



Monaco America News



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Well, we had a GREAT fall rally in OK. It was great to see friends again. We're getting ready for another one in May in Fredericksburg, TX. Here are some of the interesting sights. Hope y'all will



City Trolley Tour



SEE YOU THEN!



Stonehenge



LBJ Ranch/Park



Local Wineries



Museum of the Pacific War

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

John & Susan Loftis, Azle, TX

Don & Joyce Harvey, Muldrow, OK

Ronald & Laura Finch, Lincoln, MO

Gary O'Neal & Joanne Lee , Hollister, MO

Louise & Jesse Lewis, Sheldon, MO

Bert & Judy Goulart, Temecula, CA

Gordon & Judy Cox, Boxelder, SD

Nick Taormina & Suzzane Morecock

Livingston, TX

Steve Chambers & Robin Tate

Oklahoma City, OK

From the President

WOW - What a great rally - Ron did a fabulous job! As usual no one at a Monaco America went hungry (if they did it was their own fault). One day we had a waffle truck, another was our own Louisiana Saturday night by Jeff & Sandy Poche , a picnic at Red Rock State Park with your choice of a hamburger or hot dog or both with all the fixing's.

Each day there was a list of things to do or not do, The Tom Stafford Museum, Heartland Museum, Route 66 Museum in Clinton. The Ladies Tea and ROMEO lunch, the Dog show, Ice cream social, the Men's and Ladies round tables and the seminars.

I can only speak for myself but I would rate Wanderlust Crossing RV Park as one of the top five parks where we have had rallies.

We had twenty eight (28) rigs signed up but three had to cancel for medical reasons. We had fourteen (14), yes you read that correctly 14, 1st timers, eight of which are now Monaco America members.

Elections were held with the following elected to serve from Oct 2022 to May 2024:

1st VP/Rally Master: Ron Van Arsdall

2nd VP/Security: Floyd Cook

Treasurer: Jeff Poche

Secretary: Suellen Hodge

FMCA National Director: Sonny Hodge

FMCA Alternant Director: Bert Garcia

I cannot thank Jack Connell enough for all he has done serving as Treasurer for Monaco America the last 6 years.

Our next rally is going to be in the Texas Hill Country at the Oak Wood RV Park in Fredericksburg Apr 30-May 4. This will be a 5 day rally at \$425.00. More info on this area can be found in this newsletter. There will be an election for President at this rally. If you are interested let Bert Garcia, Alan Jackson or Neil Morris know .

The board has been discussing increasing our rally fee's. Let me be up front and say I don't like the idea but let's be real, RV park rates are up, catering is up, and don't get me started on fuel prices. Any decision we come you will know well in advance.

Sonny Hodge

President Monaco America

From the Rally Master

Well Fall is here and if you missed the rally in Weatherford, OK you really missed out on enjoying some great fall weather. We had 25 coaches which included 14 coaches with first timers. What a great time we had. The campground was fantastic with paved roads and concrete pads, a beautiful event room, and some very interesting activities nearby. I have been informed that we picked up nine new member coaches from those attending with us for the first time.

Looking over the rally evaluation surveys, it seems that everyone had more than enough to eat. They also said that the activities available were terrific, including the day trip to Red Rock Canyon State Park where we had a delicious picnic lunch and played our washer toss and corn hole games. We were entertained by a great group of college guys who provided us with a night of jazz. I talked to Gary, their leader, after the event and he stated that they had just as much fun playing for us as we had listening to them. We also had a rousing night with the group playing Family Feud. It was a lot of laughs. We really are sorry if you missed out on this adventure with us but we have a new chance for you to make that up by attending the Spring Rally that will be held April 30th through May 5th next year. This is five nights of camping, six meals, and many activities for only \$425. How can you go wrong. The rally will be held at Oakwood RV Park in Fredericksburg, TX. Get your registrations in early for this event so that we can plan on seeing you there. The Fredericksburg/Kerrville area has a lot to see and do so there will be a chance of going to many wineries, tourist attractions, and history sites. Did you know that there is a full size replica of Stonehenge there? Don't worry, there will be plenty to keep you busy there. We may even have to pencil in some nap time in the schedule so you can rest.

All of us on the Monaco America board hope that you will include the Spring Rally in your plans and come out and see old friends and meet some of the new members there. Who knows, you might even win a Monaco America clock like the one pictured below that folks won at this last event.

Ron & Tina Van Arsdall
Rally Master



Fill and send in to Jeff - Treasurer

Monaco America Rally Registration Form

**April 30 to May 4, 2023 Rally
Fredericksburg, Texas**

Make check payable to Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America, c/o Jeff Poche,
37211 Miller Street, Prairieville, LA 70769

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Member/Coach	\$425	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Member/Coach	\$375	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration for 2 (no Camping)	\$320	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member Fee	\$25	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monaco America Plaque	\$30	

TOTAL

The rally site is at Oakwood RV Resort, 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 78624,
telephone 830-997-9817.

