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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

When life is "like a bowl of cherries", enjoy life to its fullest. This is the time to take advantage of every moment, not only enjoy your family but also the great wonders of the world as you travel throughout the United States and abroad. While traveling in your beautiful motor home, be sure to take advantage of your membership in Monaco International by attending the functions we have planned for you.

Monaco International is excited to be offering four rallies this year for your active participation. Based on experience over the last twenty-six years, we attended our first Monaco Rally in 1994, you will learn new things applicable to the motorhome lifestyle, meet up with friends and make new ones, as well as experience new sights and sounds related to the geographic location where the rally is scheduled.

Our first rally in 2019 is a "Destination" rally, SEE MORE, DO MORE, providing you with an organized approach to learn more about the Tallahassee, FL area. Mike Sanders and Sharron Riley have planned a time of fun, food, and relaxation to elicit your eagerness to participate. If you have not already done so, go on line to www.mirvclub.com to register for the rally which is scheduled for March 6-11 at the Fairgrounds. The details are included in this newsletter.

Les and I will arrive the 6th. I look forward to greeting you upon your arrival. Don't disappoint me. It's always a pleasure to personally greet all those in attendance.

Our second rally, HIT THE JACKPOT, is scheduled for April 10-14 at the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas, NV. We will have our annual Business Meeting at this rally which will include the election of officers for 2019-2020. The Oasis is a 5-Star resort where you will enjoy full-hookups, parking on concrete slab, hard surfaced roads, and a full list of amenities. Not only do we have seminars, meals, entertainment, service providers, etc. available for your enjoyment and edification but you also have the Las Vegas area at your disposal.

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So call the Oasis, 800-566-4707, to arrange for early arrival or late departure to take advantage of the activities available in the area. Jim and Melva Crimmins and their committee have worked diligently to provide a superb venue for this rally. If you have not already registered, go on line to www.mirvclub.com to complete the registration process. Register NOW as we have a limit of 125 coaches and are rapidly approaching that number if we haven't already reached it by the time the newsletter is distributed.

Our third rally, NORTH BY NORTHWEST, a Pre-Rally prior to the FMCA rally in Minot, ND, is being planned by our First Vice President, John Jones. It is scheduled for August 6-10 in Rapid City, SD.

Our fourth rally will be the Balloon Fiesta hosted by Harry and Sandy Hentschel on October 9-12 in Albuquerque, NM. There is a limit of 80 coaches and registration is held for MI members until April 15 then spaces are released to other FMCA member coaches. To guarantee your space at this unforgettable event, register at mirvclub.com today. Once you attend, you'll want to return time and time again. Our time together is truly memorable.

We want to say "WELCOME" to all the new members who have joined us in recent months. The number of names Brenda, our registration person, has been sending has been very encouraging. We hope that each of you will become active and, not only attend one or more of our upcoming rallies, but also volunteer to assist with the rallies or the administration of the club. We welcome your active participation as we believe that is the way you learn to appreciate the value of your membership.

For those of you who have been members in good standing for several years, THANKS, for your continued support. We have done surveys in the past, have evaluated the result, and have made changes accordingly. With the demise of Monaco Coach Corporation, we have not had the corporate support to which we had become accustomed. No magazine to provide educational materials related to motor home living has left a big gap. If you have the skills required to write articles which could be published as part of our newsletters, we would welcome them. Any topic related to traveling in a recreational vehicle would be most welcome. Please submit your writings to Paulette Jones, our newsletter editor, at pjjones4@bellsouth.net

Another area that requires attention is the historical aspects of our organization. It has been several years since we had anyone interested in keeping a historical record of the activities. If you would be willing to serve in that capacity, give me a call at 309-824-0652 to discuss the position.

Act now, register for the rally/s of your choice. We look forward to meeting you and sharing a time of fun and fellowship.

