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# MONACO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



Web: <http://monacointernationalrvclub.com>

## Note From the Prez



A belated “Happy Halloween” to everyone, and best wishes for an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas season. It’s been a little longer than usual since our last newsletter, but the Editor and I wanted to wait until we had our schedule in place for our June 2013 rally in Gillette, Wyoming. It took a while (more on this later) but happily, we have now reached that stage. I’ll be giving you an update on Gillette at the end of this article.

Before we get to that, though, let me give you a run-down of what’s been happening since our June newsletter came out. First on the list, of course, was Jack and Terri Brewster’s outstanding “Heartland of America” pre-rally, held in Springfield, Ohio in August. I won’t go into a lot of detail here - Jack has put together a good article on the rally, and you can read it later in this issue – but suffice it to say that I can’t conceive of our membership having a much better time at a pre-rally. The event itself was great, the facility was super, we had a good turnout, and the weather even cooperated. Jack and Terri deserve a vote of thanks for this event, as do outgoing President and First Lady Jerry and Marilyn Jenkins.

At the end of the pre-rally, as usual, we held our MI business meeting and annual elections. There were several items of old and new business to be discussed and decided upon, but most were of a “housekeeping” nature and I won’t bother to repeat them here. For those of you who are interested in the details, the official minutes of the meeting are available to all members on our website, under “Documents” in the “Members Only” section. At the end of the meeting, a new slate of Officers was elected consisting of myself, Wilt Greenwood, as President, David Piper as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dennis “Mitch” Mitchell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Dave Brown as Treasurer. Incumbents re-elected were De Pitts as Secretary, Nancy Wolfe as National Director, and Maxine Schremp as Alternate National Director.

I’m sure that many of you have noticed that the name of Linda Schreiber, last year’s Treasurer, continues to show up as Treasurer in the masthead of this publication and on other MI documents. The reason for this is that Dave Brown, after having a chance to meet with Linda for a period of time, decided that he had significantly underestimated the level of commitment that would be necessary to do the job as it is presently constituted. He, therefore, very reluctantly, gave me

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his resignation. So as not to leave the club without a Treasurer, I asked Linda if she would continue to serve in the position until we could elect a new Treasurer and develop a comprehensive turnover plan, and she agreed.

I want to make it perfectly clear that no blame attaches to Dave for his decision – rather, it took a good deal of integrity to not blindly charge into the job once he really understood the requirements. Also, I want to thank Linda for taking it on again on short notice after she had assumed that she would not have to. That being said, we are taking steps to make sure that we do not find ourselves in this same position again next year. Linda is carving out a block of time after Gillette for an orderly and complete turnover, and the candidate(s) will all be informed that they, if elected, will need to make the same period of time available. Our new Nominating Committee, headed by Dick Wolfe, has begun a new search for a Treasurer, and I believe that he already has received some applications. If any of you are interested in this job or in any other office that needs to be filled next year, get in touch with Dick or a member of his Committee. Dick has a short article later in this newsletter spelling out what positions need to be filled.

OK, back to the fun stuff! The next major event for Monaco International after Springfield was David and Kay Piper's 2012 Balloon Fiesta rally held in Albuquerque from October 10 through 14. Barbara and I didn't get to go this year – we had a previous commitment at the FMCA GEAR rally in Pennsylvania – but everyone we've talked to that did go have said that it was an uninterrupted hoot! Attendance was higher than has been seen for many a year – so high that the Pipers had to go back to the Balloon Fiesta management for more spaces at least twice – and most want to come back. David and Kay may need to take over the whole Fiesta grounds if this keeps up. See David's 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Fiesta Rallymaster report later in this issue.

And finally, an update on the Gillette "Westward Ho" pre-rally. As you should all know by now, we're trying something new this year – holding our pre-rally at the same facility that FMCA will be using for their International Convention (this year called the 88<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase). We've worked out a deal with FMCA so that we can stay in the same sites for their Convention that we've been on for our pre-rally (subject to certain restrictions), but there have been a few teething pains. Our Rallymasters, Steve and Judy Czarsty, have been to Cincinnati in person to meet with FMCA officials, and Barbara and I have done the same. We also attended the Rocky Mountain Ramble at Gillette so we could meet with the management of the venue we will be using, the Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facility. We have to have a business relationship with both Cam-Plex and FMCA because FMCA had originally contracted for exclusive rights to use some of the buildings and campgrounds that we will be needing. It's all very complicated and convoluted, and it's resulted in a number of changes in our approach – not least of which being the change of dates to two days earlier than originally published. Despite all the difficulties, though, it's coming together - and we believe that the benefits to our members of being able to attend two major events without moving will far outweigh the extra work and planning we're having to do.

