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President's Message

Greetings MI members,

I hope you and your family are doing well and are staying safe.

Communication, communication, communication. So, what is the latest news with MI?

On April 30, 2020, the MI Nominating Committee presented the name of George Schremp to fill the current vacancy for the office of 2nd Vice President of Monaco International. In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article VII, Item 3, I made a motion that to elect George Schremp as 2nd Vice President of Monaco International and requested the consent of the Executive Board. The Motion was seconded and approved to elect George Schremp. Congratulations, George.

Per the Nominating Committee's recommendation I have appointed the following people to fill the vacant positions of Regional Directors.

Region 1 - Skip Thompson

Region 2 - John Ham

Region 3 - Thomas Butler

Region 6 - Jim Goetzinger

Congratulations and thank you for your willingness to step up and fill these vacant positions.

I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the questions that have come to my attention.

- 1. Question:** My wife and I recently had a lot of issues with our coach. We purchased another non-REV brand coach. How does this affect our MI membership?
Answer: Many of our members have purchased non-REV coaches for various reasons. In order to retain our valued MI members, the governing board unanimously voted to change Standing Rule #1 to address this issue. Standing Rule #1: Membership is open to owners of all brands of RVIA certified motorhomes that are completely self-contained with all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms motor coach and motor home may be used interchangeably. (April 2020)
- 2. Question:** What is the status of a member in good standing who no longer owns a coach?

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2. Answer: MI Bylaw #6. ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A member in good standing who no longer owns a qualifying coach can continue membership in the chapter as an Associate Member. An Associate Member will pay dues annually and can attend rallies and events but will not vote on chapter business nor be eligible to hold an office in the chapter. We have members who have made lasting friendships through MI and sometimes are just no longer physically able to operate an RV.
3. Question: Is an Associate Member only for prior MI members in good standing, who no longer own a coach or is it also for anyone who wants to join as an Associate without a coach?
Answer: To qualify as an Associate Member you must already be a member in good standing of MI.

If you have any questions about these issues or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

So far, 2020 certainly has been quite a year. After being hunkered down for three months, some of you may be ready to venture out. So, MI is having a Destination Campfire Rally, July 16-20, 2020, in Amana, Iowa. You may be asking yourself, what is a Destination Campfire Rally? Plain and simple! It is a laid back fun rally with no frills. The location speaks for itself. This rally is situated in the heart of the National Historic Landmark—Amana Colonies. The Amana Colonies is open for business and has a lot to offer including shops, museums and wineries. Recently, you received an email requesting a show of interest in having a rally in July. To date, fifteen members expressed an interest so Rally Master, Duane Lindsey, is moving forward with planning the rally. Duane will provide details. Of course, health and safety is paramount so attendees will be encouraged to social distance, wear masks and use hand sanitizer.

If you are not yet ready to travel, please begin thinking about travel plans for next year as we are prepping for the 2021 rallies. We hope the list of rallies will continue to grow. The sky is the limit for rallies but your Club needs members to step up and volunteer to host a rally. If you are hesitating because you are not sure what to do to be a rally master, never fear, there are several people who will help you along the way. Please contact me or Duane Lindsey at duanelin@aol.com if you are interested in hosting a rally. Or, if you are interested in shadowing a rally master, please contact me or Duane.

2021 Rallies to date:

Pre-rally at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee, FL, March 3-7, 2021. This pre-rally to the FMCA Convention in Perry, GA will include at a minimum catered meals, seminars and entertainment. More information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Pre-rally June 30-July 3, 2021 at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, WY. This pre-rally to the FMCA Convention will include at a minimum catered meals, seminars and entertainment. More information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Along the same lines as volunteers for rally masters, MI desperately need volunteers to fill officer vacancies. The Nominating Committee is still trying to fill the positions of Secretary and Vice President of Membership. Both our current Secretary, Carolyn Banks and VP of Membership, Lois Tucker, have agreed to remain in place until the positions are filled. I want to thank them for graciously agreeing to temporarily remain in their positions. However, they are not able to do it forever.

