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MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

Note From the Prez

Greetings from way up North in Minnesota, In the last few months ,we have had to make some changes to our Board of Directors. George Schremp asked to resign from his officer position as Second Vice President due to some family medical issues. After working with the Nominating Committee, I have appointed Dick Strzyzewski to replace George as 2nd VP. Dick was our National Director representing us at FMCA and has resigned that position to accept his new position.

Barb and I are now settled in at our summer fun spot parked on our son's cabin property in Northern Minnesota after spending over three months on the road. The highlight of our road trip was the "Strike It Rich in Pahrump" rally in Pahrump, Nevada. Those of you who weren't able to attend this rally missed one of the best rallies we have had. The food was excellent and the entertainment was fantastic. (I have never laughed non-stop for 90 minutes as I did for the Spouse Whisperer.) I wish to thank Jim and Melva Crimmins and Marvin and De Pitts for all of their effort as Rally Masters to give us a great experience.

Bill Miller has also informed us that he and JeanAnn have sold their Monaco and, therefore, he resigned his position as Alternate National Director. I wish to thank Bill and JeanAnn on behalf of MI for their many years of unselfish volunteering. We will miss them but hope to see them attend some rallies as Associate Members.

While I am on the subject of rallies, I hope you have signed up for our "Let's Get Together for S'more Fun" rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin in July. The Rally Masters, Cari and Dan Mitchell, have been hard at work to make this upcoming rally also a great success. So if you haven't already registered for this rally, please do so soon so that they can finalize their plans.

We are also working on finding a site for our Spring rally next March somewhere near the FMCA rally in Perry, Georgia.

We will need to have a special election for The National Director and Alternate National Director positions at the rally in Manitowoc. If you or anyone you know would like run for either of these offices, you may contact Wilt Greenwood.

Hope to see you soon in Manitowoc so we can all have S'more Fun.

Mitch

President of Monaco International

Stepping Down

George Schremp

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me for the position of Second Vice President Monaco International Chapter. I had full intentions of being able to move through the chairs and become President of Monaco International in the future. But fate deals you the cards of life and you must go with what is dealt.

Presently, I will have to step down from my position in order to take care of more immediate responsibilities which is the health and welfare of my parents. For the past five years. their health has been doing fairly well, but for the last eight months it has taken a nose dive. Projecting that out over the next three years, I do not feel that I can make long-range definite plans with their deteriorating health. As a result, I must step aside so that others can keep the commitment of moving toward the Presidency of Monaco International. Hopefully, you will still see Maxine and me, but we will be making our commitments at the last minute.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence,

George Schremp

Past Second VP Monaco International

VP of Membership Report

The Membership count is presently 1712. We are still getting new members each month. There have been 23 new members since the "Strike It Rich" Pre-Rally in Pahrump, NV.

The Regional Directors are working with the list of families (156) who have taken delivery of New Coaches since August, 2014, but these families have not joined our club after the first letter offering one year of free membership to Monaco International. A second letter, including the New Brochure with contact information of their local Regional Directors, is also being mailed to these prospective members.

Everyone can help by making an effort to encourage any Beaver, Holiday Rambler, Monaco, or Safari owner you meet to explore our www.mirvclub.com web site for rally and chapter activities and applications.

Norma Preston,

VP of Membership

National Directors Report

Pomona has come and gone; the attendance was 940 member coaches - not what was expected but a good time was had by all.

Elections were held by mail balloting on May 8th for five of the National Area Vice Presidents. Ballots were counted on May 18th and the results with the number of votes are as follows:

Midwest Area	James G Vitte	F49126	22
Northeast Area	Thomas M Ziobrowski	F173943	26
Rocky Mountain Area	Elwood (Jack) Mayberry	F369343	26
South Central Area	James H (Jim) McCabe	F216277	32
Southeast Area	Jim Duncan	F253901	47

We now turn our attention to the Madison, WI convention, July 29th-Aug. 1st. There are a few events that will take place at the Governing Board Meeting on July 29th. Election for national offices for the 2015/2017 term will be held. The candidates are:

National President	Charlie Adcock	F311374
National Senior Vice President	Jon Walker	F268778
National Secretary	John Ferrari	F369332
	Gaye Young	F284657
National Treasurer	Percy Bell	F371754

Résumés will appear in the June issue of the FMCA magazine.

