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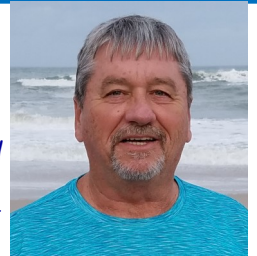
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President's Message



Greetings to all. I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving.

2020 has brought a lot of turmoil and uncertainty in each of our lives. Due to COVID-19, many of our travels have been and may continue to be limited, however, I hope all of you are experiencing good health and find enjoyment wherever your travels may take you. As the close of 2020 nears, we all look forward to a better 2021.

Your Executive Board and Rally Oversight Committee have been hard at work planning rallies for 2021 even with the uncertainties with COVID-19. As you make plans for 2021, I hope you will include the MI rallies in your travels. Arrival for the "Come and See" Tallahassee Pre-rally is March 3rd with departure March 7th, 2021. Registration for the Tallahassee pre-rally will open soon. Please visit our web site <http://MIRVClub.com> for more information.

April 17-19 is a two day destination campfire rally in Lebanon TN. This rally will take place immediately preceding the INTO Rally which is April 19-23, 2021. Both the MI and INTO rallies will take place at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center. The pre-rally in Gillette, WY is June 30-July 3, 2021. It is immediately preceding the FMCA Convention. If you attend both rallies and pay for the 50 amp service with FMCA, you will be allowed to remain on your site for both events.

As of today, per FMCA, all attendees who attend any FMCA event or chapter rally will be required to sign a COVID waiver. I believe FMCA developed a waiver we all can feel comfortable signing. In addition, attendees at MI rallies will be asked to wear masks and to practice social distancing. At the Amana rally this past July, we proved we could do this and still have a wonderful time. In my humble opinion, using hand sanitizer, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing is not too much to ask when these simple actions will allow us the opportunity to be with our traveling friends.

I am so thankful for all of our members who have attended and volunteered at our MI rallies. I want to extend the opportunity to future volunteers. There are many opportunities to volunteer such as giving presentations, marketing, rally masters, officers and much more.

This time of year brings joy with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. For some of you, the timing may not be great to even consider planning to attend social gatherings and rallies, but as Americans, we will get through the uncertainties just as we have in the past. There is light at the end of the tunnel and the Club is preparing to move forward. We will continue planning for future successful rallies. Even with restrictions in place, the MI rallies are sure to provide a good time for attendees.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy Blessed New Year.

Mike Sanders

President, jmsblueknight@gmail.com



COME & SEE



TALLAHASSEE

The Come & See Tallahassee Rally is a pre-rally to the FMCA Convention in Perry, GA. Rally details are described below in the rally announcement. Arrival for this rally is March 3rd and departure is March 7th. We are in need of ***rally volunteers to help with sheriffs, crafts and seminars.*** Please email Sharron at ser211@bellsouth.net or call Gordon at 904-.424-7485 if you are interested.



COME & SEE



TALLAHASSEE



Monaco International Pre-Rally

North Florida Fairgrounds

Tallahassee, Florida

March 3-6, 2021

Rally Fee Includes:

4 nights of 50amp electric & water

3 catered breakfasts

3 catered dinners

2 nights of entertainment

Welcome Social

Evening social hours

Ice Cream social

Seminars

Card Bingo

**Masks will be required.*

***Aqua Hot service available for additional cost.*

Visit Monaco International Club website to register.

Registration deadline is February 1, 2021.

Rally Masters:

Gordon Owenby (904-424-7485)

Sharron Riley (ser211@bellsouth.net)

\$475/Member Couple

\$395 Member Single

\$575/Guest Couple

TALLAHASSEE



FMCA Update

International Conventions

There is not a lot to update from the past MI Newsletter. As of this printing, the Winter/Spring FMCA Convention is still planned in Perry Georgia March 10-13, 2021. However, while not so stated, expect some activities to be scaled back or eliminated as they have been for the Tampa Super Show to be held just a few weeks prior. While not an FMCA event, all eyes will also be on the Quartzite RV Show in mid-January to see how vendors cope with new guidelines. Plans are also still underway for the Summer International Convention in Gillette, WY July 7-10. Registration is scheduled to open in early 2021.

INTO Area Rally

The International Area (INTO) is finalizing plans for an Area Rally in Lebanon, TN, April 17-21. Monaco International is planning to hold a Pre-Rally at the same facility immediately prior to the INTO Area Rally. There is LOTS to see and do in the area which is just east of Nashville and a short distance from the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Also, the Kentucky Derby is the end of April in Louisville, less than three hours away. Hopefully, a COVID vaccine will be readily available by March and, while not everything will be back to “normal”, it will be much better.

