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MONACO AMERICA
MARKSVILLE, LA



Well we hope it's cooler where you are. Here in north Texas it's well "hot as blue blazes". Today our thermometer, in the shade, was 109 degrees. We're hoping for snow.

This newsletter will bring you important information on our upcoming Fall Rally. As all of you know, this will be our 10th. Anniversary Rally. We have some fantastic things planned. We hope the schedule will allow you to be entertained and informed.

The economic times we are in sometimes seems like a downer. With your dedication to our club, we can continue for a long time to come. We feel fortunate to have so many friends that come together twice a year for fun and fellowship. If you have not registered for this rally, please do so now. This will ensure that you will not miss a thing. This is the first rally where Monaco America will be providing 5 nights of camping with your paid rally fee, as well as meals and entertainment. Hope to see all of you in Louisiana, and bring a friend.

Laisser les bons temps rouler—"Let the good times roll"



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Here we are in the dog days of summer, and what a summer it has been in too many places, especially for our Texan friends. We are now looking forward to some cooler times as we plan our trips to Marksville, Louisiana. What a great rally this will be as we celebrate Monaco America's tenth anniversary. Sid and Carol have put together a super package for us all to enjoy. Don't fret; there is still time to get your application in, if you haven't done so already. You really do not want to miss this rally. We have outstanding entertainment scheduled plus a number of unique opportunities for our enjoyment.

Monaco America was well represented at the recent Monaco International rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin by our esteemed Treasurer, Rick Stone and wife Joanne. It sounds like they were able to get some attendees interested in joining the fun of Monaco America. Similarly, Dennis & Elizabeth Kittleson and Carole & I participated in the "Chapter Fair" at the FMCA rally in Madison, Wisconsin, also doing some recruiting on Monaco America's behalf. We hopefully convinced a few fellow Monaco family owners to give Monaco America a try. This is just a reminder, that all of us Monaco Americans need to be talking to prospective members we meet during our travels. Please do keep copies of our "Recruitment Letter" and membership application with you and share these as you talk about your experiences at Monaco America's semi-annual rallies.

Please remember to check Monaco America's web site, www.monacoamerica.com frequently for current general club and rally update information.

Also, it's never too early to start thinking about next May's election of officers. We need to get more members involved and it appears that more than one of the current officers may not be seeking re-election, so here's your chance to throw your hat in the ring, you will not be sorry. Your Nominating Committee members are: Joyce Osmus, Charlie Toledo and Ed Stebbins. Please let any one of these folks, or all of them, know of your interest in running for an office. A synopsis of the various positions' responsibilities is on the Monaco America web site as an addendum to the "Standing Rules" and can be found by going to the "Club Leadership" tab and then to the "Officers" sub-tab.

Most importantly, we have several Monaco America members who are dealing with serious health issues, let's please keep these folks, their families and all our Monaco America friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Carole and I look forward to celebrating Monaco America's tenth anniversary with all our Monaco America friends. See ya'll in Marksville.

Gary & Carole Granat

God Bless America & Canada





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Hello Monaco America and welcome to hot and dry North Texas where it has been and still is an ongoing unwelcomed situation that we've no control over. But cooler times are ahead for our enjoyment as are great times to be experienced, if you are planning to celebrate our 10th Anniversary and Fall Rally on October 17th – 21st in Marksville, LA. Carol and I are but-toning up the loose ends, so all we need is your presence and your participation in the events that have been planned for your enjoyment.

Just a bit of information about vendors at the Rally at press time, we have Amazing Detail to wash and wax your coach, Mr. Sani to clean your holding tanks, and a good chance of a chipped window repair vendor. We were unable to procure any oil and lube service, but we gave it our best shot. With the lower number of coaches registered, the harder it is to get the vendors to participate in our Rallies.

On page 5 you will find the Rally Update for Tuesday and Wednesday. These two events needed more explanation, therefore I took the opportunity to expand on their detail.

Thursday, we will again have the Pet Show. Betty Hamilton has done a superb job of this popular event in the past, and I am sure she will shine again this rally. On Thursday night, we are having a comedian entertain us with I'm sure lot of laughs.



I want to also take this time to let Jeanette Naumann and her family know that they first have all our prayers, and secondly all our support in any matters in which we might be of assistance to them in this time of sorrow and loss over the untimely passing of our member and dear friend Ed. Something I will always remember about Ed, is there was always a smile coming from the other side of his camera as he ask us to smile for a photograph.



So if you haven't already submitted your registration form, just remove the one contained in your copy of this newsletter and get it on the way. So until we meet in Marksville, everybody travel safe and try to stay cool.