Your President,
Wilma Jean Alexander



Tallahassee

See More, Do More

March 6 - March 11, 2019

North Florida Fairgrounds
441 Paul Russell Road
Tallahassee, FL 32301

MONACO INTERNATIONAL DESTINATION RALLY

\$189

5 NIGHTS CAMPING

50/30 AMP AND WATER

PIZZA PARTY

HOTDOG SUPPER

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

DONUTS ONE MORNING

BYOP / APPETIZERS HAPPY HOURS

POTLUCK DINNER

Optional Activity:

*Day trip to Colquitt, GA, to see Swamp Gravy play and buffet
at historic Tarrer Inn*

\$40 per person



Things to Do in the Area:



Historic Capitol Tour
Governor's Mansion
Working Capital Tour
Florida State University Tour
Mission San Luis
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens
Museum of Florida History

Wakulla Springs State Park Boat Tour
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
Day Trip to Apalachicola
Tallahassee Automobile and Collectibles Museum
Scenic Canopy Roads
Tallahassee St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail
Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway

Greetings,

We would like to personally invite you to attend the Monaco International Tallahassee See More, Do More Destination Rally March 6-11, 2019 (arrive 3/6 depart 3/11). The \$189 rally fee includes camping with 50/30 electric and water, a hotdog supper, pizza party, ice cream social, potluck dinner, BYO drink and appetizers to share happy hours. On Saturday there is a day trip to Colquitt, GA to see the 26th edition Swamp Gravy play after a lunch buffet at the historic Tanner Inn. The fee for both events is \$40 a person. Finally, on March 11 there will be a caravan to the FMCA Convention in Perry, GA.

Below is a list of some of the things to do in and near Tallahassee including hour of operation, costs and websites to assist you with planning your trip.

We will look forward to seeing you in March. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Sharron Riley and Mike Sanders

Rally Masters

Ser211@bellsouth.net

Monaco International

Places to see, things to do around Tallahassee

Historic Capitol Tour- Monday-Friday, 9-4:30, Sat. 10-4:30, Sunday noon-4:30. Upon arrival, check in at the reception desk located on the first floor which is one level above the ground. Exhibits on the three levels, self-guided or guided tours available. Free.

Website: flhistoriccaptol.gov.

Governor's Mansion- contact Carol Beck at [850-718-9345](tel:850-718-9345) or carol.beck@myflorida.com to schedule a tour. Free.

The New Capitol- guided and self-guided. Legislature will be in session, so reservations are recommended. Contact [850-488-6167](tel:850-488-6167).

Tallahassee Museum- Monday-Saturday, 9-5, Sunday, 11-5 \$12 Adults and \$11.50 Seniors. A living museum featuring native wildlife, nature trails, historic exhibits and zip lines.

Website: tallahasseemuseum.org

Florida State University tour - Visitor Services is open 8-5, Monday-Friday. Walking tours are available 9:15 and 2:15, Monday-Friday. A University Ambassador will lead you on a two-hour tour. Self-guided tours are available. Free.

Website: Visit.fsu.edu

Mission San Luis- Tuesday - Sunday, 10-4. Adults \$5, Seniors (65 and older) \$3. National Historic Landmark reconstructed Spanish mission that explores native culture and Spanish colonization.

Website: missionsanluis.org

Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park -8-sunset, daily. Maclay House Museum is open January through April 9 until 5, daily. \$6 vehicle entry 2-8 occupants. Single occupant vehicle entry is \$4. \$6 garden entry fee during blooming months (Jan-Apr). Guided tours are available on Saturday and Sunday during the blooming season. Paddling, biking and hiking available in the park.

Website: floridastateparks.org

Museum of Florida History - Monday -Friday, 9-4:30, Saturday, 10-4, Sunday, noon-4:30. Free.

Website: museumoffloridahistory.com

Knott House Museum- guided tours on the hour, Wednesday-Friday, 1,2,3:00, Saturday, 10, question, noon, 1,2 and 3:00. Free.

Website: museumoffloridahistory.com

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park Boat Tour - 8:00 to sundown, every day. \$6.00 vehicle entrance fee. Ranger led 45-55-minute wildlife river boat tour. \$8 for adults.

Website: floridastateparks.org

St. Marks National Wildlife National Refuge - open year-round, daylight hours. Visitor Center open Monday - Friday, 8-4, Sat and Sun, 10-5. Free. (St. Marks Lighthouse).

Website: www.fws.gov

Tallahassee Automobile and Collectibles Museum - Monday-Friday, 8-5, Saturday, 10-5, Sunday, 11-5. Admission: Adults \$17.50, Seniors \$15, Veterans \$15, Two or more guests \$15.

Website: tacm.com

Tallahassee Scenic Drives- a total of 78 miles of official canopy roads.

Website: visittallahassee.com

Tallahassee St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail - 20.5-mile paved trail runs from Tallahassee to community of St. Marks.

