



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Robert & Flory Goodell, Monmouth, OR

Things to see in Dayton



in Springfield

Frank Lloyd Wright house



but I love Discovery Museums)

(“for children”

Sip & Dipity (paint & sip wine)

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Join

US

in May!!!



President's Message

Let me start out by giving the reason for the newsletter being late is because of, yep, yours truly. The news editor asked, pleaded, begged for something to put in the newsletter. Ok soon as I finish a few projects I said.

Well after pleading and begging enough was of enough. I politely informed her that I was the President of MA and I would get around to it. Dumb is one Thing, but being stupid....

I was told in very blunt terms to sit my b____ down and write something, now, that she didn't care if I was president. So . . .

We started off the year with our May Rally in Gulf Shores Alabama. We had some rain, what's new for a MA rally otherwise weather good. Saw some members that hadn't been for awhile. Main attraction was a day at Pensacola Naval Air Station to see the Blue Angles practice their aerial show. Pictures are posted on the web site.

Next up was Mancos, Colorado. Weather windy, cool and as usually some rain. (I think I can count on one hand when we haven't had rain at a rally). One day we caravanned to Durango to take the Durango/Silverton Railroad to Silverton and back. Some opted to bus back while others opted for a round trip. Pictures are posted on the web site.

Next year's May rally will be in South Charleston, OH—May 4th - 7th. Elections for all offices but president will be held at that time. If you are interested in running for office let someone on the nominating committee know. The Oct rally will be in Weatherford, OK—Oct 5th - 8th, 2020. Mark the dates on your calendar.

At this holiest time of the year, let us not forget to thank our 1st responders who are there when we need them. To thank those in uniform, many of whom will spend the holidays away from home and family. And to remember present Veterans and those we have lost this year. And last but not least FAMILY.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to our Monaco family.
(this was originally written before the holidays)

Sonny and Suellen Hodge
Monaco America President
and first lady



A Note From the Rally Master

To Our Monaco America Family and Guests,

As I prepare this article, the month of November has come to a close and the Christmas season is fast approaching. Sharon and I hope all of you had a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving and we wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas. May we never forget the reasons for both Seasons.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who joined us in Gulf Shores, AL and Mancos, CO this past rally season. You all deserve a big “Shout Out of Thanks” for making the rallies a success. I especially want to welcome everyone who joined us for the first time. I wish to extend a sincere “Thank You” to all who volunteered to perform different activities at the rallies. A couple high lights were the Blue Angles, Mesa Verde National Park and the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gage Railroad. We will continue to work hard to make our rallies fun, educational and enjoyable for all.

Next year’s rallies are still in the planning stages. As we have done in the past, we are planning some pre-rally activities and outings during the rallies.

The spring rally will be at Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in South Charleston, OH May 4th–7th. You can obtain more information about the resort by calling (937) 324-2267 or checking its website <https://aarvparks.com/tomorrows-stars/>. To help us in planning and the scheduling of activities, we encourage everyone who plans on attending to register early. The theme for this rally is “Flying in Ohio”. The rally site is close to the US Air Force Museum, the Armstrong Space Museum and the Carillon Historical Park which has some Wright Brothers artifacts. Continue to watch for additional details via emails from rallymaster@monacoamerica.com and the Monaco America website. Tom and Cathy Fitzsimmons have volunteered to assist us with this rally.

The fall rally will be at the Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort in Weatherford OK, October 5th thru the 8th. This facility is west of Oklahoma, City and I give it 5 Stars. If . Their website is <https://wanderlustcrossings.com/>. We are hoping that Ernie and Dorothy will be able to assist us in the planning of this rally.

Planning for the 2021 and 2022 rally seasons are also underway.

We have not committed to a site for the Spring of 2021 but we are looking at sites in Texas and Tennessee.

We are currently negotiating with River View RV Resort in Vidalia, LA for our 2021 Fall Rally. October 4th–7th.