I'm not going to use up a lot of space telling you about how great Gillette is going to be – I talked about the benefits extensively in the last issue, and the Registration Form a few pages over (and on our website) gives the details. Also, the Czarsty's are working on a day-by-day description, which will appear in the next issue. I would, however, like to clear up some misconceptions that have come to my attention.

First, on the dates of the event. The final dates are from June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>, with our normal early parking day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup> will be considered free early parking days at FMCA, and FMCA's Convention will officially kick off on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a pre-FMCA social in the campground on the 16<sup>th</sup> for all MI attendees who stay over for FMCA – all others will have to be off the grounds by 10:00 AM.

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Second, on the number of sites. We have a specific campground assigned to us for our exclusive use during the pre-rally. This campground contains 250 full hookup sites, 100 with 50 amp electric and 150 with 30 amp electric. We have also been assigned a limited number (approximately 25) of dry camping sites immediately adjacent to the campground. The 50 amp sites are already sold out although, of course there may be some cancellations.

At this point, we do not expect to be able to get any additional campground sites because of potential conflicts with FMCA. This means that we will probably have to restrict our registrants who want hookups to 250. We will issue an update if this situation changes in any way.

Now, as to staying on for FMCA. If you have a 50 amp MI site and have paid for a 50 amp FMCA site, you may stay in your site throughout both events with no additional charge other than both entry fees. The same is true if you have a 30 amp site for both events. If, however, you have a 30 amp MI site and wish to change to a 50 amp FMCA site (or vice versa), you will have to unhook and go to the holding area where FMCA will assign you to their choice of an appropriate site. There is no guarantee that you will be assigned back to our area. We have been trying to work out some way around this with FMCA but with no success so far.

In my opinion, the best way around this is to simply sign up for a 30 at FMCA if you have a 30 at MI. This is what Barbara and I have done and so have the Czarsty's. The June temperatures in Gillette do not normally require you to run two or more ACs. However, if you are especially sensitive to temperature or your coach must have 50 amp to survive, you can get it at FMCA – they have plenty of 50 amp sites in other lots. Just be aware that you will probably have to change lots.

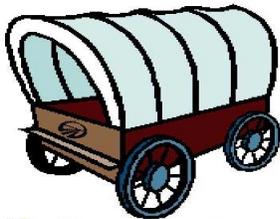
With those few caveats out of the way, I'd like to break my promise not to talk about how great it's going to be, and tell you that, in fact, it is. We think that our rally is going to be super, FMCA is going all out for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Barbara and I found the area around northeastern Wyoming and southwestern South Dakota to be worth spending a lot of time exploring. See you in Gillette!

*Wilt Greenwood, President*

## Are You Ready?

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the rally

**Westward Ho Rally  
June 11–15th, 2013**



**Cam-Plex  
Gillette, Wyoming  
See you there!**

## Monaco International Website

[Monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://Monacointernationalrvclub.com)

We continue to see additional members use the web site sign up for membership, rallies, or to obtain information regarding the club. However, the emails and calls we get from some members indicate we still haven't clearly conveyed the message that you have the ability to manage changes to your personal profile directly.

You can change your address, phone numbers or other information within the club's database yourself. It's as easy as logging on the site and clicking on the "View Profile" which is at the top left portion of the screen just under your name. Once in the profile screen, click on the edit profile to edit your information, enter a picture of yourself or simply fill in missing data.

Thanks for all your support!



## A Message from Monaco RV



Dear Monaco International Club Members:

I am writing to you from the Good Sam Rally in Daytona Beach, Florida. We have a beautiful display with 34 coaches and are enjoying the warm sunshine with our friends from Alliance Coach and Paul Evert's RV. There are over 3,300 coaches in attendance, and we're doing our best to turn them all in to Monaco owners and members of the club. Today is only the first day, and I can report that the display is busy, the product looks good, and we've already logged two coaches.

The last time I sat down to write an article for the newsletter was just before our rally in Springfield, OH. That pre-rally was one of the better rallies I've been to in recent years, and I want to thank everyone involved in making it such a success. We had fun, drank beer, enjoyed the company of good friends and sold 5 new Monacos that week. All in all, a great time!