Two Bylaws Amendments are proposed. ***(changes are in Bold & Italics)***

Proposal #1, Article III - Membership Amend this Article to read:

(3) (b) A Full Member is any family unit or individual(s), each holding at least 1/3 ownership of a qualifying motor coach, who has been issued a specific member number. Full Members have the right to: vote (one vote per member number in constitutional matters); hold office in either FMCA, a chapter, or area association; and display the FMCA emblem. ***Each adult (age 18 or older) who shares a Full Membership may cast a vote at the chapter level. At the chapter level, voting rights by individual or by member number (other than in constitutional matters) shall be determined by the chapter.***

Proposal #2, Article VIII- Governing Board Amend this Article to read:

(3) If the national director cannot attend the Governing Board Meeting, the alternate national director may service in his/her place. In the event that neither the national director nor the alternate national director can attend, a temporary delegate may be elected ***or appointed by the chapter president*** to represent the chapter for the next Governing Board Meeting only.

FMCA's 92nd Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase is drawing near; don't miss out on all the fun. Get registered! Wisconsin is a great place to visit.

Dick Strzyzewski,
National Director

BALLOONS! BALLOONS! BALLOONS!

Yes, it is approaching that time of the year again —**OCTOBER 7-11, 2015**

In 1972, 13 balloons took part in New Mexico's first hot air balloon rally thus began the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. From those original 13 balloons, the annual event has increased to a little more than 550 balloons of all sizes and special shapes. The special shapes include Airabella the Cow, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, kissing bees, a soccer ball, a football, Smokey the Bear, and a pink elephant to name just a few.

Due to clear skies, perfect October climate, and a phenomenon called the "Albuquerque Box", Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city. The Balloon Fiesta Park covers over 200 acres and is filled with balloons and vendors selling everything from traditional New Mexican food to balloon memorabilia.

Also, there are daily and evening activities to enjoy. After the initial launch, there are competitions such as "key grabs" and "bean bag drops" where the pilots compete for prizes including a new truck. In the evening there is a "balloon glow" when balloons are securely tethered and inflated for the public to enjoy. The "balloon glow" is followed by a huge fireworks show.

And if the daily and evening activities aren't enough, the city has area attractions to keep rally attendees busy when they aren't having a wonderful lunch at the Tanoan Country Club or El Pinto Restaurant and a catered barbecue supper on the first night. There is also the 4:30 pm Social Hour where the only things the attendees need to bring are lawn chairs and a drink of their choice. There are plenty of appetizers provided by the hosts and a few volunteers.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend this rally! Registration forms are available in this newsletter or on line at mirvclub.com, from David and Kay Piper, dfpiperok@gmail.com, or Marvin and De Pitts, marvinpittsaz@gmail.com Application is also on page 5 of this newsletter.

"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING" RALLY

Better get on board today or the "Sleigh" will leave without you!!!

Only a few spaces are left for the "Celebrate Christmas Before Thanksgiving in Branson" Rally which begins November 15 thru November 22. The tentative schedule is available if you need further information. As we always say, "If time permits, come early so you can rest before the rally starts; stay over to rest following the rally to prepare for the next leg of your journey."

We take advantage of as many activities that time will permit in our eight days and seven nights. But, of course, you participate in all the activities or selected ones as you wish. Our goal is to provide you with a variety of shows, sights in the Ozarks, opportunity for social interaction, and great food. We invite you to participate with us in a week full of invigorating activities that be will memorable for a lifetime.

