of many during her time there.

In Houston, I was the Treasurer of our home owners association for several years during a time when the association was going through a transition from an inactive organization to one that was viable and providing amenities for its constituents. While we lived in Houston, one of my biggest joys was working with the Boy Scouts as a Scout Leader and helping young men become the best they could be. I went to Philmont twice with groups of 8-12 and had a wonderful time helping these young men grow. As Advancement Chairman for largest district in the Houston Area, I assisted hundreds of young men on their trail to become Eagle Scouts. Together, Marilyn and I have two sons, both married to beautiful wives, and five grandsons.

My wife and I have been enjoying the RV lifestyle since the mid 1970's. We joined Monaco International in 2003 after purchasing the first of three Monaco coaches that we have owned since retiring in 2002. Since our first Monaco Rally in 2003, we have not missed any Monaco pre-rallies. I served as Region 3 Director for a year and then was elected as 2nd Vice President and subsequently served as 1st Vice President and President for the year 2011-2012, before being elected Club Treasurer in Gillette, Wyoming this past June. I also have been managing the web site since moving to the new site in mid-2011. I also coordinate the Michelin tire program for the club.

Who is JeanAnn Miller? Our VP of Membership!

JeanAnn has been married to Bill Miller for 54 years and together they raised 3 children and now have 10 grandchildren plus 3 step grandchildren which were acquired when our son-in-law remarried after the untimely death of our daughter from colon cancer at age 40. JeanAnn majored in nursing at the University of Rochester and was a stay-at-home mom although she did work occasionally as a part time RN. After the kids headed off to college she worked in the computer/medical field and then eventually ran her own real estate firm.

Bill and JeanAnn have been motorhoming since Bill's retirement in 1999 and have run a number of Monaco In Motion Caravans.

A Message from Mike Snell



Six months ago, Monaco and Holiday Rambler began our new journey under Allied Specialty Vehicles – now Allied Recreation Group. The first part of that journey involved making some tough, but necessary decisions to ensure the continuation of our brands.

One of those decisions was moving production and service from Wakarusa to Decatur. Much of the workforce was given the option to transfer to Decatur. We also worked with the company who purchased our Wakarusa facility to transition some employees to their operations. With a strong local economy and thoughtful transition planning, the overall impact to the area has been minimal.

Another critical decision was to maintain distinct product DNA for each brand and to keep our engineering, design and product development teams intact. In order to do that, we opened a facility in Elkhart where our design teams have their own dedicated design area and shop. The entire team has been feverishly working over the last few months to bring you innovative, new features, great floorplans and stunning designs.

We believe in designing quality products that fulfill our owners' needs and desires; therefore, our design process is a true collaboration between our engineers and owners across all four of our brands. For the past few months, we've been gathering your feedback through focus groups and extensive online surveys. Your responses were highly informative and some even surprising. We listened to those responses, and our design team made sure that our key features incorporate your input. In fact, any survey response that garnered greater than a 70% rating was automatically incorporated into our new products. When we say, "a coach designed by you, for you," we mean it.

We realize you're anxious to see our new products, and we're anxious to introduce them to you. But at the same time, we all know that crafting well-designed, high-quality products is not something you can rush. We're creating products that are unique and special in the industry, not cookie-cutter. ARG has invested in our brands and is giving us the time and resources we need to create a stellar product line-up.

We're excited to announce our "Return to Power." The first chance you'll have to see and drive the new Dynasty is at our Return to Power Preview Rally, January 7 – 9, 2014 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. If you did not receive an invitation to this event, please contact theresa.jacobson@monacorv.com for more information. We want to pack the Campground with our owners and get your feedback on the coach you designed.

Part of our 2015 product line will feature The All New Roadmaster chassis. This gives us the ability to offer big-bore Cummins engines and a new world-class independent front suspension system. This is not an "off-the-shelf" standard rail chassis. Our engineers collaborated closely with Freightliner Custom Chassis to offer a redesigned Roadmaster chassis with unique modifications and tuning that gives you the ride and handling you expect from our brands.

I hope to see all of you in Charlotte and in Albany, GA.

Wishing you safe travels until then.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Snell".

Mike Snell
President

“Where the Coast is the Most”, Oregon MI Pre-Rally August 2014



The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park is honored to be the host site for the Monaco International August 2014 Rally on Coos Bay from August 5th thru 9th, with early parking available on the 2nd if desired.

Finding a site that meets the standards and requirements of our rally is not an easy task. Once it was determined that FMCA was going back to Oregon, we contacted several locations and our scouting expedition started. Many thanks to our Second VP, Rich Halverson, who performed a lot of leg work for us and visited potential sites. The final selection has been made and contracts signed. You will even be able to come in for up to three days early parking and enjoy the local surroundings!