Miccosukee Canopy Road - biking trails near Tallahassee with entrances at Thornton Rd, Edenfield Rd, Crump Rd, and Fleischmann Rd. From flat and open to hilly, wooded and twisty, this trail (and numerous side trails) offers a variety of challenges for all skill levels along with diverse scenery.

Website: cms.leoncountyfl.gov

Other websites: visittallahassee.com

Swamp Gravy buffet at historic Tarrer Inn (\$20 per person includes drink and tip). We have lunch prior to attending the play.



"Swamp Gravy: Fourth and Long" play at Cotton Hall in Colquitt, GA - Georgia's official folk life play, \$20 per person. "There's life happening on the bleachers & whole other world on the football field. The 26th edition of Swamp Gravy will explore the dreams fulfilled, the loved ones found, and the lives altered irrevocably under the Friday night lights-proving that sometimes our fumbles make the victories that much more sweet". Colquitt, GA is an hour drive from Tallahassee and is Georgia's first Mural City.

Pre-register for our event special buffet and play package \$40 total.

LAS VEGAS RALLY

Hey, if you haven't heard Monaco International is having a rally in Las Vegas! Right off the strip with 50-amp full hookups; we will be staying at the beautiful Oasis RV Resort (www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com) for four days and nights.



Our committee has planned four full days of events, entertainment, and historical seminars about how Las Vegas became Las Vegas. We've engaged the best caterer in Vegas to provide you with scrumptious breakfasts, and dinners. In addition, Mitch has agreed to be the MAN in charge of our bocce ball tournament, a golf tournament played on their 18-hole natural greens putting course, and if that's not enough, a horseshoe tournament on their sanctioned pits. Not to be outdone Chris Henderson has planned a special ladies' luncheon with a Las Vegas style fashion show.

Have you ever wanted to have your own personalized wine glass? During the rally friends of mine, Wayne & Betty Cerne, will have a seminar to teach you how to etch your name, initials, or favorite college logo onto wine glasses. They will be furnishing the glasses, and to make it better, we will all sip some wine while we do it!

It's going to be fun! We all hope you can make it.

The rally is limited to 125 coaches and 89 of those are already taken so be sure and go to the website and get your registration in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.



Melva & Jim Crimmins,
Rally Masters
623.261.9728



MONACO INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Oasis RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV

April 10-14, 2019

**The annual club meeting will be held at this rally.
Be Sure and Be There!**

\$500

4 Nights Camping with 50amp Full Hookups

Welcome Social

4 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

3 Dinners

Happy Hours

3 Evenings Entertainment

Afternoon Wine Tasting Party

Boche Ball & Long Putt Contests

Horseshoe Tournament

History of Las Vegas Seminar

Afternoon of Karaoke

Options

Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show - \$25/person

Etch Your Own Wine Glass - \$10/person

4-Hour Guided Boulder Dam Tour on Thursday - \$40/person

**ONLY 125 RALLY SITES AVAILABLE.
REGISTER EARLY!**

Arrangement for early arrival/parking is to be made directly with the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort at \$50 per night (Monaco rally rate). Call 800-566-4707 for your early parking reservation. Mention that you are attending the Monaco International Rally.

Las Vegas Vendor Report:

We are happy to report we have a strong compliment of vendors for the Las Vegas Rally. The biggest draw, of course, will be RV Country with their display coaches and technicians. Jeff Grah will oversee the technicians and may be contacted at jeffg@rvcountry.com. Once again RV Country will be hosting a reception with food and refreshments in the coach display area. We would like to thank RV Country for their continued support of Monaco International especially for providing technicians at a reduced rally rate of \$99 an hour.

While we were checking out the Oasis for the rally, we discovered Red Rock RV Wash. Their standard wash is \$3 a foot and includes the roof, a thorough cleaning of the wheels and rims, and is just a great wash for the price. They also offer full wash/wax front to back for \$10 a foot. If you want your wheels chemically stripped and retreated, it's \$25 a rim. They also do carpet and upholstery cleaning. They provide a great service and have a tremendous reputation. Text or call 702-233-2833 to schedule your work. When you call, tell them you're with the Monaco International rally

