



# **THE NEWSLETTER OF MONACO AMERICA**

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## **Saddle up for the Texas Hill Country**

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The time has come to start planning to attend the Spring Monaco America Rally. This rally will be May 17-19, 2005, at the Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, Texas.

Kerrville is truly a Hill Country paradise. The scenery is majestic and the people are friendly. Kerrville is located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, where sparkling spring-fed creeks meander through the rugged terrain and rolling hills of the Guadalupe River Valley. Relatively close by are San Antonio and Fredericksburg. The Guadalupe River, along with a mild climate, provides the opportunity to enjoy many outdoor pursuits.

Kerrville offers many attractions to see. Included in these: National Center for American Western Art; The Hill Country Museum; Kerr Arts & Cultural Center; The Point Outdoor Theatre on the Guadalupe; Louise Hays Park; Lost Maples State Natural Area; Ingram Lake and Dam. Several festivals are held in Kerrville throughout the year. Two such festivals being held in May, just following our rally, are the Kerrville Folk Festival and the Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair.

The Buckhorn Lake Resort is perfectly located in the heart of Texas Hill Country. It has everything a person would expect from a premiere RV Resort. Every site features complete landscaping, full hookups, and concrete pads. Designed with large rigs and rallies in mind, all guest will appreciate the wide paved roads and ease of access. It features an 8,000 square foot, fully air conditioned Event Center with a full catering kitchen. This center, which seats 300 guest, has a separate 35 seat big screen theatre, huge walk-in fireplace, restroom facilities and an outdoor covered patio. Within the resort you can fish in one of the lakes, walk the beautiful nature trails, play tennis or simply relax by the pool and spa.

In addition to informative seminars, fun activities, good entertainment and great meals you will be able to look over, and purchase, some new Monaco coaches. Also, several vendors will be in attendance to offer you the chance to purchase those special items that you must have for your coach.

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## From the President's Coach

By Bill Stone  
Monaco America  
President

Hello Monaco America,

As many of you know Nancy and I have been in Kansas City, Kansas, for the last several months. We will be home on April 16. As I have said to many of you, Kansas City is not a good place to go in a coach in the winter. We can certainly give lessons on how to keep comfortable in zero degrees with six inches of snow on the ground.

We are looking forward to the rally in May. Gary and Carole have spent a great amount of time working on it and I know it will be a grand event. I hope everyone has sent their reservations in by now. We will have limited spaces so it is wise to get your applications in early. An application is included in this edition of the newsletter.

I will not be running for any office this year. I have taken on a new venture that occupies a lot of our time. The nominating committee has offered a slate of officer recommendations. The list appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

We want everyone to know how much we have enjoyed working with the officers and members. We have met many wonderful people and made some great friendships. This is what makes Monaco America worthwhile. We will still be available to help in any way we can.

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### ATTENTION NEW COACH OWNERS

When you purchased your new coach you were mailed a new owners package by Monaco Coach Corporation. In this package was an application for membership in Monaco America. Monaco Coach Corporation will pay your first years membership when you return the application. It is very important that you return your application to Monaco to get your free first years membership.

Additionally, Monaco America is chartered by the Family Motor Coach Association. Due to this you must first be a member of FMCA before your membership in Monaco America can be accepted. Please include your FMCA membership number on your application for membership to Monaco America.

### Notes from the Wagon Master

Gary Granat  
Monaco America  
First Vice President



Our spring rally is almost upon us. If you haven't sent your application, you better do it now, you don't want to miss the fun. Our planning for the Buckhorn Lake Resort rally in Kerrville, Texas is moving right along. The Texas Hill Country will be beautiful in May. Remember to bring your boots and 10 gallon hat. We expect a good mix of vendors, seminars and some excellent meals and entertainment. There will be a Ladies' Tea, similar to what we had at Avi. More information on the Tea and a book, video & puzzle exchange will be in your acknowledgement letter, so be sure to look for all the details.

It isn't too early to begin thinking ahead for our fall 2005 rally. This one will be held at the Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky, October 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. Pretty neat country here, the Corvette Museum and assembly plant are nearby and we will be about 30 minutes from Mammoth Cave, a side trip well worth taking. Beech Bend Park is a great facility for a rally.

We hope to see many Monaco America friends at both of these rallies. Gary & Carol Granat

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**Please identify any e-mail with the subject line of Monaco America.**

Previous editions of the newsletter are archived at:  
[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america)



## Still don't have a Coach Plaque?

If you have not purchased a Monaco America Coach Plaque you still have an opportunity. They are available through our Treasurer, The cost is \$15.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping cost. To order one just send your request, along with a check to cover the cost to Diane Baker, 2061 Palomino

Road, Dover, PA, 17315. Be sure to indicate that this is for the Monaco America Coach Plaque. In addition to mail order they will be available for purchase at the spring rally in Kerrville in May.

## Have you renewed your membership in Monaco America?

If you have not renewed your membership in Monaco America for 2005, time is running out. You have until April 15, 2005 to send in your membership dues. After that you will be assessed a new initiation fee to rejoin. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 per year and are payable to the Treasurer. (If you first joined the club during the fourth quarter of 2004 then your membership carries forward to all of 2005.)

The Monaco America Newsletter is published four times per year and mailed to all paid members and to those who have purchased new qualifying coaches in the past two calendar quarters. If you have not renewed your membership for 2005 then this will be the last newsletter you will be receiving.

## New Monaco America Officer Nominations

Election of new officers will be held during the May 2005 rally in Kerrville, Texas.