Their well-appointed RV Park is just a pleasant walk or courtesy shuttle ride away from The Mill Casino where excitement and venues are waiting for you! Guests at the RV Park also may enjoy the hotel pool, outdoor hot tubs and fitness center. The RV Park facilities regularly receive a top, five-star rating from Woodall's Campground Guide. We'll have new and used coach display areas, vendors, seminar rooms, suppliers as well as Monaco Service and Parts. Catering has been arranged and entertainment scheduling is in progress.

The RV Park at The Mill Casino • Hotel, on Coos Bay in Oregon, is a convenient home base to take in all that the South Coast has to offer. Enjoy the day by hiking along miles of coastal trails, finding new recreational opportunities on the ever-changing Oregon Dunes or by basking in the serenity of the gardens at Shore Acres State Park. And when the sun goes down, the nightlife begins at The Mill Casino, the South Coast's premier entertainment and hospitality hotspot.

Morning is a special time for anyone lucky enough to be staying along the Coos Bay waterfront in North Bend, Oregon. Sunrise over the coastal mountains burns away the morning mist and reveals egrets standing patiently on a sand bar, a seal popping its head out of calm waters to take a look around, a cormorant airing its wings while perched on a nearby post and all of interplay of water, land and sky that is the Southern Oregon Coast.

The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park is owned by the Coquille Indian Tribe whose members are pleased to share elements of their culture and traditions with guests. You will enjoy a traditional Coquille style Salmon Bake at The Mill's bayside salmon pit while learning about traditional cooking methods from Tribal Elders.



From dawn to well after dusk, it is always a full day for guests visiting the RV Park at The Mill Casino • Hotel.

Application is now available on the web. At www.mirvclub.com. Register early, there are 100 Campground (full Hook-up sites), 150 Electric sites with shared water, and 400 sites for dry camping.

We look forward to creating a memorable rally that you won't soon forget!

Jack & Terri Brewster, Rally Masters

National Directors Report

The Governing Board Meeting was held Wednesday, June 19 at the Cam-plex Pavilion in Gillette, Wyoming. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- 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 & Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon. The dates for the event will be August 13 - 16, 2014.
- FMCA reported during the Gillette Convention to have a total membership of 78,190 which translates to a net loss of 4,900 +/- members during the past year.
- The new FMCAssist Program will be available at a cost of \$105 for a family membership and \$85 for a single member.
- There were 3 amendments to the by-laws that will be explained in their entirety at the MI General Membership meeting in March, 2014, Albany, GA.
- The staff at FMCA has been reduced to 36 full time employees.
- After considerable discussion the Budget for 2014 was adopted.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wolfe, National Director

Spring INTO Tennessee

Your INTO Board has been burning night oil in getting our next Rally ready for Lebanon, Tennessee. All is coming together nicely! Mark your calendars now for May 2nd through the 6th in Lebanon, Tennessee. It is only a 20 mile drive to Nashville and is a great location for all.

We will have three evenings of entertainment. The first evening will be a band of 6 members playing old time favorites, comedy and great music. Sarah Getto is a blind girl since birth and where she lacks eyesight, her voice excels. She will be playing the second night. The final evening we will have one of the best banjo players around to entertain everyone. And can he play the banjo! I love banjo music and I plan on getting my fill this evening. How about a party time the first evening? We will have a party with snacks and a hot dog bash. Most coaches will arrive on the 2nd of May but our "party" starts at 3 PM. Therefore, come early and get parked by that time and get ready for a party!!!

Cost to attend from May 2 through May 6th (four evenings) is a mere \$195. Each coach will have water and 30 amps. Four dump sites are on the grounds and we are trying to have a "honey wagon" available. There is plenty of things to do and see in Lebanon or hop on the train and travel to Nashville some 20 miles away. We will have a listing of the many things available

There is an application in this newsletter for your convenience or you can register on-line. Just go to the FMCA web site and look for Area rallies

The INTO Board members look forward to seeing you there.