As I wrap up, I want to thank the Executive Board for their time and effort over the past three months. There were many days with numerous emails going back and forth and weekly conference calls. Also, thank you to Nancy Wolfe and Laura Wyatt for the tremendous effort they made to try to fill vacant positions. And thank you to Maxine Schremp for stepping back up to the plate as newsletter editor and thank you to Chris Henderson for all of her designing and preparing the graphics for the rally registration information. Thank you to each of you for doing your part to help Monaco International move forward.

Safe travels to you whenever you decide to get back out on the road.

**Mike Sanders,
President**

Meet George Schremp Our Second Vice President Message and his wife, Maxine



Hello to everybody,

My wife and I have been FMCA members (F46727) and Good Sam members since 1982. The first chapter that we joined was the Capitol Chapter which covers the Northern Va., DC, Maryland, PA, and New Jersey areas. In those days dry camping, (that means no electric plugs or sewer hoses), was the way most chapters had their chapter campouts. We would have campouts in fields where there were special functions going on such as the Scottish Games, the Renaissance Festival, or several times we camped at some wineries in New Jersey. Capitol Chapter, in its heyday has a membership of 450+ members. During that time, I had the pleasure of becoming their President.

Maxine and I have been members of Monaco International since the purchase of our first Dynasty in 1995. Because of our work restrictions and/or family obligations, we had only attended those Monaco International Rallies on the East Coast. Since our retirement we have been continually active with Monaco until I became the President of the International Area and one of the ten Vice Presidents of FMCA's Executive Board.

During our RVing years, Maxine and/or I have been elected President of several FMCA Chapters and we have both served as National Directors also. We hosted an MI pre-rally to Perry Georgia in 2009 (wow, that is a long time ago). I believe at one time or another, one or both of us have been on every committee Monaco International has ever had. Being an active member and especially volunteering for different jobs at the rallies, we feel is the most important way to meet and get to know the members of the chapter. By working together on different volunteer activities, you learn more about what goes on in the workings of your chapter and you meet and get to know your fellow campers much better. It has been our pleasure to have volunteered numerous times for many of the Monaco International Rallies over these past years and plan to continue to do so during our future travel years. . I only have a few more days in my current elected position as in the international Area and one of the FMCA Vice President then I plan on focusing on our Monaco International Chapter.

The Monaco International Board is currently planning to have more MI rallies across our country. We are looking for new locations and some more destination rallies.

In my life before RVing, I served in Vietnam with the U. S. Army and was honorably discharged. I then chose a career in IT Technology and retired 33 years later from the Federal Government.

Maxine and I are looking forward to seeing you down the road.

George Schremp, 2nd Vice President

<http://MIRVClub.com>



Lois's Membership Report

July is here. Warmer weather is Here. No, hot weather is here. The grass is growing. We get to go out and cut our grass. We now think about the things MI has planned for us in July and October. We are so blessed.

I was checking out the trip to the Amana Colonies and thought "This sounds like fun". We would have the opportunity to finally get together with all of you again. We are still cautious about the Coronavirus and hope things settle down by then, so it is a wait and see thing. We have been having a "church service" each week on YouTube and getting out and being at church is also something we are looking forward to doing again, but not until we know we have conquered the Coronavirus.

MI membership has been slow the last few months and that is expected with everyone keeping to themselves. But things are improving. We had one couple join in May, Jerry Garner & Judy Crews. We have one couple joining (pending) in June, Jim & Kathy Snodgrass, and two couples joining and coming to us via the RV Country's generous plan, Craig Nelson and Elizabeth Knowhton & Jim and Bonnie Walker. Today, we have another new member, Christine Desanzo & Norm Scherner. Please welcome these 5 couples into our club.