There are over 100 shows to choose from in Branson. Go on line to bransontourismcenter.com to see a list of "adventures" available. If you choose to spend additional time in Branson, compare our tentative schedule with those listed, so you can prepare to spend your time more effectively.

We look forward to spending time with you in Branson in November! Application is on page 6 of this newsletter

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2015 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- David & Kay Piper &
Marvin & De Pitts



Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 7 – Sunday, October 11, 2015

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 postmarked by July 15th or your space can be filled from the wait list. Registration confirmations will be emailed. If you want a confirmation mailed, please enclose a stamped, return addressed envelope.

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.



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.

Rally Contacts:

David & Kay Piper
405-833-8471

email: dfpiperok@gmail.com

Marvin & De Pitts

928-713-0983

email: marvin.pittsaz@gmail.com

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
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$345
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$100
Extra person	each	\$100
TOTAL		

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

FMCA # _____

License # & State _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Please make checks payable to
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally
Mail to: Monaco International
c/o Marvin & De Pitts
520 Highland Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86303

MONACO INTERNATIONAL

Presents

"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING IN BRANSON, AMERICA'S MUSICSHOW CAPITAL" RALLY



BRANSON, MISSOURI
(Limited to 166 PEOPLE)



Noon Sunday, NOVEMBER 15, 2015
thru Noon
Sunday, NOVEMBER 22, 2015



at
AMERICA'S BEST CAMPGROUND
Branson, Missouri
Full Hookups



Fun activities may include:

Tours of the Ozarks; dinner show and cruise on the \$100 million showboat, the Branson Belle at White River Landing; Branson Landing including Bass Pro Shop; Branson Area Lights; Trail of Lights, Shepherd of the Hills; Silver Dollar City; shows such as Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede, Pierce Arrow, Yakov Smirnoff, Presley's Country Jubilee, SIX, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show, Osmond Family Christmas, Kenny Rogers—The Toy Shoppe, The Three Tenors or the Red Neck Tenors, Clay Cooper Express, Red White and Blue, cocktail hours, 6 dinners, and 4 breakfasts; banana split social, and time for factory outlet shopping. Transportation provided for shows, tours, and scheduled shopping. Camping fees for 7 nights included.

Register at MIRVClub.com or
send form with a minimum of
\$700 (U.S. funds) deposit made
payable to MI Rally-Branson
(Note: Payment in full required
if mailed after Sept 15, 2015)

Mailing Address

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

Co-Rally Masters:
Les & Wilma Jean Alexander
John & Rita Ham

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2015

"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THANKSGIVING" RALLY

Branson, Missouri

Registration Form November 15-22, 2015

Name _____ Spouse _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Coach _____ Handicapped _____ First Branson Rally ____ YES ____ NO

Make _____ Year _____ Length _____

MI Member Coach 1 person \$ 850 _____

MI Member Coach 2nd person \$ 550 _____

Extra per person in Coach \$ 650 _____

Non-Member Coach additional \$ 50 _____

Total _____

Deposit (minimum \$700) _____

Balance of fees due by May. 15, 2015

Register at: MIRVClub.com
or mail application to above address

No Refunds after September 15, 2015

Let's Get Together for S'more Fun

Manitowoc County Expo & Ice Center

Manitowoc, WI

July 21-25, 2015

RALLY MASTERS:

Cari and Dan Mitchell

cari.mitchell@icloud.com

(651) 206-0352 - Cari

PRESIDENT: Mitch Mitchell

FIRST LADY: Barb Mitchell



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 Breakfasts/Social Hours/Dinners
Entertainment
Seminars - Vendors
Suppliers
New Coach Display
5 nights parking included
(July 21 thru 25, 2015)

Early parking available
starting July 19

\$15 per night (dry)

\$30 per night (30 amp)

**All early parking fees must be
Included with this registration.**

Confirmation Package (mark one)
MAIL ☐ HOLD ☐

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

July 1, 2015

Packet will be held at the gate for any
applications received after July 1st.