FMCAssist

You should have received new FMCAssist cards via e-mail from FMCA. In October, the provider for the program was changed to Chubb and remains basically the same with some minor enhancements.

To get more information on the new FMCAssist program, open the FMCA.com website, go to the membership tab, scroll down to the sub tab “benefits”, select the FMCAssist box with the helicopter, click that and go to the middle of the page where the FAQs are located. Click the “click here” button. When the FAQ page is opened, there is a section explaining completely what all of us need to have with us when we travel....what we need as veterans, what we need if there is a death, etc., etc. All of these documents are downloadable and printable. You may also print a new FMCAssist card from this site.

*Contributed by our National Director **Harry Hentschel** <hands1968@me.com>*

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FMCA Update

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COVID Waiver

FMCA released a month or so ago a COVID Liability Release Waiver which is required for attendees READ AND SIGN to attend the International Conventions as well as all FMCA affiliated chapter rallies. There was a lot of pushback as in its initial wording it was in essence a general liability waiver. FMCA listened and the Risk Review Committee went back to the drawing board and with counsel from the attorneys, developed a COVID specific waiver. The vast majority who have reviewed agree that it is much more appropriate and palatable. The new document is a **COVID WAIVER ONLY**. It is self-explanatory. A chapter can use it for individual events that they may have; or, they can have their members sign one document for all 2020- and 2021-chapter events.



WE WANT YOU!!!!
WE NEED YOU!!!
PLEASE STEP UP!!!



The Nominating Committee is still in need of volunteers...

....at this time the priority is for a **Secretary** and **VP of Membership**.

These are two vital positions on the MI Leadership Team. Soyou think you may not be qualified???

Don't let that stop you, our current officers and others that have held these positions are more than willing to step up and train you. We have excellent trainers and you will be totally confident in the position once you have spent a little time with our current and former officers holding those two positions.

Our Election will be held at the General Membership meeting in Gillette, Wy in August, 2021. If you are interested you have plenty of time to work with our current officers and make that important decision to **STEP UP AND SERVE ON THE MI BOARD**.

Please contact: Nancy Wolfe, e-mail address - Dicknancywolfe@aol.com or you may phone me personally to discuss this opportunity, my Cell # is 941-704-4455.

Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year!

Nancy Wolfe, Nominating Committee Chair

Recipe for You & Yours

by Carolyn Banks

Comfort Food Anyone?

Everyone agrees that 2020 is a year we will all be glad to put behind us. But, since there are still days left in the year, this newsletter brings you recipes that are warm and comforting.

The Cowboy Bean Soup (from my sister, Barbara) can be doubled or halved, and it freezes very well. So if you do get to travel and need a no-fuss meal on arrival at camp, pull a bag out of the freezer and reheat it. The Creamy Pesto and Chicken Bowties recipe was on a Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup can and couldn't be simpler to put together (well, maybe not as simple as the Cowboy Bean Soup).

COWBOY BEAN SOUP

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground chuck, browned and drained	1 can (15 oz) pinto beans
1 can (15 oz) pinto beans with peppers	
2 cans vegetable beef soup (preferably alphabet)	
1 can whole-kernel corn (drained)	2 cans (10 oz ea) Rotel tomatoes
2 cans (10 oz ea) green chile enchilada sauce	Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning	1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon minced garlic	

Instructions:

1. Add the cooked ground chuck and all the can contents to a crockpot.
2. Add seasonings and stir to combine.
3. Heat on high for 1 to 2 hours.
4. Enjoy!

CREAMY PESTO AND CHICKEN BOWTIES

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter
3 cups cooked bowtie pasta (or your favorite noodles), drained
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
1 can (10.75 oz) Campbell's Cream of Chicken soup
1/2 cup (4 oz) Classico Pesto Sauce
1/2 cup milk

Instructions:

1. Heat butter in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until well-browned, stirring often.
2. Stir soup, pesto sauce, and milk into skillet. Heat to a boil.
3. Reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes until chicken is cooked through.
4. Stir in cooked pasta and cook until mixture is hot and bubbly.
6. Top with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Yum Carolyn, Thanks

ATTENTION MI LADIES! IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT "TALLAHASSEE"

We all need something positive to look forward to in these uncertain times, I hope you will consider the following:

Lunch with Old and New Friends! (Socially distanced, of course!)
Great Food! (Catered, no cooking for us, of course!)
Laughter! (Because we are together, of course!)