Please stay safe and healthy,

Lois Tucker
VP of Membership



TIPS & tricks

Stains inside coffee mugs - these can be moved by mixing dish soap with soda and scrubbing the inside. If this doesn't work, try rubbing the stains off with a magic eraser.

Crumbs and pet hair - keep a lint roller handy (the sticky kind) in your car or RV. Just roll over the area and watch the crumbs and pet hair disappear.

Disinfecting sponges - sponges collect germs even though you rinse them with soap and water. To disinfect, place a damp sponge in the microwave on full power for 90 seconds.

Cutting board stains and smells - cut a lemon in half and rub the cut side down to remove stains and smells. For extra cleaning, sprinkle with salt or baking soda and rub in with the lemon. Rinse after cleaning.

Submitted by: Sandy Hentschel

More Tips and Tricks in the next newsletter **Sandy Henschel**

FMCA Update

Areas Vice President Elections: On May 26, 2020, the ballots for the election of the Area National Vice Presidents were tabulated by FMCA's certified public accounting firm with the following results:

EASTERN AREA	Gaye Young, F28465
GREAT LAKES AREA	Ken Lewis, F428158
INTERNATIONAL AREA	Paul Mitchell, F165576 *
NORTHWEST AREA	Don Schleuse, F264999
WESTERN AREA	Bob Golk, F316752

* NOTE: Paul Mitchell is also a MI member

The Annual Governing Board and General Membership Meeting

The FMCA Executive Board, along with the Association's attorney, Parliamentarian (Robert's Rules of Order) and the State of Ohio (where FMCA is incorporated) have reviewed the options to hold a Governing Board Meeting in 2020.

The bottom line is that there is not a viable way to hold a Governing Board meeting in 2020.

So what will happen between now and the next scheduled Governing Board meeting in Gillette, Wyoming in 2021? According to the Bylaws, the Executive Board will continue to act on your behalf until that time. The newly elected AVPs are invited to sit in on all official FMCA meetings. All official FMCA meetings are being posted on the Governance Section of our website -- <https://governance.fmca.com/>.

The new Area VPs listed above will take office on August 29th, 2020.



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Mitchell, and **THANKS** to long time MI Member, George Schremp, for serving currently as the INTO Area VP and other INTO offices over the past several years.

Future FMCA Conventions

FMCA Convention & Expo Tucson is back on the schedule for March 23 through 26, 2022

Perry is scheduled for March 10 through 13, 2021. Registration will open this Fall.

Gillette is scheduled for July 7 through 10, 2021. Registration will open in early 2021

Submitted by:

Harry Hentschel, MI National Director

WORDS FROM MAXINE

*Another Saturday night in the house and
I just realized, even the trash goes out more often than me!*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF JUNE 23, 2020

I would like to begin by thanking all of those that stepped up to accept a position in the leadership of Monaco International. Without the members accepting leadership positions the club would no doubt go by the wayside. Following is a list of our current elected and appointed officers indicating the three positions we are still in need of candidates to fill.

The officers and candidates listed below have agreed to continue in their current positions until such time as they are unable to do so, or the election is held with new candidates. In the meantime, the MI Executive Board has the authority to approve any candidate presented by the Nominating Committee. The Executive Board votes on the candidate and with a majority affirmative votes the President can appoint that candidate to the position they have been recommended to hold.

CURRENT LIST OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

As of June 23, 2020

Monaco International Board

President - Mike Sanders

First VP – Duane Lindsey

Second VP – **George Schremp – Appointed – voting on next ballot**

Secretary – Carolyn Banks - **Looking for a new Candidate**

Treasurer – Dick Wolfe

VP of Membership – Lois Tucker – **Looking for a new Candidate**

National Director – Harry Hentschel

Alternate National Director - Norma Preston

Regional Directors:

Region 1	<u>Joe Bolkovatz</u>	
	Skip Thompson –	Appointed – On next ballot
Region 2	John Ham –	Appointed – On next ballot
		NEED SECOND CANDIDATE FOR REGION 2
Region 3	Thomas Butler	Appointed – On next ballot
	Richard A. Pasetto	F169404
Region 4	Bart Mix	F435063
	Gordon Owenby	F437629
Region 5	Don Henderson	F028418
	Nancy Nelson	F293431
Region 6	Bob Tucker	F387098
	Jim Goetzinger	Appointed - On next ballot

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An official notification of candidates will be sent to each member 30 days prior to the next election. As we are all aware due to Covid-19 and the disturbing times we are living in we do not have an election date set.