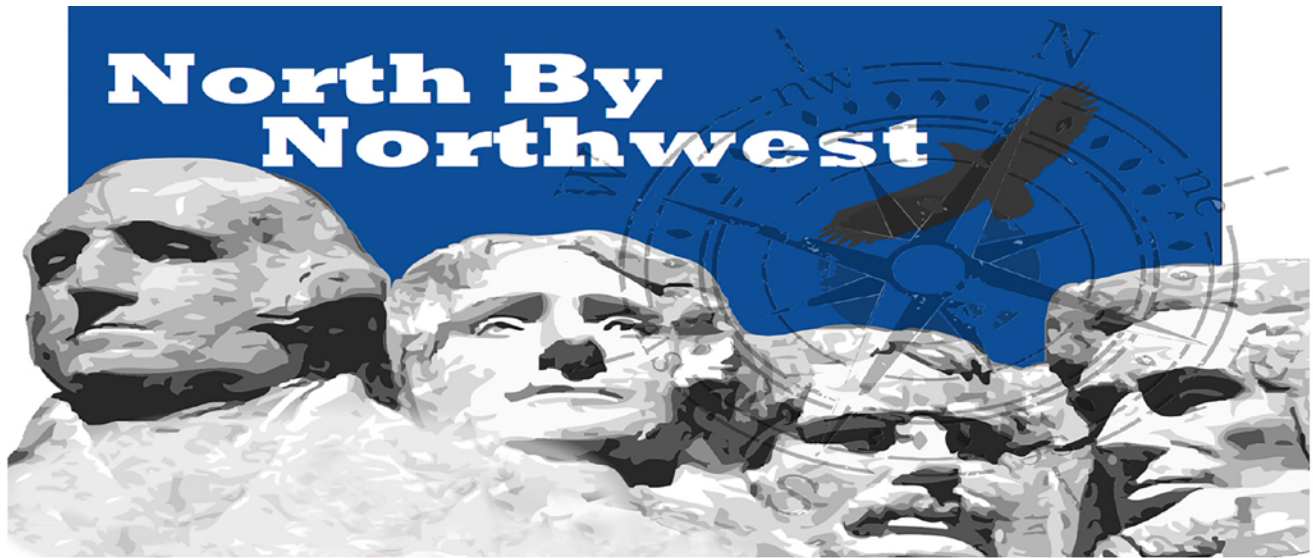
We also found a great sponsor in Satellite Advantage who can provide all your satellite needs and LED replacement bulbs. Charles Paul, the owner, will be doing a seminar for us at the beginning of the rally. Contact them at 602-570-3474 and let them know you are with the Monaco International rally. Their website is www.satelliteadvantage.net.

At Oasis we have the advantage of having American Mobile Lube which provides full lubrication services for your coach including your generator. They have a lot of experience with Monaco coaches. You can get your coach ready for your summer's travel while sitting in your site. Contact them at phone number 702-362-5823 and let them know you're with the Monaco International rally.

Summer Rally Report:

We're off to the beautiful Black Hills for our summer rally, August 6-10. The locale lent itself to the clever title **North by Northwest** thanks to the imagination of Chris Henderson. The event will be held at the Central State Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota. I want to thank Chris Henderson for the teaser below. As you can see, there many attractions worth visiting in this area and we should be looking forward to a great rally in the Black Hills. I'm still working on pricing and hoping to have the registration and full details online by the Las Vegas rally. Bring your motorcycles as bike week in Sturgis will still be in full swing and is only a short 30-mile ride from Rapid City!

Submitted by John P. Jones
1st Vice President



Monaco International Club

Rally

August 6-10, 2019

**Central States Fairgrounds
Rapid City, South Dakota**

Nearby Attractions:

**Mount Rushmore National Memorial
Crazy Horse
Black Hills
Custer State Park
Devils Tower National Monument
Jewel Cave National Monument
Minuteman Missile National Historical Site**

**Wind Cave
Reptile Gardens
Bear Country USA
Wildlife Loop
Badlands
Wall Drug Store
Presidential Statues**



2019 Balloon Festival

October 9-12

(departing on 13th after morning events)



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a world-renowned attraction and destination for kids of all ages - 70+ too. For more than four decades, the first full week in October brings the smells of roasting chilis and the beautiful, magical moving picture show of hot air balloons sailing silently through the crisp fall air. Guests from all over the world come to Albuquerque to celebrate ballooning. Over 600 balloons will be taking flight from the Balloon Fiesta Park again this year.