Jerry Ayres,

Senior Vice President, INTO Area



Spring INTO Tennessee

13th INTO Area Rally
James Ward Fairgrounds
Lebanon, Tennessee
May 2-6, 2014

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

4 Nights Camping • 30 AMP & Water at All Sites
Display Coaches • Ice Cream Social • Pet Parade
Professional Nightly Entertainment • Chapter Fair • Crafts
50/50 Daily Drawing • 3 Breakfasts catered by CRACKER BARREL
Seminars & Roundtable Discussions • Roundtable for Chapter
Officers presented by National Officers • Commercial Vendors
Bingo (Regular & Card) • Afternoon Entertainment




OPTIONAL EVENTS - Golf Outing • Ladies Luncheon
ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

**First Night: Hot Dog Bash, Snacks,
Red Solo Cups, and Fun, Fun, Fun!**

INTO Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:		Coach Make:		Coach License:		<input type="checkbox"/> First Time at an INTO Area Rally	
Last Name:		Pilot's First Name:		Co-Pilot's First Name:			
Address:				City:		State:	Zip:
E-mail:		Telephone:		Cell Phone:			
Are You Parking With a Chapter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF Yes, Which Chapter:						Volunteering to Help <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:				2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			

	Early Bird	After 4/1/14	Qty.	Total	Payment Information
Coach with 2 Adults	\$ 195.00	\$ 205.00		\$	Make checks payable in U.S. funds to: FMCA Mail to: FMCA Attention: INTO Area Rally 8291 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244-2796
Coach with 1 Adult	\$ 180.00	\$ 190.00		\$	
Each Additional Guest	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$	
Children 15 & Under	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Non-FMCA Member (Add)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$	
Optional Ladies Luncheon	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00		\$	Place Your Credit Card Registrations By Phone: (513) 474-3622 or (800) 543-3622 By Fax: (513) 474-2332 or (800) 543-4717 Online: www.fmca.com Please Charge:   
Optional Golf	\$60/person	\$60/person		\$	
Passport for 1 adult	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00		\$	
Passport for 2 adults	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00		\$	

TOTAL

Rally Parking

I prefer to park in the following parking area (check one):

☐ General ☐ Handicapped

Confirmation Packet (Required)

I would like my confirmation packet:

☐ Mailed ☐ Held at Will Call

For More Information Contact Rally Master

Jerry Ayres: (913) 306-1442 • INTOSRVP@aol.com

Card Number

Expiration Date CV Code

Signature

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be given only upon written request if received no later than April 20, 2014. A cancellation charge of \$15 will be deducted from the amount. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with cancellation.

Sponsored by the International Area Organization



Ray Charles
Birth Place



Pre-Rally

Georgia On My Mind



Albany Exchange Fairgrounds Albany, Georgia

March 9th thru 13th, 2014

RALLY MASTERS

George & Maxine Schremp
Schremp2002@gmail.com

Phone: 540-273-1606— Maxine
540-903-3595— George

PRESIDENT David Piper

FIRST LADY Kay Piper

This rally is sponsored by the
Monaco International Chapter
of FMCA

and is open to all
motorized recreational vehicles.

Rally Price Includes:

Welcome Social
4 Breakfast, Dinners
& Social Hours
Entertainment
Seminars—Crafts
Fun & Games
5 nights parking
March 9th—13th

Early Parking available on
March 8th
\$15.00 per night (dry)
\$25.00 per night (30 Amp)
\$35.00 per night
(campground)
All early parking fees will be
collected at the gate,
cash or check only.

Register on line!

www.MIRVClub.com

Make Checks payable to:

Monaco International Pre-Rally

And mail to:

Jerry & Marilyn Jenkins
900 High Pointe Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028-9227

Email: JerryJenkins@omniglobal.net

Cell: (830) 377-6195

First Name _____

Second Name _____

(First and Last Name for EACH person)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

[] Please add me to your email/newsletter mailings FMCA # _____

Monaco Coach Year/Model _____ Coach # _____

Handicapped? Yes [] No [] (Must have state-issued handicapped placard)

Would you like to volunteer?? Yes [] No [] Interest? _____

First Timer?? Yes [] No [] Caravanning to FMCA? Yes [] No []

COST	FEE	AMOUNT
[] Monaco International Member Coach & 2 Adults	\$295.00	
[] Monaco International Member Coach & 1 Adult	245.00	
[] JMI Members Early Registration Allowance (Registration postmarked NLT Dec. 31st—subtract per coach)	- 100.00	
[] Non Monaco International Member (add per coach)	+ 50.00	
[] CG Full Hookups —30 Amp (add per coach)	+ 175.00	
[] Electric Only—30 Amps (add per coach)	+ 150.00	
[] Extra person in coach (age 12 and over—add)	+ 125.00	
[] Ladies Luncheon (per person - add)	+ 15.00	
[] Golf (per player-add)	+ 60.00	
Golfer Name(s) & Handicap		
TOTAL REMITTANCE		\$

Confirmation package—MAIL [] HOLD []

Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after February 4th.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 9, 2014