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Greetings Monaco International Members

Judy and I are back home in WI now and are being treated to some great weather with temps in the mid 80's. We did the FMCA convention and then went on to Shipshewana with friends for a few days. Temps where in the 90's, so WI is feeling rather cool. It has been a few weeks since our rally in Celina OH and for those who where unable to attend the rally you missed a good time. Every rally has its challenges and Celina was challenged with rain before the rally started, leaving some soft ground for parking. Members were understanding and worked with the situation that arose.

We would like to thank Marty and Cathy Kimball for being great Rally Masters. The rally was packed with fun and interesting things, starting with an open seminar on the value of Windmills, the history of Grand Lake St. Mary's, two evenings of great dance music and a muscle/collector car show of 200 cars on Sun. afternoon. Food was very good as usual, and two coaches where sold one new and one used, which is good news for Paul Evert's RV. So when the next opportunity comes up please join us for a good time.

Speaking of the next opportunity, MI will have a pre rally in Moultrie GA March 9th-12th 2018. Dick & Nancy Wolfe with the help of Monaco Travelers and Friends will be in charge. With this collection of talented people you can be sure of a good time. Watch the MI web page for more information and a registration form.

There where a few things that occurred at the business meeting that I would like to make mention of. A new nominating committee was elected, so keep in mind there will be an election at the March pre rally. If you have an interest in taking part in the running of MI please contact the committee and get your name on the ballot. See committee article in this news letter. Because of the most recent resignation the position of 2nd vice president is vacant as of now. If anyone is interested in this position contact me at 262 442 2874.

Another thing of interest that will be covered in the secretary's report is the addition of standing rule 1a. This new rule will allow a member in good standing that has purchased a coach of a different brand, to remain a member of MI with all benefits to include voting and hold office. This rule will apply to all past members that have switched brands.

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The feeling was, because REV was not building many Monaco brand coaches to choose from, we were losing long time valued friends and members. This rule should not be confused with an associate membership which pertains to members that switched to no coach or a towable.

In closing I hope the balance of your summer with friends and family creates many happy memories. Keep watching the MI web page for further information on the March pre rally.

Dick Strzyzewski
President Monaco International

ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

I attended the Governing Board Meeting with Harry Hentschel and agree with his report. We will be voting this fall on opening up FMCA to Towable vehicles. It is important you vote on this proposal either positively or negatively as it will change FMCA as we presently know it.

Jack Ehlenberg
Monaco International

2017 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA RALLY -TIME

IS RUNNING OUT — 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 while there are still spaces available. In 2016, the Rally was full and the Waiting List was not fully worked down. 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 over the limited spaces that groups can now reserve. Accordingly, we can not get any more sites even if the interest is there and we may not be able to get this many spaces in the future. 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 see 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 (mirvclub.com), Upcoming Rallies, Balloon Fiesta Rally - 2017. Any FMCA member can attend this Rally so invite your non-MI friends too.

Again, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE - REGISTER SOON to avoid going on the Wait List. 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.

National Directors Report

The following is a summary of key issues presented and discussed at the 96th International Convention Governing Board Meeting held on July 12, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. There were 281 out of 380 Chapter delegates in attendance or 74% in attendance, well in excess of a quorum.

There were 1,477 registered coaches at the Convention, approximately 40% less than attended in Chandler, AZ this Spring, but well over recent attendance in Pamona, CA, Perry, GA and West Springfield, MA. There were also 75 Exhibitors/Vendors and 24 Dealers.

Proposals Voted on by Governing Board:

Proposal 1: Regarding the allowing of members who share a number to hold concurrent terms of office on the Executive Board was defeated by vote.

Proposal 2: The changing of the wording for non-discrimination was soundly defeated by vote. Discussion indicated that even a more simplified wording may be presented for consideration at the next Governing Board Meeting.

Proposal 3: Opening FMCA up to "towable vehicles" or "all RVs". Prior to voting on Proposal 3, the following definition of "Towable" and "RV" as it applies to FMCA was hammered out by the Governing Board in a Workshop Session.

The definition approved for use in voting on Proposal 3 is: "A self contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities."

The proposal easily passed by vote with 84% in favor. This issue will now be presented to ALL members to accept or reject the proposal. The ballots will be in the September, October and November issues of the FMCA magazine. E-mails and postcards are also planned to ensure all members are aware of the ballot issue.

If passed by a simple majority of those voting, the effective date is expected to be approximately December 6th, 2017.