You don't want to miss this premier International event, and no one does it better than Monaco International for location, pricing and inclusions. Okay, so you've been to a ballooning event before. But, probably not one with over 600 balloons at one time unless it was in Albuquerque. Nothing else compares!

Come and marvel at over 600 hot air balloons for four morning events, three evening glows plus all day activities at the launch field which you will have unlimited access to and is immediately adjacent to our parking area.

In 2019, the MI rally is October 9th through 13th, with mid-day departure on Sunday, 13th following the morning ballooning activities.

Review the 2018 Balloon Fiesta Wrap Up in the [December 2018 MI Newsletter](#). Be sure to look at the associated pictures taken from the Club's parking area.

For registration information for this year, go to: mirvclub.com > Upcoming Rallies > [Balloon Fiesta Rally](#). If you still have questions, contact the Rally Hosts: Harry and Sandy Hentschel, hands1968@me.com, hhsh1968@gmail.com, 719-339-9237, 719-237-5412; or Roger and Carol Smalley, rogersmalley@ymail.com, carolgriffinsmalley@yahoo.com, 618-593-5352, 618-537-9999. We're here to answer your questions.

Also, talk to other MI-ers who have been to our Rally to get their perspective.

The rally is filling up fast, so don't procrastinate. We only have eighty spaces and cannot get any more.

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2019 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

Hosted By --- Harry & Sandy Hentschel & Roger & Carol Smalley

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 9 – Saturday, October 12, 2019

Departure on Sunday October 13, 2019 after morning ballooning events



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

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.



**Sign up online
(Preferred)**

at

WWW.MIRVCLUB.COM

We will be parked in the VIP West area which is immediately 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

Roger & Carol Smalley
618-593-5352 or 618-537-9999
email: rogersmalley@gmail.com
carolgriffinsmalley@yahoo.com

Registrar: Sandy Hentschel
719-237-5412

Email: hhsh1968@gmail.com

The rally fee includes

Parking, admission to all ballooning events, welcome dinner, one luncheon, two breakfasts and the Bring Your Own Beverage social hour each afternoon before the evening Fiesta activities.

Sign up Information Required:

- MI Member? YES _____ NO _____ FMCA # _____
- Non-MI members must have a MI sponsor attending Rally. MI Sponsor's name: _____

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

All Rally related correspondence will be sent to this e-mail address

Coach Make _____ Coach Length _____

Names of Guests: _____
(all guests must be preregistered regardless of age)

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	\$550
MI Member Coach	1 person	\$500
Non-MI Coach	Additional	\$150
Extra person (13 & Above)	each	\$150
Extra person 6-12	each	\$ 90
Extra person under 6 free (but must be registered)		
TOTAL		

**MI Nominating Committee Report
As of February 20, 2019**

This Nominating Committee report is both necessary (30 days notice of candidates proposed for election) as well as a plea for members to consider serving as an officer or Regional Director for Monaco International.

The following candidates have agreed to place their names on the ballot for election:

President -	John P. Jones
First VP –	Dale A. Johnson
Second VP –	Carl Hicks
Secretary –	Carolyn Banks
Treasurer –	Dick Wolfe
VP of Membership –	Lois Tucker
National Director –	Harry Hentschel
Alternate National Director –	Jack Ehlenberg *

*Jack Ehlenberg would like to withdraw his name, however, would remain in the position if we cannot find any other candidate. We are more than hopeful that we will receive nominations from the floor for this position.

The following members have agreed to serve as Regional Directors if elected:

Region 1	Joe Bolkovatz	F421487
	Vacant at this time	
Region 2	Jim Crimmins	F6347103
	Vacant at this time	
Region 3	Verda DeGerald	F2419
	Richard A. Pasetto	F169404
Region 4	Bart Mix	F435063
	Gordon Owenby	F437629
Region 5	Don Henderson	F028418
	Nancy Nelson	F293431
Region 6	Barbara Mitchell	F5079666
	Bob Tucker	F387098

To understand the duties of each position you may check the Officer Page on the MIRVclub.com for descriptions.

We will request nominations from the floor during the annual meeting in Las Vegas. We are requesting if you would like to be nominated and will not be present, please make sure we have your permission. At this time all additional candidates will have to be nominated from the floor.

Thank you in advance for considering to fill any of the positions above. The Nominating Committee will arrange to have you nominated from the floor. Please give serious consideration to serving your MI Chapter.