I know our parent company has been making headlines lately, but I want to assure you that Navistar is a solid company and that they're investing a lot of resources and capital into launching the new products we are debuting later this month in Louisville, KY at the annual dealer show. In addition to some awesome new floorplans in the Knight and Diplomat, we will introduce a new entry level gas line to attract buyers in that growing segment and bring an influx of new members to the club. We will also be rolling out the long-awaited high line diesel for our owners looking for something beyond the Diplomat.

I can't wait to see you all and show you our new products at the next rally in Gillette, WY.

Until then, safe travels, happy holidays, and drive safely.

**Mike Snell**

Sr Vice President

Sales, Marketing and Customer Service

# HELP WANTED!

The Nominating Committee is seeking qualified and willing members to serve the club as an Officer or Regional Director.

All candidates will be presented and the election held in Gillette, WY during the June, 2013 Monaco International General Membership meeting.

You may be a candidate for any position; however, we have vacancies in the following positions:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Treasurer

Regional Directors:

Region 5

Region 6

If you are interested in serving in any position with Monaco International, please contact me at [wolfenas@aol.com](mailto:wolfenas@aol.com)  
Thank you,

**Dick Wolfe**, Chairman of Nominating Committee

## Michelin National Account Update



Good News! Michelin has announced a \$15 per tire discount on all LTX tires purchased through December 15, 2012. The discount is in addition to our National Account pricing, and you do not have to do anything special to receive the discount other than purchase the tires using our National Account prior to the deadline.

Our members are taking advantage of the National Account with Michelin. A total of 100 members have purchased 485 tires at a significant savings. As is normal for our club, the vast majority of these tires are the 295/80R22.5 tire.

Overall, the program appears to be working well. One issue that has arisen a few times is the dealer making the assumption that you are using the FMCA Advantage Account. Be sure to tell them that you are using the **Monaco International National Account** and give them the “ship to number” included on your membership card. Before leaving the dealership, verify that the correct ship to number is on your Delivery Receipt (DR) and, if not, have them reverse the transaction immediately.

If there are any questions regarding the program, please email

[Michelin@monacointernationalrvclub.com](mailto:Michelin@monacointernationalrvclub.com)

**Jerry Jenkins**, Michelin Program Coordinator

# National Directors Report

The Governing Board meeting was held Monday, August 27, in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 87<sup>th</sup> FMCA convention also known as the Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase.

A quorum was established. Out of 473 possible Governing Board voting members, 303 were represented for a total of 64%. A quorum requires 51%.

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee presented the following:

Proposal # 1: To allow for electronic meetings, was presented as a motion, seconded and passed. This change was made in accordance with the latest change in Roberts Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition which authorizes Electronic meetings if certain rules are met. Executive Board, committees, and chapters may conduct electronic meetings.

Proposal # 2: To allow a chapter member to hold an office in two chapters. However, he/she may not hold the office of National Director or Alternate National Director in more than one chapter. The motion was seconded as presented and passed.

Proposal # 3: To amend Article III regarding membership to allow owners of a fifth wheel or camping trailer be granted a Family Associate membership in FMCA. After much discussion, the proposal failed.

The convention committee report confirmed the following:

FMCA's 88<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase will be held in Gillette, WY, June 19 – 22, 2013.

FMCA's 89<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase will be held in Perry, GA, March 17 – 20, 2014.

There were 14 Policy & Procedure Amendments presented covering a wide variety of issues from stipends to simple housekeeping to bring the P & P's in line with the Bylaw changes.

Highlights of the meeting:

Andy Balogh reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and is soliciting input and ideas from Governing Board members and chapter members.

A motion was made on behalf of the Evac Benefit Special Committee as approved by the Executive Board. Ross Boyer explained the various options and that the Governing Board approve the selection of the medical evacuation plan for our membership as a member-purchased benefit as opposed to it being free to all members. After considerable discussion, the motion was approved.

A life membership was conferred on Judy & Steve Czarsty with the special title of Past National Acting President being bestowed on Judy. It was also approved that Judy's picture appear on the wall in FMCA's Cincinnati headquarters with the other Past Presidents.

The Governing Board voted to approve the selection of Jerry Yeatts as Executive Director of FMCA.

After lengthy discussion and revision of several line items, the 2013 Proposed Budget, totaling \$6,776,741, the Governing Board passed the budget as revised.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me by e-mail [dicknancywolfe@aol.com](mailto:dicknancywolfe@aol.com) or by phone 941-704-4455. It is difficult to condense a 6-1/2 hour meeting into a short report, and I would be happy to clarify anything that anyone does not find clear.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Nancy Wolfe**, National Director

# Heartland of America

The Heartland of America rally returned to Springfield, Ohio in August, and it was a rousing success! Two hundred and thirty one member coaches were in attendance along with eight non-member coaches, making a grand total of two hundred and thirty nine. Interestingly, fifty one of those attending were first timers. The attendees came from forty of the fifty states including one from Hawaii—think on that! Since we also had Canadians attending, this was a very diverse crowd!