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

Laura Wyatt- 214-801-8353 or laurawyat@aol.com

FMCA Assist

Occasionally as Executive Board Members of Monaco International, we are asked by our members why should we be members of FMCA. There are several reasons to have a membership with FMCA, but for me, the FMCA Assist program, which is included with your membership, is reason enough!

I was attending the FMCA Greater Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) in Lewisburg, WV when I suddenly became incapacitated with what turned out to be a blood clot in the lungs. My wife, Nancy, drove me to the local hospital where I received emergency room treatment, but had to be transferred by ambulance to Roanoke, VA.

Nancy had contacted the Assist program claim department while we were at the Lewisburg hospital. When it was decided by the doctor in Roanoke that I should not be driving the coach, Assist sent a very polite and professional driver, who drove our coach to the storage location in Bradenton, FL. We didn't receive a bill for anything, not even the fuel!

Assist spoke to the doctors and Nancy to coordinate everything, and to gather the information they needed to handle the claim.

There is more to the story. As a result of meeting a lot of nice people at MI and FMCA rallies, we have made lasting friends with some, and without asking, our coach was driven from Lewisburg to an RV park in Roanoke, setup and ready for Nancy to live in while attending to me. That by the way is a 90-mile trip one way.

Dick Wolfe
MI Treasurer



Monaco International Destination Campfire Rally

July 16-20, 2020

Amana RV Park, Amana, Iowa

Fifteen members expressed interest in attending a laid back destination rally at the National Historic Landmark, Amana Colonies. Registration for the rally will end July 10th. The basic rally fee of \$175 includes 4 nights of full hookup 50 AMP camping and a Welcome Social (hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and coleslaw, BYOB).

Basically, there is a Plan A and Plan B and the plan that will be used will be determined by the number of people who actually register for the rally. The caterer's minimum is 40 people.

Plan A with catering:

If 20 coaches register, there will be three catered dinners. The catering fee is \$110 for two people or \$55 for one person. The fee will be collected upon arrival.

Plan B without catering:

If less than 20 coaches register, we will eat out at one of the fine restaurants in the Amana Colonies or have pot luck dinners. There will be no additional rally fees.

Of course there will be a social hour (BYOB) each day to help you wind down after spending the day shopping and sightseeing. We will relax around a campfire and roast marshmallows in the evenings.

AND, we will practice social distancing. Six foot distances, masks and hand sanitizing are encouraged so we all are safe. In addition we will follow FMCA Guidelines. Please review the attached release. All attendees will be required to sign the FMCA Release in order to attend the rally. Please print, sign the waiver for the Rally that you will find on the following page and bring it with you.

The early arrival day is July 15. The early arrival camping fee is \$36 and is payable by check upon arrival.

Amana RV Park
3850 C St.
Amana, IA 52203

For additional information, please contact Rally Master Duane Lindsey at duanelin@aol.com or 518-365-3611.

FMCA CHAPTER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

The FMCA Chapter listed below (“Chapter”) is scheduling a rally of Chapter members and guests on the date listed below (the “Rally”). The undersigned individual (“Attendee”) wishes to attend the Rally and participate in the planned activities. As a condition of being able to attend the Rally, the Attendee acknowledges the warnings below, agrees to comply with the requirements set forth below, and provides a release of liability as set forth below.