The nominating committee, Bobbie Lennox, Carol Henestofel and Ruth Parker, met and have submitted the following nominations:

**President: Al Fetch**  
**1st Vice President: Gary Granat**  
**2nd Vice President: Dave Cormier**  
**3rd Vice President: Bill Henestofel**  
**Secretary: Ed Stebbins**  
**Treasurer: Diane (Cookie) Baker**  
**National FMCA Director: Joy Fetch**  
**Alt Nat FMCA Director: Nancy Cormier**

The elections will be held at the semi-annual business meeting. Newly elected officers will serve a one year term beginning in May 2005 through the Spring 2006 rally. All positions are considered to be open for further nominations. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the elections.

Additionally, a three member nominating committee will be elected. This committee will be responsible for submitting a slate of nominees for election at the Spring 2006 rally. They will also be responsible for filling any vacancies that may occur during the year.

## A CALL FOR CHAIR PERSONS

At our last two rallies, I conducted seminars on "Your Rally". Many suggestions came out of these gatherings, such as; morning walks, games to play, gathering expertise regarding coach maintenance from our members to share, etc. Some of the input has been used in planning past and future rallies. To do more, help is needed.

We are never lacking volunteers, but we do have some difficulty in getting chairpersons, someone to take the ball and run with it. There are a whole host of activities that could enhance our rallies. If you can and want to lead some special effort, please contact me and we'll get the activity into the rally's Schedule of Events. Please call or email me with any comments or suggestions.

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**Saddle Up For  
The Texas Hill Country  
Monaco America Spring 2005  
Rally Application Form**



**WHERE:** Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, Texas  
**WHEN:** May 17, 18, 19, 2005

Please circle all items that apply:

<b>COST:</b>	Coach and 2 persons	\$279.00
	Coach and 1 person	229.00
	Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	100.00
	Extra person in coach (under age 12)	80.00
	Passport for 2 persons^	209.00
	Non-member fee**	25.00
	Other brand coach fee***	50.00
	Golf Package (Per Person) # ___	35.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to  
Monaco America

Mail to:  
Diane Baker  
2061 Palomino Rd  
Dover, PA 17315  
(717) 292-5196

Registration deadline: 5/1/05

Cancellations request must be received  
by 5/1/05 for a full refund.

Questions about the rally  
should be addressed to  
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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped?\* Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ First Timer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) camping with full hookups, including cable TV, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (A \$24.00 per night charge will be required of those arriving prior to Monday, 16 May 2005, to cover those nights camping. This fee will be collected at the gate.)

\*Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

\*\*Persons owning a Monaco Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for first years membership dues.

\*\*\*Persons owning any brand of motor coach, other than Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged an additional \$50.00.

^Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package.

Rally is open to owners of Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight & Diplomat Motor Coaches.



## Monaco America Fall Rally Scheduled For Bowling Green, Kentucky

The fall 2005 Monaco America rally has been set for October 17 to 20 at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Located on 368 acres, these beautiful rolling hills are covered with beech trees and are bounded by the Barren River . . . thus the name "Beech Bend." As a one of a kind facility, Beech Bend has a lot to offer. The park has been providing family entertainment since 1898. Major parts of Beech Bend Park are the large amusement park with world class rides and the adjacent race tracks.

The campgrounds, where the rally will be located, features over 500 sites in a beautiful wooded setting. All roadways are paved and all sites (except those along the Barren River) are "pull through" sites. Over 250 of the sites have full hookups and many have telephone/modem hookups available. The facilities include new bath houses and a laundry facility. Within a short walking distance is the Barren River (fishing permitted) and the Beech Bend Amusement Park and Racetracks. Campfires are permitted and are just another way to enjoy the campgrounds. Pets are permitted with

the only restriction being that they are leashed.

Other attractions in the Bowling Green area are: National Corvette Museum, a 68,000 square foot showcase to America's sports car; Lost River Cave and Valley where boat tours float through lost river cave on the shortest, deepest river in the world; Mammoth Cave National Park; Shaker Museum at South Union, a historic Shaker village; Holley Performance Products World Headquarters, a 100 year old company that makes every carburetor found on NASCAR vehicles.

For additional information about Beech Bend Park go on-line to [www.beechbend.com](http://www.beechbend.com). For information about the Bowling Green area go to [www.visitbgky.com](http://www.visitbgky.com)

Applications for this rally will be available in the next addition of the Monaco America newsletter (7/1/05) and in future issues of Life-styles magazine. Also, they will soon appear on the Monaco Coach Corporation website. Additionally, applications will be available at the spring rally in May at Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville Texas.



The campground at Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, Kentucky

## Tech Topics by Larry Leadbetter

Have technical questions about the operation of your coach? Having a problem that you feel is unique to your situation? Want to ask questions about weather or road construction in a part of the country you are planning to visit? If you have computer access you have a couple of options to interface with other Monaco owners from across the country. First is our own web-site, which is maintained by Al Fetch. This site covers everything that is Monaco America. To access this site go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america/>

Another great site, which is open to all Monaco owners, is the Monaco Coach Owners Association. This site is operated by Al Poggi. Currently there are over 1100 members to this site with many years of experience in motor coaching. To access this site go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Monaco-Coach-Owners-Association/>

On these sites, in addition to daily message boards you will find many pages of files that various members have posted concerning problems and situations that have arisen in addition to many of the answers you are looking for. You will also find links to other websites that you may find useful.

Both of these are free sites but you must be a member to participate. To join go to the site and fill out the membership information. You must provide the model and coach number of your Monaco. After a review of your information by the moderator of the site you will receive an e-mail authorizing your entry into the site.

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