Register online at
www.MIRVClub.com

or Mail this form with Check to:
Monaco International Pre-Rally

Sylvia Wagner

114 S Main Street #321

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

sylvia.wagner145@gmail.com

(920) 251-0203

First Attendee _____

Second Attendee _____

Additional _____

(First and Last Name for EACH Attendee)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell # _____

[] Please add me to your e-mail/newsletter mailings FMCA# _____

Monaco Coach Model _____ Coach# _____

Handicapped? Yes [] First timer? [] Coach Length _____ Ft.
(Must have state issued handicapped placard)

COST:	FEE	AMOUNT
[] Coach and 2 Adults	\$295.00	
[] Coach & 1 Adult	245.00	
[] NON-Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
[] Extra person in coach (age 13 & above)	145.00	
[] Electric - 30 amp for 5 nights (add per coach)	127.00	
[] 2 nights Electric - 30 amp Early Parking July 19 & 20	60.00	
[] 1 night Electric - 30 amp Early Parking July 20	30.00	
[] 2 nights Dry Camping Early Parking July 19 & 20	30.00	
[] 1 night Dry Camping Early Parking July 20	15.00	
Ladies Luncheon (per person)	15.00	
Golf (per person)	42.50	
Golfer Name(s)		
Members of Monaco International who reserve and pay* before June 1, 2015 may deduct \$100 from the fee		-100.00
*Must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2015 TOTAL		

Cancellation request must be received by July 1, 2015 for a refund

Let's Get Together for S'more Fun

Where will you be in July? Hopefully, you'll join us for a good time along with friends, old and new. This is a special invitation to all Monaco International members who are encouraged to come and to also invite your friends to come along and enjoy "S'more Fun" at the Manitowoc Expo and Ice Center, July 21-25, 2015, as this is a Pre-Rally you won't want to miss. We can't make it any easier. You can register on-line at www.MIRVClub.com or mail your registration form found in this newsletter, attach a check and run it to the Post Office **NOW!** Get your coach ready for a trip and "Let's Get Together for S'more Fun"!!



Did I mention that Monaco RV will be there with techs? Vendors, seminars, crafts and a book/cd/dvd exchange are being planned and you won't want to miss the ever popular Mike's Keg Party or the Ice Cream Social. Also a sport fishing charter is being offered on beautiful Lake Michigan on Monday, July 20th with Willie Bee Charters. Anyone interested should contact Cari Mitchell at cari.mitchell@icloud.com or (651) 206-0352 ASAP (no later than June 15th) to reserve your spot as the slots are filling up fast.

The Marq will be preparing all of our food. From De Pere, WI, they have the reputation as a premier banquet caterer and come highly recommended.

At noon until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, the Vendor Display will open as well as the Information Center so you can register for the various crafts, Ladies Luncheon, golf or the Monacos-in-Motion Luncheon. At 5:30 pm, we invite you to join your rally masters and club members for a "Welcome to Manitowoc" with burgers, brats, salads and all the fixings to view the new coaches and have a great time with your friends.

Wednesday starts the first full day of the rally. That evening only we will start the activities 15 minutes earlier than usual as we have a special tribute to honor those who have served. For the entertainment that evening, you will get high-octane, country rockabilly energy unleashed by Lazy Ike and the Daredevils who will provide the ultimate musical journey.

Thursday evening entertainment brings us The Riverside Entertainment group, a band that covers the standards of swing, rockabilly, jazz and classic rock-n-roll. We are sure they will provide you with great memories to last long after the rally.

Friday evening we will round out our entertainment with Elvis and the EP Boulevard Showband. They will help you travel back to a time when life was a little simpler and the world a bit smaller, and they will help you recapture those wonderful days!

There is no limit on things to do and places to see so come join us in Manitowoc. And for those of you coming to your first Monaco pre-rally, pay the few extra dollars and come in early on Monday, July 19. As is the Monaco way, if you come the first day of the rally, you're two days late!

See you in Manitowoc!

Cari and Dan Mitchell, Rally Masters