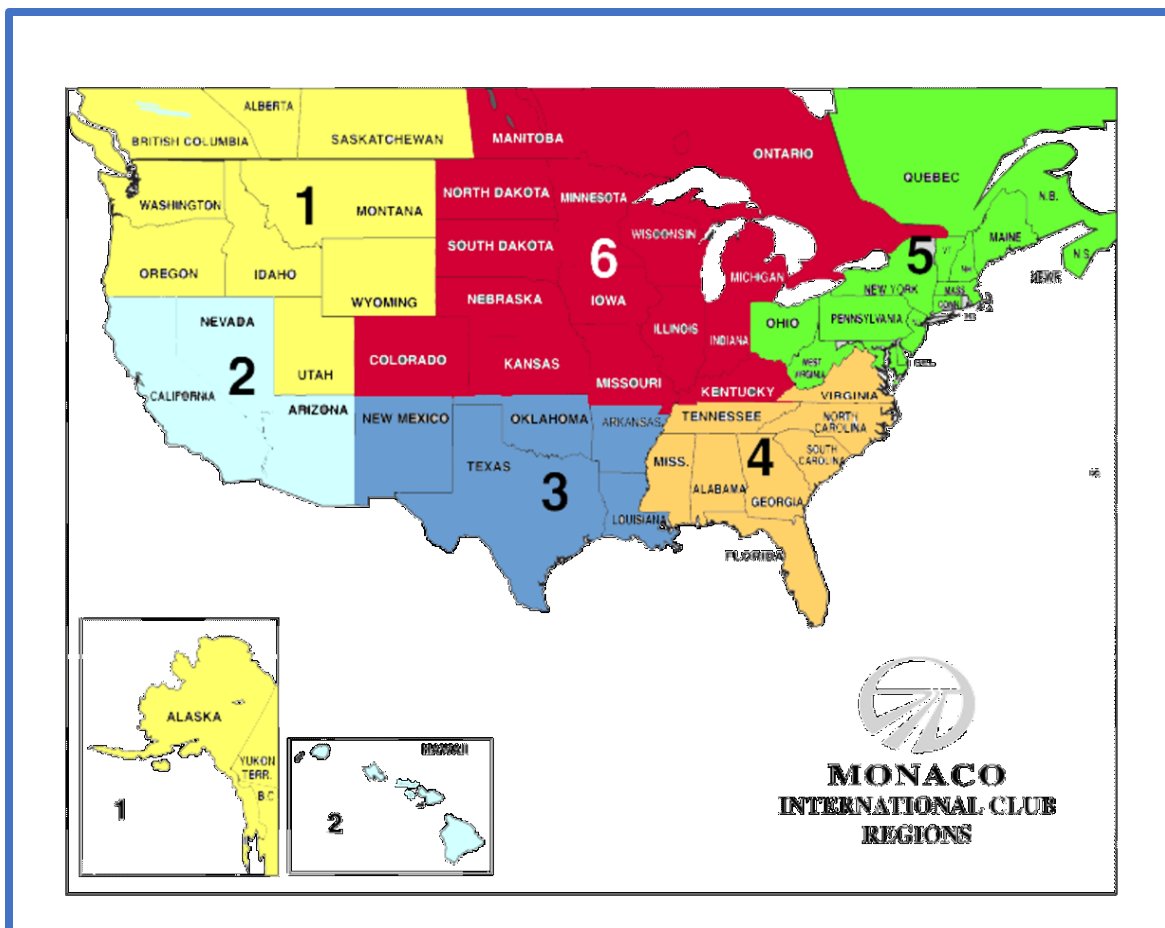
If you are interested, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee Members:

Nancy Wolfe – 941-704-4455 – dicknancywolfe@aol.com

Laura Wyatt – 214-801-8953 – dwyat@aol.com

Paulette Jones – 386-965-5233 – jpipji@bellsouth.net

Nancy Wolfe
Chair Nominating Committee



A new year is here and much to do and see at our rallies.

I have the Tallahassee rally covered with mentors for the two 1st Timers that are attending the rally.

I do not have the Las Vegas rally covered with mentors for the 20 1st Timers that are attending that rally. I would appreciate some help here. Twelve people have volunteered to be mentors, but I need more. Please consider it. It is fun and really doesn't take much time, but the 1st Timers are glad to see someone looking after them.

We have 26 new members since January 1, 2019. That is good but if we work harder, the numbers will increase. It takes more than the VP of Membership and the 12 Regional Directors to increase our membership.