NOTE: If passed by FMCA members, it is still up to individual chapters whether or not to allow towables in their chapters.

FMCA Officers:

The following officers were elected at the Governing Board Meeting and took office effective at the end of the General Membership Meeting on July 15th, 2017:

President: Jon Walker (un-opposed)

Sr. Vice President: Rett Porter

Secretary: Gaye Young (Re-elected to second term, un-opposed)

Treasurer: John Reynolds

Future International Conventions:

97th: March 15 - 18, 2018 in Perry, Georgia

98th: July 18 - 21, 2018 in Gillette, Wyoming

99th: Spring 2019 at a suitable location in the West

100th: Summer 2019 in St Paul, Minnesota

Summer 2020 in Redmond, Oregon



National Directors Report continued

Other Business

The following changes have taken place in the past year:

- Continental Tire has been added to the tire program
- Tadd Jenkins Chevrolet is offering special pricing to FMCA members on select vehicles
- The WIFI offer is still being worked on. AT&T was under consideration and Verizon has also re-entered into negotiations (post Convention).
- The 2018 budget was passed **without increasing member dues.**
- The Membership decline has finally reversed and has now increased to around 73,000.
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Respectfully Submitted By,

Harry Hentschel

Monaco International Website

www.MIRVClub.com/

Greetings from the office of First Vice President

Thanks to those who were in attendance at the prerally in Celina, OH. The officers can plan for activities but unless there are attendees our efforts are in vain. We had a great time with vendors, who appreciated your support, seminars whose leaders were encouraged by your active participation, entertainers who were truly spectacular for our venue, and food of great quality and variety.

The summer prerally will be held at the Camplex Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, WY July 11-15, 2018. Early arrivals will be on July 9 and 10 with rally parking beginning on July 11. Vendors will be opening at noon on the 11th. Come early and enjoy the sites of the community and surrounding area. The rally will end with the evening activities on the 14th. Hopefully, each of you will plan to remain for the FMCA Rally at the Camplex Facilities with official dates of July 18-21.

Volunteers are needed for rally hosts as well as committee chairpersons. If you would be willing to serve, please notify me at bumminfir@hughes.net. The rallies can not be functional without the support of the members who are willing to give of their time and efforts to make the experiences memorable. Accolades to all those who have volunteered in the past and continue to volunteer. We encourage new members to get involved and take ownership of what can be a valuable part of life experiences when traveling in a motorhome.

Wilma Jean Alexander, First Vice President

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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

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

Registrar:
Sandy Hentschel
719-237-5412
Email: hhsh1968@gmail.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		

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GREAT AMERICAN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 5 – 9th, 2017

Mercer County Fairgrounds

Celina, Ohio 45822

Rally Wrap-up

It was a great way to spend the 4th of July holiday! 92 coaches gathered at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio for lots of food, fun and friendship. While many of our members arrived early to take advantage of all Celina had to offer, the rally fun began with an old fashion 4th of July picnic, complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixin's you would expect to find at a picnic.

REV techs were on site to make 2 repairs per coach, Lippert Step arrived on Thursday and inspected the entrance step of every coach attending the rally, completed any step recalls and performed service as needed. Many seminars were available throughout the rally that included information on Aqua-Hot, RV Satellite systems, Health and Wellness seminars, Onan Generators, Chassis maintenance, and a variety of computer seminars to help us navigate and protect our on-line identity. Wilma Jean Alexander presented her ever popular Microwave/Convection Oven cooking class, a Ladies' Luncheon with laughs and exciting games, craft classes with pendants, bears, rugs and coasters – each activity a success.

Line Dancing and Zumba classes were available each day, and other seminars covering FMCA benefits, RV trips in North America, Inverters and Chargers, and other tips and tricks for women were presented by various vendors, guests presenters and members of Monaco International.

The largest attendance was a seminar by REV on the future of Monaco within their organization. Don Gephart introduced a new line of Monaco Coaches that will start appearing in the marketplace in late fall of this year. The entry level coach will be called a Marquee and will be the first introduced. The next level will be a new Signature and will be available shortly after the Marquee and finally the Signature/Executive by the fall of 2018.

The last day of our rally a local muscle/classic car club provided the day's entertainment with a cruise-in that showcased over 100 cars. It was a beautiful day and a fun way to end the rally.

Our thanks to all who helped in any way and especially to Paul Evert RV Country for their continued support of Monaco International. We could not have done it without each and every one of you.

Marty and Cathy Kimball,
Rally Masters