We are planning a "Ladies Luncheon" with all of the above for the "Come and See Tallahassee" Rally, March 3-6, 2021!

When you register for the Rally, remember to sign up for the Ladies Luncheon.....It's a BARGAIN and we Ladies Love Bargains!

Sooooo, looking forward to seeing all of you!!! If you have any questions regarding the Ladies Luncheon, please feel free to contact me:

dicknancywolfe@aol.com or Cell # 941-704-4455



Hugs,

Nancy Wolfe, Ladies Luncheon Hostess



April 17—19th, 2021

The Tennessee is Calling Rally in Lebanon, TN will take place April 17-19, 2021 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center. This rally is a destination campfire rally and will be immediately preceding the INTO Rally which is April 19-23, 2021.

The MI rally will include a bus trip to Nashville for a day of sightseeing, two catered breakfasts, two catered dinners and two nights of camping. Most sites are 30amp but there are a limited number of 50amp sites which will be available to those who plan to attend the INTO rally and paying for 50amp sites. If you attend the INTO Rally you will remain parked in the same site for both rallies. Registration for the MI rally will begin soon. Registration for the INTO rally is in progress. Rally fees must be paid for each rally individually if you plan to attend both rallies.



*Tennessee
is Calling*

Monaco International Club Pre-Rally

(This is pre-rally to the INTO rally.)

James E. Ward Agricultural Center

945 Baddour Parkway

Lebanon, TN

April 17 - 19, 2021

Rally fee includes:

2 nights 30amp camping with water

**(Limited # of 50amp sites for the first 13 campers
registered who are staying for the INTO rally.)**

2 catered dinners

2 catered breakfasts

Guided bus tour of Nashville

**(Rally limited to 26 coaches at this time due to bus tour.
Wait list available & additional bus added if enough interest.)**

Hermitage Tour for Additional Fee

**Masks will be required.*

***Signed FMCA COVID19 waiver required at this time.*

Visit Monaco International Club website to register.

Registration deadline is March 20, 2021.

\$275 /Member Couple

\$192 /Member Single

ON THE ROAD INTO LEBANON

2021 INTO AREA RALLY

Farm Bureau Expo Center/J.E. Ward Agricultural Center

945 Baddour Parkway • Lebanon, Tennessee

Monday, April 19 (arrival) to Friday, April 23 (departure)

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

4 Nights Camping • Hot Dog Bash • Dance Party • Ice Cream Social
Vendors • 2 Days Coffee & Doughnuts • Seminars • FMCA Benefits Update
Chapter Fair • 2 Nights Entertainment • Catered Breakfast • \$ Ladies' Tea
Pet Parade • Chapter Evening • Card Bingo • INTO Membership Meeting
BBQ Contest • Picnic • Plus More



APRIL 19, 2021

APRIL 23, 2021



LAST NAME	PILOT FIRST NAME	CO-PILOT FIRST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
EMAIL	PHONE (CELL PREFERRED)	F #	

GUEST NAME(S):

VOLUNTEER TO HELP: ☐ Yes ☐ No

PARKING: ☐ General ☐ Disabled (plate or placard required)

	COST	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Coach 2 Adults 50-Amp (Limited Availability)	\$ 300.00		\$
Coach 2 Adults 30-Amp	\$ 280.00		\$
Additional Guest Each	\$ 30.00		\$
Additional Guest 15 & Under	FREE		FREE
Coach with 1 Adult	-\$ 30.00		-\$
Arrival on April 18, 50-Amp (Limited Availability)	\$ 30.00		\$
Arrival on April 18, 30-Amp	\$ 25.00		\$
Ladies' Tea	\$ 15.00		\$
TOTAL			

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO INTO TO: FMCA INTO, 401 E 8th St., Suite 214 #2138, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. For information contact Bob Weithofer bob2w@hotmail.com or (615) 218-7530.

CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS: Registration cancellation requests must be received no later than March 25, 2021. Refund requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt and are subject to a non-refundable \$25.00 handling fee.

IF THIS RALLY IS CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19, A FULL REFUND WILL BE ISSUED.
ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A COVID-19 WAIVER.