Carry applications and brochures with you as you stay in various RV parks. Have information on our other rallies so people understand what we do offer. If you see a REV motor home, knock on the door, introduce yourself and let them know about the Monaco International Club. You will be surprised how many have never heard about our club.

Our Regional Director get a list of new members and contact them by email, phone or snail mail. They do the same with every RV Country coach sales. They are doing a great job, but more help is needed.

I am looking forward to meeting each of the 1st Timers and Mentors at the rallies. I had a great time last summer with them.

Lois Tucker, VP of Membership

FMCA UPDATE

Upcoming Conventions:

FMCA will hold its 100th Convention this Summer in Minot, ND August 14-17. Registration opened February 13th. The 100th Convention will also be election of officers. The names that I have heard for National Senior VP are: Rett Porter, Jack Mayberry and Percy Bell. For National Directors and Club Presidents, the Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for August 14th. The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 17th. FMCA has also announced that the Winter (Spring), 2020 Convention will be held in Tucson, AZ March 26-29. FMCA Staff and the Convention Committee are aggressively working on a location for the Summer of 2020. We will not be going to Rock Springs, WY as some have projected. Jon Walker has stated that his goal is to announce Convention locations 3-5 years out. Other TENTATIVE Convention locations, pending successful contract negotiations are:

Winter, 2021 Perry, GA	Summer, 2021 Gillette, WY
Winter, 2022 Tucson, AZ	Summer, 2022 TBD
Winter, 2023 Perry, GA	Summer, 2023 Sedalia, MO or Gillette, WY
Winter, 2024 Syracuse, NY	

Again, all of these are **TENTATIVE** based on successful contract negotiations.

Membership:

The bleeding of membership has stopped with 31 of the last 34 months having positive growth. As of mid-January, membership was 77,865 families. Over 3,600 towable have joined through the end of 2018. Membership has increased over 10% since 2017.

Financial Strength:

With a balanced budget for this year, the Financial Committee and Auditors anticipate that by September, the end of the financial year, that the organization will show the first positive balance sheet in fifteen years. Also, FMCAssist which premiums have been being paid out of reserves, now is a line item in the budget. Also, no dues increase was included in this year's budget.

Benefits:

Benefits of FMCA have grown tremendously over the years. You can go to [FMCA==> Membership==> Benefits](#) to find out about all of them. Here are highlights of a few:

1. FMCAssist (NOT to be confused with Roadside Mechanical Service or Medical Insurance):
 - Transportation after evaluation program
 - Coverage is when you are 100 miles from your home unless you are a full timer and you are covered all the time
 - Provides up to \$5,000 for vehicle return and you can use a family member or a friend
 - Will return mortal remains
 - Will return spouse or significant other (if they are listed on your FMCA membership), dependents, cats and dogs

- Worldwide coverage
- Members are encouraged to put the FMCAssist number and their F# in their phone emergency numbers (877-202-4176)

(FMCAssist rates have dropped from \$1.09 to \$.57 per month effective in August '18 and running through September, '19.)

2. Tire Discounts

- Michelin and BF Goodrich provide significant discounts for RVs, light truck and passenger tires. Continental provides discounts for only RV tires and Hankook has just been added for RV, light truck and passenger tires.

3. Roadside Rescue - Almost 9,000 have signed up for the \$69 annual program, which is comparable or better than other plans for half the price. Highlights include:

- Towing to the nearest qualified repair facility
- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service
- Tire change
- Tech assistance

4. Tech Benefits with Sprint and Verizon. Which is better is based on where you travel and how you use data. Do your research.

5. FMCA Health Plan thru RV Insurance Benefits launched shortly after the Gillette Convention. It provides:

- PPO Health Plan for members <65, virtually regardless of location.
- Medicare Supplement

6. RV Pet Safety was launched in September 2018.

The Member Services Committee is exploring several other benefits, including discounted RV batteries, fire suppression systems, fuel cards and credit monitoring services.

FMCA University:

FMCA University is a virtual library of RVing resources exclusively for FMCA members. There's more than 600 articles and videos to access on a variety of topics — anything from technical tips to trip ideas. Work on the curriculum is continuing and will be officially brought on-line during the Convention in Perry in March. Coming down the road will be an interactive experience to test your RVing knowledge.

Submitted by Harry Hentschel
MI National Director