Rally Dates: April 30 to May 4, 2023 Rally Location: Fredericksburg, Texas

Pilot's Name: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

CoPilot's Name: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Monaco America Member? Yes No First Monaco America Rally? Yes No

Coach Make & Model: _____ Length: _____ # Slides: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number and Kind of Pet: _____

FMCA # _____ Guests are those with you who do not have an RV at the rally.

of Guests: _____ Guest's Names : _____

Food Allergies/Medical Restrictions: _____ Special Needs: _____

Attending special functions? (e.g., those mentioned in the rally bio) Yes No

Early Arrival? Yes No Arrival Date _____ Please make early arrival arrangements with the
Oakwood RV Resort at telephone 830-997-9817.

Handicap? Yes No

Questions?: Contact the Rally Master, Ron Van Arsdall, 626-945-9284, 951-204-9119. Email: ronv731826@aol.com.

Attention Crafters

Sandy Poche will be teaching a Rock Painting class. We saw many of her objects at the fall rally. She placed them around the rally areas like Easter Eggs and you got to keep the one you found. This is the one I found.

There will be a small charge for supplies - more information to follow.



Ladies' Tea

Hosted by Suellen Hodge

Our charity will be the Fredericksberg Food Pantry. It is available to everyone in Gillespie County. Donations of food products are welcomed. The most needed items now are: Sugar, Flour, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Soup, Cereal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables.

We expect to see ALL the ladies at the tea.



From the Web Master

Monaco America's Website – www.MonacoAmerica.com

Monaco America Website

Do you have a smart phone? Most of us do, though I only recently gave up my flip phone and moved into the 21st century. With a smart phone, you have Monaco America in your pocket all the time! You can keep up to date with our rally plans, look up phone numbers and addresses, and send a message to the club officers. Just connect to <https://monacoamerica.com>.

Most of our website is open to you and the public; however, you will need a password to view our member's personal information. If you don't have a working password, contact Bert Garcia, Webmaster, and he will assist you. Your password is known only to you, so don't lose it! You can use the Contact page on the website, or you can send him an email at bertgarcia73@gmail.com.

The photos from the May 2022 rally in Weatherford, Oklahoma are on the club website at <http://photoalbum.monacoamerica.com/>. If you have pictures for the website, send them to Bert Garcia, webmaster.

Bert Garcia
Monaco America Webmaster
bertgarcia73@gmail.com

See you at the next rally!



From the Treasurer

Hi Everyone and greetings from Louisiana, Not hardly a day goes by when Sandy and I don't talk about Oklahoma and the wonderful experience we had. Being Newbies certainly amps up each and every experience and we can't wait to do this full time. When we all met for the first time In Vidalia, Louisiana on the banks of the Mississippi, we knew we found a great group of friends. As is customary, we brought gifts of our local cuisine and I think everyone passed a good time. Having the opportunity to feed everyone a second time was so much fun and I have to share a secret. That was Sandy's first experience cooking in a big cast iron pot. In my humble Cajun experience, she hit a home run. So let's see what Louisiana Secret we'll bring to Texas. It gonna be good sha.

I hear Sandy has her own special treat lined up for Texas in the form of a rock painting class. She absolutely loves it and she is good. It is wonderful to get messages from people that have found the little "treasures" she left behind in parks, restaurants, campgrounds and so on. Every once and while we get one from some place we've never been to. The rock had its own travel history as people pick and leave them behind in a different place. Once you start down this magical journey, it is hard to stop.

On a personal note, I am honored that you elected me to the Treasurer's position. To replace Mr. Jack will be a challenge. When he shared his books and methods, I knew I had a great teacher to learn from and I will strive to follow in his footsteps. As soon as the books are officially turned over to me, I will take the reigns to learn and demonstrate that you made a good decision and will take care of our finances with care and prudence.

So for now, I say goodbye. Best of love from Louisiana and remember, if you are anywhere near Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Hammond or just passing through. Free electricity, water and sewer. And a little helping of gravy and a slice of French bread.

Best Regards,
Jeff and Sandy Poche.



More Fun in Weatherford, Oklahoma!



The wonderful Jazz Band that entertained us



First Timer Judy Goulart
beat Neil
at Washer Toss !!!!



The Dog Show



The Bartenders

Our first timers



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Our Monaco America Plaques are still available!
Proudly mount this plaque on your rear ladder or in your 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.

The Order Form is on our club website. The plaque is \$30, ladder brackets are \$12 per pair, and suction cups are \$6 per pair. Order now and pick up your plaque at the next rally to save shipping or have it shipped to you immediately. Don't delay!

Proudly show your Monaco America membership!



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

Spring 2022



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