Traditionally, each rally chooses a local charity to support, and this year because of our patriotic theme, we chose to support the “Wounded Warrior Regiment.” Our members not only heard the call for donations they exceeded the goal set by the club! A combination of website donations and donations at the rally netted more than \$11,000. Monaco International Club matched up to the challenge amount of \$10,000 for a total contribution to this worthwhile cause of over \$21,000! Master Gunny Sargent Terrell Jones flew in from Quantico to accept the funds. In his talk with the group, he revealed how the funds go directly to deserving veterans, and he expressed their gratitude for the generous gift.

Alliance Coach, Paul Evert’s RV Country, McMahon RV, and Lazy Days comprised the dealers that were in attendance, and they were most generous in their sponsorships. The preview party and social hours all benefited from their financial contributions. Hearthside RV Resort, North Texas RV, and Creative Coach also participated in sponsoring events for our members. As you know, their participation and financial contributions certainly help to reduce the cost to our members for the rallies. So if you happen to be at one of these businesses, be sure to give them a big “thank you.”

Navistar RV attended in full force with technicians and sales managers. The members were pleased that Navistar also brought their parts truck. Additionally, members were able to have tires installed on site by a local Michelin dealer, and two Aqua Hot service techs were available to perform service. Having these services and others for our attendees makes coming to the rally a productive vacation!

As always, the meals were great as was the entertainment. The meals were provided by a local caterer and were some of the best we have enjoyed. Each afternoon, Tommy Johnson played keyboard in the coach display area. Evenings started with happy hour, salad bar, dinner, and entertainment. The evening entertainment featured Tommy Johnson on keyboards, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, and Hickory Wind. Based on the number of people who stayed for the night entertainment, the acts were a success.

Of course, no rally can function without the Committee Chairs and the many volunteers who willingly donated their time and skills. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to ensure that the Heartland of America rally was successful.

*Jack and Terri Brewster  
Rallymasters*



YOUR LUXURY MOTORCOACH RESORT

Dear Monaco International Members:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide you with our "Ice Cream Social" last month in Springfield, Ohio. The ice cream was a great choice during that hot day in August and went over great with everyone. You are a friendly and inviting group of motorhome enthusiast's and we hope you keep us in mind for future rally's. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves during all the events and activities.

If you did not receive your **Buy One Night, Get One Night Free Coupon**, please accept this letter in its place to come and join us in Northern Michigan. The fall temperatures are perfect, the colors are starting to change on the trees, and we are excited for you to enjoy all that the area has to offer.

We hope to visit with you during your stay at Hearthside if you choose to come this fall.

Look forward to hearing from you soon,

Until then...

Warm Regards,

\*Coupon is unlimited through December 31, 2012 – Not valid with any other offer. Subject to availability – Valid only on developer lots.



## 2013 Pre-Rally Westward Ho!

Rustle up your pioneerin' spirit, Monaco International folks (and all you Some Other Brand sidekicks too)! MI Rallymasters Steve and Judy Czarsty want you to get all those horses pullin' your wagon to Gillette, Wyoming in June. Our 2013 Pre-Rally, Westward Ho, will be goin' on at their fancy Cam-Plex facility—and FMCA will be holdin' their 50th anniversary party on the same rodeo grounds right after us. We're hopin' to tempt you all to head out for the old West and experience both.

Start by arrivin' on early parking day for MI's Westward Ho, in time to take in all the excitin' array of Monaco fun. We'll have full hookups for all who want 'em, great food and drink, entertainment, vendors, and seminars—and thanks to our generous sponsors and support from your Chapter, we can do all this without makin' you spend too much of your grubstake! Of course, you might want to use up some of them shiny nuggets you save to ride away with one of the brand new Navistar coaches that'll be on display.

But don't mosey off before the FMCA 50th anniversary bash. You won't have a long trail ride, 'cause your wagon's already parked—and you'll get to keep your same campsite! We'll have a special post-rally social to kick off the "bridge days" before the FMCA rally cranks up, and probably some other trailside fun for those who can stay over. Of course, you don't have to sign up for both events, but we guarantee you'll have more than twice as much fun if you do.