1. **Adherence to Social Distancing Practices.** As a condition of attending the Rally, the Attendee agrees to comply with applicable social distancing requirements that will be distributed to attendees of the Rally. Attendee further agrees to follow the instruction of Rally coordinators regarding interaction with others and safe distancing practices.
2. **Prohibitions on Attendance.** Attendee acknowledges and agrees that no person may enter or attend the Rally if that person has or has had in the past fourteen (14) days a cough, fever, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, flu-like symptoms, gastrointestinal upset, or experienced a loss of taste or smell. Attendee certifies that the Attendee does not have or have had in the past fourteen (14) days any of the above listed symptoms.
3. **Advisory.** All attendees to the Rally are advised that if they are age 65 or over or have any health risks such as asthma, heart problems, chronic lung or kidney disease, diabetes, compromised immune system, liver disease, or severe obesity, they are at a greater risk of serious illness or death if they contract COVID-19. Any individual with any of these ailments or conditions are advised not to attend the Rally.
4. **Assumption of Risk.** Regardless of adherence to health department requirements and recommendations as well as social distancing practices, there is a risk of COVID-19 exposure whenever an individual enters into a public space or building with other people. By attending the Rally, the Attendee acknowledges and agrees that the Attendee is assuming the risk of COVID-19 exposures.
5. **Release of Liability.** The Attendee hereby agrees to release and hold harmless Family Motor Coach Association, the Chapter, their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all illnesses, injuries, sickness, death, or other losses arising in any way from Attendee’s participation in the Rally, including, but not limited to, exposure to COVID-19.

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Chapter Name: Monaco International

Place of Rally: _____

Dates of Rally: _____

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS
THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee's Name(s): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE BRING THIS FILLED OUT FORM WITH YOU TO THE RALLY.

2020 MI BALLOON FIESTA RALLY POSTPONED!

The Albuquerque Balloon International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF) Board of Directors has reluctantly POSTPONED the 49th AIBF for a year in order to ensure the safety of the pilots, crews and spectators.

The good news is that since this is a postponement, the first since 1972, Monaco International (MI) is able to retain it's eighty spaces in the coveted VIP West RV Parking area and we have confirmed the same time slot as this year. In 2021, we will still go in mid-week, on Wednesday, October 6th and depart on Sunday, October 10th.



MI members registered for the event this year will have the option of rolling over their reservation to 2021 at no additional cost and be assured of a space or they may cancel their reservation and receive a refund.

A notice has already gone out to those registered. While we are sure that some will not be able to make a commitment for 2021, registration is open for members now. Non-members who have an MI sponsor also attending, may register after April 15, 2021.

Your Co-Hosts for the MI Balloon Fiesta Rally **Harry and Sandy Hentschel Roger and Carol Smalley**

UPCOMING RALLIES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Unfortunately almost all FMCA Conventions and Area Rallies for the rest of 2020 have been cancelled with one possible exception, the Rocky Mountain Ramble.

October 20 - 24, 2020

RMMA Ramble (Rocky Mountain Area Rally) - Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ.
(jerickson@fmca.com)

2021 Rallies and Conventions:

December 28, 2020 - January 2, 2021

SOI Rose Parade Rally - Pasadena, CA,
paul@soiclub.com

January 6—10, 2021

Monaco Romer's Pre Rally at Riverside Fairgrounds Indio, CA

January 13—17, 2021

Western Area Rally at Riverside Fairgrounds, Indio, CA

January 13—17, 2021

Monaco Travelers—Tampa RV SuperShow, Tampa Florida
ron@vikingmarina.com, 358-242-4480

March 3—7, 2021

Monaco International Pre-Rally - Tallahassee, FL Fairgrounds

March 10 - 13, 2021

FMCA Winter/Spring Convention & Expo - Perry, Georgia

June 30 — July 3, 2021

Monaco International Pre-Rally - Cam-Plex, Gillette, WY

July 7 - 10, 2021

FMCA Summer Convention & Expo - Gillette, WY

October 6 - 10, 2021

MI Balloon Fiesta Rally - Albuquerque, NM

*If you know of any rallies that you would like to see added to this list,
please send them to our Newsletter Editor, Maxine Schremp,
mschremp2002@yahoo.com*