**FMCA EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19
(All Events for 2020-2021 or Single Event)**

Area or Chapter Name: _____

Check As Applicable: **Single Event** _____ **All 2020-2021 Events** _____

If Single Event: Place of Event: _____ **Date(s) of Event:** _____

The FMCA Area or Chapter listed above (the "Sponsor") is scheduling an event or events. As a condition to attending an event, each attendee hereby acknowledges, certifies, and agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned attendee agrees to comply with mask, social distancing and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Sponsor, and/or venue mandates. Failure to do so may result in the attendee being asked to leave an event and may result in the forfeiture of any registration fee.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, and recommendations, there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or is in a crowd of individuals. By attending an event, the undersigned attendee is assuming the risk of Covid-19 exposure.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned attendee accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur as a result of attendance at an event.
4. The undersigned attendee hereby releases and holds harmless Family Motor Coach Association, the Sponsor, and its respective officers, directors, and staff from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at an event.
5. The undersigned attendee acknowledges that FMCA Assist does not cover Covid-19.

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

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2021 BALLOON FIESTA



The eighty members who had signed up for this year's (2020) 49th Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta know that the event was POSTPONED until 2021. The vast majority elected to rollover their registration to attend next year. However, a few already had plans for 2021 which conflicted so they have cancelled. This resulted in the MI Rally again having a few open spaces available for 2021.

We expect these to fill rather quickly so if you are interested, we suggest you do not procrastinate and register soon. While October 6-9th, 2021 is over a year out and a lot can change that could impact your travel plans and our Club recognizes this, so you will have until July 2021 to cancel your registration and receive a full refund. Some have commented that the 2020 event was cancelled. It may seem as semantics, but as a point of clarification, it was POSTPONED in that the 49th Fiesta will still be held, but in 2021.

The key point is that our reservations were rolled over AT THE SAME PRICE. If the event was cancelled, we would have had to reapply for our eighty spaces with no guarantee of being successful and probably at a higher fee!



To register, go to the MI Website and click on Upcoming Rallies. Look for the Balloon Fiesta Rally for more information and a link to register online or to print off a written application. If you would like to bring a fellow RVer who is not a member of MI, they can apply after April 15th, 2021.

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

REMINDER

Treasurer Report

Tis the season to be jolly and the season for paying Club dues for the Monaco International. As you know, the dues can be paid online at the MI website or sent to me at the address listed on the invoice.

We have had a couple of members indicate they would not renew because the FMCA dues are too high, and of course, to be a member of MI you must be a member of FMCA. I can tell you for sure, the Assist Program, which is included in your FMCA dues is worth the dues alone.

I have had to use the Assist program and my coach was delivered to my Florida address from Virginia at no cost to me!! Once we called Assist and gave the details to them, they took over and our problem went away.

We appreciate all of you and hope you will attend at least one if not all of the four rallies planned for this year.

Merry Christmas
Dick Wolfe

MONACO INTERNATIONAL 2021 BALLOON FIESTA RALLY

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

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wednesday, October 6 – Saturday, October 9, 2021

Departure on Sunday October 10, 2021 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 received by e-mail (prior to July 15th) or 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: hsh1968@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 with appetizers provided each afternoon before the evening Fiesta activities.

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		

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.

UPCOMING RALLIES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

All FMCA Conventions and Area Rallies for the rest of 2020 have been cancelled

On the Cancellation List

Rocky Mountain Ramble

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

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

Western Area Rally at Riverside Fairgrounds, Indio, CA

Still Scheduled

2021 Rallies and Conventions:

January 12-17, 2021

Monaco Travelers—Tampa RV SuperShow, Tampa Florida
rallymaster@monacotravelers.com, 352- 242-4480

January 13-17, 2021

Tampa RV SuperShow, Tampa Florida

March 3—7, 2021

Monaco International Pre-Rally - Tallahassee, FL Fairgrounds

March 10 - 13, 2021

FMCA Winter/Spring Convention & Expo - Perry, Georgia (stay tuned)

April 17-19, 2021

Monaco International Destination Rally, Pre Rally, Lebanon, TN

April 19-22, 2021

INTO Area Rally, Lebanon, TN

April 29-May 6, 2021

419 Maintenance Session, Goshen, IN (Non FMCA Event)

June July, 2021 (Exact dates TBD)

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

July 7 - 10, 2021

FMCA Summer Convention & Expo - Cam-Plex, Gillette, WY

September 29 - October 2, 2021

Eastern Area Rally, Lewisburg, VA

October 6 - 9, 2021

South Central Area Rally, Hutchinson, KS

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*