Sid & Carol Lenoir





Back Down in Cajun Country Monaco America 2011



Marksville, Louisiana
October 17 to 21, 2011



****10th Anniversary Celebration****

Please circle all items that apply:

Cost:	Coach & 2 persons	345.00
	Coach & 1 person	295.00
	Extra person (over age 12)	100.00
	Extra person (under age 12)	80.00
	Passport for 2 persons*	275.00
	Non-Member Fee**	25.00
	Other Brand Coach Fee***	25.00
	Total	_____

Make check payable to Monaco America

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Registration deadline: October 10, 2011. Cancellation request must be received by October 4, 2011 for full refund.

Last Name: _____ First Person: _____ Second Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Coach #: _____ FMCA #: _____

Coach Model: _____ Handicapped?^ Yes ___ No ___ First Timer: Yes ___ No ___

Mail rally packet: ___ or Hold rally packet at will call: ___ (All applications received after 10/1/2011 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes **5 nights** (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with full hookups; Welcome Gathering; 4 breakfasts; 4 evening meals, entertainment; vendors; seminars; social/cocktail hours; Ladies Tea; craft classes (additional cost may apply for craft classes) and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Early arrivals prior to Monday, October 17, or stays past Friday, October 21, will require a reservation directly with the Paragon Casino & RV Resort. Rally rate of \$14.00 applies one before & one day after the rally. For reservations for extra nights call (800)946-1946.

^Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

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

****Persons owning a coach manufactured by Monaco Coach Corp. or Monaco RV LLC who are not members of Monaco America will be charged a \$25.00 non-member fee. This fee will be applied to the first years membership in Monaco America.**

*****Persons owning any brand of motor coach, other than a Monaco built coach, may attend but will be charged an additional \$25.00**



Marksville Rally Update

Tuesday

On Tuesday night we will be having a fun filled time at an auction like you've never attended before. Barbara Bonnette, a World Champion Auctioneer has promised those who attend a hilarious evening. St. Jude Children's Hospital will be the charity that will be the recipient of the proceeds from the auction. So let's keep our record of generosity going by bringing some nice items to put on the auction block. A big "Thank You" goes to Barbara for donating her expertise, time, audio equipment, and personnel in making this a fun and successful event. We also want to "Thank" Ernie and Dorothy Robertson for stepping up to take on this challenge. We might have a sighting of "Ernistina".



Wednesday

On Wednesday the 19th, we have planned a Fun Run to be driven in your tow vehicle, or pair up with another couple for a fun sightseeing tour. This event will enable you to meet the local folks, visit their businesses, and observe their Cajun laid back lifestyle, plus sample their world famous cooking. An approximately 30 mile two hour, or so, route has been laid out so that you can experience all the above mentioned points of interest. Don't miss Bernard's Cafe in Cottonport-----

Great food!!! A poker hand of 5 card draw will be drawn by each participant at the end of the run and prizes will be awarded for the best two hands. We've worked with the local Avoyelles Parish Tourism Commission on this road trip and greatly appreciate their assistance and involvement in the tour. Tom and Betty Hamilton are the organizers of this tour for our members, and we want to give them a big "Thanks" for making this tour a success. Also, on Wednesday we will be having a Monaco America Halloween

Trick-or-Treat party. Let's act like kids again and dress up in your favorite kind of costume, and decorate your coach and site for fun and prizes. Please no egging your neighbors coach or toilet papering the trees. We will gather after the trick-or-treating on the Veranda of the RV Park Office for our 10th Anniversary cake, ice cream, and prizes. Judy and Forrest Wagner are in charge of this party. We want to "Thank" them in advance for their willingness to help and organize this event.





Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Attention Crafters



Are you ladies ready to craft in Marksville? Grab your rulers, scissors and cheater glasses. Carol Lenoir is going to teach us how to make a mini-scrapbook, Peggy Morris has either a bracelet or necklace, and I have Christmas cards to stitch.

If you didn't finish your cards in Kerrville, bring them along and we'll finish them.

Also, if any of you have any ideas as to what we can do at a later rally, bring a sample or directions to share. Remember if you feel you can't do one of these crafts, don't let that deter you. There is always lots of help around to get you untangled.



Monaco America Ladies

Marksville tea will be benefitting Hope House of Central LA. Hope House provides safe shelter and essential services to homeless women and their children, empowering them to independence. They have provided us the following list of needs: toilet tissue, papers towels, paper plates, bath towels, washcloths, any type of cleaning supplies, twin sheets, all baby supplies, copy paper, pens, pencils, hygiene products and children's learning games for all ages.

Monetary donations are welcomed.





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Upcoming Rally !!!

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