ITCHING TO GET BACK ON THE ROAD

I believe we are all itching to get away from homes or our Winter havens and back on the open road. We're fortunate that we have self-contained RVs which are a great way to keep safe as you travel since you sleep in your own bed, eat in your own kitchen, have your own pub and wash in your own bathroom. As you make plans for moving down the road to your next adventure and destination please keep in mind the following:

- Make sure you have reservations at your destination and while in route. You are not alone in wanting to get out. And some States, Counties and Cities are limiting occupancy at RV Parks and Campgrounds. Some Federal and State Parks are still closed. And fewer Wally Worlds allow overnight parking now than in the past. Plan Ahead!
- As we traveled north from our winter home in AZ, we found all the campgrounds we stayed at would only take credit cards over the phone to preclude personal contact. New Mexico still has a limit of no more than 25% occupancy at RV parks and State Parks are only open for day use. This is probably true of other States as well, so plan ahead.
As so many try to keep their distance and avoid crowds during the coronavirus pandemic, according to one industry source, RV rental bookings have increased 650% over last year. So more folks looking for fewer available camping spaces.
- Remember the lines you experienced at grocery stores a few months ago? Be prepared in case there is another staple scare. Stock up on supplies before you depart. Will also reduce needing to go to stores in unknown communities. Fortunately, most of us have big rigs and weight is not normally an issue.
- Plan outdoor activities as you travel. Social distancing is much easier on a hiking trail than it is on the sidewalk of a city street - even if it is a small city. Many National Parks, attractions and museums now require limited access and reservations. Look for lesser known venues. Plan accordingly to keep from being disappointed.
- Check with your campground to find out what they are doing to protect their workers and guests. Most campgrounds are focused on increasing safety, enhancing cleaning procedures and limiting access to common areas. Most are also working hard to stay safer and will probably readily share this information with you. Just ask for peace of mind.
- Continue to wash your hands frequently! Just about the only consensus the experts have agreed on reflects that washing with soap is the best cleaning method and RVers have their own sink with them where ever they go. That is convenience! • Remember to be considerate of others. Whether you are driving down the highway, or setting up in a campground, remember to be courteous to those around you and show grace to those who might have an issue that inadvertently holds you up. It might be you next time. Stuff Happens!

Submitted by:

Harry Hentschel,
MI National Director

Everybody needs beauty...

“Everybody needs beauty...places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul alike.” — John Muir

May your coach take you to such places that John Muir references.

SAFE TRAVELS!

Submitted by Harry Hentschel, MI National Director

Recipe for You & Yours

by Carolyn Banks

CAJUN MEAT LOAF

Ingredients: (2 to 4 servings)

2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter

1/2 large onion, chopped

1/2 cup chopped green or red bell pepper

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 to 3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (to taste)

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1 pound lean ground beef

1 egg, beaten to blend

1/2 cup fine dry breadcrumbs

1/2 cup catsup, divided

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 375 deg F.

Melt butter in heavy medium skillet over medium-low heat.

Add next 7 ingredients (onion through cumin) and cook until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine meat, egg, breadcrumbs, 1/4 cup catsup, and Worcestershire sauce in medium bowl.

Blend in sautéed vegetables. Form mixture into loaf 1-3/4 inches high and 5 inches wide in baking dish (see note).

Bake 20 minutes.

Spread top with remaining 1/4 cup catsup and bake for 40 more minutes.

Note: Placing a metal mesh rack under the loaf in the baking dish will keep the meat out of the fat that cooks out of the meat loaf. If you don't have a rack, then remove the cooked meat loaf from the baking dish after it's out of the oven so the fat doesn't reabsorb. You can also just use paper towels to dip into the fat and soak most of it up from the baking dish. Or just let it reabsorb and enjoy the added richness.