MI members who register for Westward Ho before January 20 can take a hundred bucks off the entry fee. Just send the paper application to registrars Bob and Jane White by that date, or if you prefer usin' them fancy computers, head on over to the web at [www.monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://www.monacointernationalrvclub.com) and sign up on line. We'd purely love to see you there.



**CAM-PLEX**  
 Gillette, Wyoming  
**June 11th thru 15th, 2013**  
 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

**RALLY MASTERS**  
 Steve & Judy Czarsty  
 monacorallymaster2013@gmail.com  
 Phone: 864-404-6469  
 864-404-6514

**PRESIDENT** Wilt Greenwood  
**FIRST LADY** Barbara Greenwood  
 This rally is sponsored by the  
**Monaco International Chapter of**  
**FMCA,**  
 and is open to all  
 motorized recreational vehicles.

**Pre-Rally**

# Westward Ho!

**Rally Price includes:**

Welcome Social  
 4 Breakfasts, Dinners  
 & Social Hours  
 Entertainment  
 Seminars  
 Fun & Games  
 5 nights parking  
 (June 11th—15th)

Early parking available on  
 June 10th  
 \$15.00 per night (dry)  
 \$25.00 per night for  
 30A full hookups  
 (No more 50A  
 sites available)

All early parking fees will  
 be collected at the gate -  
 cash or check only

**Extra!**  
**Pre-FMCA Social for**  
**those who stay!**



**Make Checks payable to:**  
**Monaco International Pre-Rally**  
**And mail to:**  
 Bob & Jane White  
 3590 Round Bottom Road #222114  
 Cincinnati, OH 45244  
 E-mail: monaco2013rally@aol.com  
 (909) 967-8106 (Bob)  
 (909) 560-3816 (Jane)

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First and last name for EACH person)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please add me to your e-mail/newsletter mailings FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monaco Coach Year/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Coach # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicapped? Yes  No  (Must have state-issued handicapped placard)  
 Would you like to be a volunteer? Yes  No  Interest \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Timer? Yes  No  Staying for FMCA? Yes  No

COST	FEE	AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 2 adults	\$ 295.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco International Member Coach and 1 adult	245.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Monaco International Member (add per coach)	50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Member Early Registration Discount (Registered before Jan.20 - subtract per coach)	- 100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Hookups - 30 Amp—5 nights (add per coach)	125.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (age 12 and over—add)	125.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person in coach (under 12—add)	75.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Luncheon (per person—add)	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf (per player—add)	60.00	
Golfer Name (s)		
TOTAL REMITTANCE		

Confirmation Package - MAIL  HOLD   
 Packet will be held at the gate for any applications received after May 18.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 25, 2013**

**REGISTER EARLY—**There are no more 50A sites, and 30A sites are limited! To reserve yours be sure to check the Full Hookup box and include the \$125 fee with your rally registration.



# From the 1st VP - 2013 Update!

Hi Everyone!

Here it is, the first of November! The Springfield MI Rally has come and gone, and it was a huge success!

The FMCA gathering in Indianapolis is now history. After leaving the FMCA Rally, we attended the Rocky Mountain Ramble in Gillette, Wyoming where we became acquainted with the area and the rally site for next year's Monaco International Pre Rally next June.

Our President, Wilt Greenwood and his wife, Barbara, as well as Judy and Steve Czarsty, wagon masters for Westward Ho, are busy putting together a great rally in Gillette at the CAM-PLEX.

From there, we went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Rally in October. We had a wonderful time with 69 coaches attending with 150 people. We enjoyed afternoon social hours every day and two wonderful luncheons. We also had a catered supper on Wednesday evening and a burrito breakfast on Saturday morning. We had three beautiful mass ascensions with over 550 balloons flying each day with only one day of high winds when the balloons could not fly.

The Balloon Fiesta offices in Albuquerque are busy preparing for the 2013 Fiesta. The entire Fiesta runs from October 5-13, and our rally runs from the 9th through the 13th. We have 80 sights reserved for this next year with the anticipation of filling each one. Thanks to Monaco International RV Club's continued support, we are able to hold the price down to what it was this year. Registration forms will be available on line this month at [monacointernationalrvclub.com](http://monacointernationalrvclub.com).

For more information, please feel free to call me at 405-833-8471 or email me at: [dfpiperok@gmail.com](mailto:dfpiperok@gmail.com).

Kay and I and George and Maxine Schremp, the wagon masters for our 2014 Georgia Pre-Rally, are busy looking for a location for that rally. There will be more about this later. The FMCA convention will be in Perry, Georgia in March of 2014.

**David Piper**  
First Vice President