We have asked Poncho’s Pond RV Park Ludington, MI to pencil us in for our 2022 Spring Rally May 1st –4th.

We have not negotiated with any site for the 2022 Fall Rally.

All rally site suggestions are welcome and greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in presenting a seminar, giving a craft class or if you know of vendors that would like to join us, please contact me by sending an email to rally-master@monacoamerica.com or by calling (740) 739-0019. Sharon and I hope all is well with each of you and we wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We would love to see each of you at Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in South Charleston, OH .

Safe Travels,
Allen Jackson



(Our National Director didn't have anything for us this time)

A Message from our past president

Well the time has come. We have packed our ID badges and sold our motorhome. We have decided to bring our RV lifestyle to an end. We've been RVing since 1971 when we purchased a small Shasta trailer. Before that we, as a family, tent camped for about 6 years.

We have no regrets, visited 49 states and all Canadian provinces. We were able to travel about 500,000 miles in our various motorhomes.

One of the major highlights of our RV adventures has been our 17 years as members of Monaco America. So many great friends we've met and enjoyed. We have always so looked forward to every Monaco America rally and seeing our friends again and enjoying the good times. We both had the honor of being actively involved in many ways with the functions of Monaco America and its rallies, for this we are grateful.

One last thing, if any of you should happen to be near northern Indiana next 4th of July, Please join us. We are planning our 65th wedding anniversary open house to be held at the Campbell Street Café in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Thank you all for making this period of our lives even more rewarding.

May God Bless America and all Monaco America members.

Gary and Carole Granat

Monaco America Personalized T-Shirts

Show the Monaco America logo on your personalized T-shirt. These blue shirts are cotton and will have your name on the right front.

T-shirts are \$25 each with shipping included in the price. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Use the order form on the member info page at MonacoAmerica.com to order T-shirts:



Crafts

Norma Kendschi is going to teach us to make a wreath. It can be "themed" for any holiday or occasion. Cost will be around \$15. Here are a few examples. More in next newsletter.



Ladies Tea

Hosted by ???
Volunteer needed

I could use a volunteer to host the tea. (I would help out a lot). Let me if you are willing.

The charity for this rally is Open Hands Free Store in Springfield. They give food and clothing to anyone who comes in to register. I will put a list of needed items in the March newsletter. Suellen

We expect to see all our ladies there!!!



RALLY FEE INCLUDES: 4 NIGHTS CAMPING WITH 50 AMP/ FULL HOOKUPS, 3 BREAKFASTS, 3 DINNERS, & MORE.

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM



Last Name: _____ FMCA #: _____

First Person: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Coach Model: _____

Handicapped: Yes No

First Timer: Yes No

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Members/Coach \$ 425
- 1 Member/Coach \$ 375
- Registration for 2 (no camping) \$ 320
- Non-Monaco America Members add an extra + \$ 25
- Monaco America Plaque \$ 30

TOTAL \$ _____



Make check payable to Monaco America / Mail to: Monaco America
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Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:
Allen Jackson ★ (740) 739-0019 ★ rallymaster@monacoamerica.com

VISIT WWW.MONACOAMERICA.COM FOR MORE DETAILS ★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2020**



**Our newly designed Monaco America Plaques are now available!
Proudly mount this plaque on your rear ladder or in you windshield.**

This plaque is made from sturdy 1/4" molded plastic resin, silk-screened in three bright colors then painted with clear enamel to keep it looking good for years. This plaque is the same size as your FMCA plaque. Ladder brackets or suction cups are available for mounting.

Blue Angels Show (Oct)

(more pictures on the web site)



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Treasurer's Message

It's time to pay your 2020 Monaco America dues.

You can mail your dues to:

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**UPCOMING RALLY
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Fall 2019



**Monaco America Spring Rally
May 4-7, 2020
Tomorrow's Stars
RV Resort
South Charleston, OH**

