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Prez Sez

Greetings Monaco International Members,

I am reporting today from a different seat on the Executive Board. Due to the untimely resignation of Rich Halverson, I am now completing his term of office. If you have not seen his resignation on line or do not have access to internet, Rich no longer owns a Monaco coach so is ineligible to be a board member.

On behalf of the Monaco Board and its membership, I would like to thank Rich for all his time and hard work devoted to Monaco International. The work Rich and JJ did on the membership survey will prove helpful in rally planning moving forward.

On a lighter note, Judy and I are spending our first Xmas ever in warmer climates without snow. I know I won't miss snow shoveling. We arrived at a park in Clermont FL on Dec 1st and proceeded to decorate the inside of the coach for Xmas. Everything looks very festive and Christmassy, and then I stepped out the door and its 80 degrees. This will take some getting used to.

Marty and Cathy Kimball are working tirelessly on our pre rally in Celina, OH and are coming up with great ideas. Celina is only 25 miles from Decatur, IN, the home of REV builder of Monaco Coaches. The Kimball's have been in touch with REV and are happy to announce there will be service techs at the rally in Celina. A service request will be on line at a later date. Techs will work on July 5th thru 8th. Celina is a small quite farm community on a man made lake with 52 miles of shore line, 3 lighthouses, a very nice campground with 178 sites and a lot of history. Rally dates are July 5th -9th 2017 with a caravan to the governing board meeting in Indianapolis IN. Make your plans to include our rally in your summer travels. More information and a registration form will be available soon.

I have been visiting facilities but have made no positive decision for a pre rally site to FMCA Perry GA convention, spring 2018.

Lastly, Judy and I are wishing everyone Happy Holidays and Safe Travels.

Dick Strzyzewski

President Monaco International

FMCA NEWS CORNER

While there has not been a Governing Board meeting since last July, the following highlights key FMCA issues and activities that you should be aware of:

CHRIS SMITH was promoted to FMCA's Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer on October 19th. Chris has been with FMCA since 2013 and previously served as Director of Administrative Services/Controller.

Registration is open for the FMCA Convention in Chandler, AZ for March 7th - 10th. The event will be held at the Rawhide Western Town and Event Center at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler (Phoenix area). This Convention will offer some new activities, including RV Basics, a two day Pre-Convention session to learn the essentials of maintaining your motorhome. For more information, see page 60 of the November issue of FMC magazine.

FMCA has also announced the Summer Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN, July 12th - 15th. There will be a Governing Board meeting and election of National Officers on July 12th. If you are interested in serving your fellow FMCA members as National President, Senior Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, you may contact MI's own Maxine Schremp who the current Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Don't forget to mail in your ballot for amending the FMCA Articles of Incorporation by December 31st. The ballot can be found on page 85 of the October issue of FMC magazine or on FMCA.com. A detailed explanation of what a change in the Articles of Incorporation will do and will not do can be found on FMCA.com. In the first block under the Drop Downs, click on: Proposed Change to FMCA's Articles of Incorporation Hopefully you will find this link will clarify some misconceptions that are floating around.

Submitted by:

Harry Hentschel
MI National Director



If you would rather receive your Monaco International Newsletter via email, please send an email to our Vice President of Membership Norma Preston at vpnbrship@gmail.com. Norma will place you on our email list. You will receive your **color** newsletter weeks before everyone else! And it will save our chapter funds on stamps, and printing; plus, think of all those trees that you will be saving!

Thanks,

Maxine Schremp
Newsletter Editor

Volunteers Needed

The nominating committee would like to thank those people who have volunteered to run for positions with the club for 2017. There are several positions that still need volunteers.

We need someone to run for Club Treasurer. You do not need to be a CPA to do this job! You just need to enjoy making numbers balance and be willing to volunteer your time.

The Regional Director position is a vital one for the club. You are usually the first to contact a new or potential member and tell them about our club. First impressions last a long time so this position is critical to growing our club. We need volunteers to run for regional director in:

Region 1 includes:

Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory

Region 3 which includes:

New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana

Region 5 which includes:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, DC, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland

If you would be willing to volunteer to run for one of these positions, please contact one of the nominating committee members.

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Monaco International

*Join Us for a 4th of July Rally
Celebration*

Celina, Ohio July 5 – July 9, 2017
Mercer County Fair Grounds

Rally Masters - Marty & Cathy Kimball



2017 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL

BALLOON FIESTA RALLY
REGISTER NOW!

If attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta with Monaco International is on your Bucket List, And It Should Be, you need to consider making your reservations **NOW!** In 2016 the Rally was full by mid-May and while a Waiting List was established and grew to twenty coaches, unfortunately the list was not fully worked down because there were very few cancellations.

We have again reserved eighty spaces, which is a result of having great relations with the Fiesta folks and filling all our spaces. This is well more spaces than groups can now reserve. Accordingly, we can not get any more sites even if the interest is there.

However, we have made a reservation change for 2017 to provide a limited exclusive registration period for MI members. Hopefully, this will help preclude MI members remaining on the Wait List at the time of the Fiesta. Only MI members can register until mid-April, then registration will be open to both MI members and non-members so we can ensure filling all of our spaces and hopefully keeping our very desirable and sought after location.

Our eighty spaces will again be in the premier VIP West RV parking area, immediately adjacent to the Launch Field. You can not get a better location to the action.

Also as in the past, registration includes:

- Four nights of dry camping, Field access to all ballooning events while we are there,
- Welcome Social and BBQ dinner on the first night
- Two catered sit-down lunches at premier locations,
- Two breakfasts,
- Social Hours daily with appetizers,
- Goody Bag with Balloon Fiesta “stuff” and other items.

You can not attend the Balloon Fiesta on your own for less than the MI Rally fees. The MI Balloon Fiesta Rally is the best bargain in Albuquerque!

For more information go to the MI website, Upcoming Rallies, Balloon Fiesta Rally - 2017.

Again, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE - REGISTER SOON before registration is open to others.

Your host for 2017 will again be Sandy and Harry Hentschel along with De and Marvin Pitts. They have all been involved with this MI Rally for the past five years and know how to make it a great experience for attendees. Their contact information is on the Registration Forms and questions are encouraged.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2017 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By — Harry & Sandy Hentschel & Marvin & De Pitts

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 11 – Sunday, October 15, 2017



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

Over 600 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 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.



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

This will be Dry Camping and no hook-ups. However, water and honey wagon are available for a fee.

Rally Contacts:

Harry & Sandy Hentschel
719-339-9237 or 719-237-5412
email: hands1968@me.com

Marvin & De Pitts
928-713-0983
email: marvin.pittsaz@gmail.com

Registrar:
Sandy Hentschel
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The rally fee includes

Parking, admission to all ballooning events, welcome dinner, two luncheons and the Bring Your Own Beverage social hour each afternoon before the evening ballooning event.

Sign up online
(Preferred)
at
WWW.MIRVCLUB.COM

Sign up Information Required:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

MI Member: yes ___ no ___

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

License # & State _____

Coach Make _____

Coach Length _____ # Slideouts _____

Names of Guests: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally

Mail to: **Monaco International**
c/o Sandy Hentschel
3520 Windjammer Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

[] Please check if this will be your first time at the Balloon Fiesta with Monaco international.

MI Member Coach	2 persons	\$445
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$395
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$150
Extra person	each	\$150
TOTAL		_____

***Monaco International wish's
you Happy Holidays***



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