



Monaco America News



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Well, our next rally will be in Mineola, TX. It is a small town, only 10 square miles and population around 4,500. Average high and low temperatures in May are 76° and 54°. Warm days and cool nights, nice for a good night's sleep. There are lots of nearby places to visit.



I'm looking forward to the Tiger Creek Wildlife Rescue, in nearby Tyler, and the East Texas



Zoo and Alligator Farm.



And, maybe a shopping.

little

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Hope you all are ready to join us in Mineola, TX at our spring rally. If you all show up, it will be another great one.

Expect to see y'all there—
Suellen



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Jerry & Kathy Hungerford, Cumming, IA

From the President

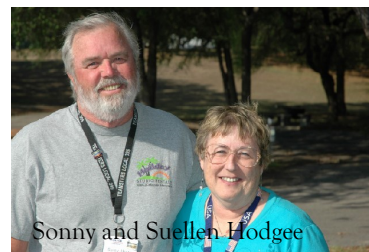
It's that time for you, **YES YOU**, to get off the couch and start making plans for the Spring rally in Mineola Texas May 7th-10th. If you haven't already sent your registration form (and check) to Jack Connelly now's the time.

Without your attendance there is no rally.

Elections for all offices but President (your stuck with me for another year) will be held in Mineola. If you're interested in any office please let one of the nominating committee members Steve Acton, Terry Walker or Peggy Morris now.

Su and I just got back from the FMCA (INTO) Under The Tucson Sun Rally, where, in Tucson AZ of course. There were over 430 rigs, 40 chapters, 50 vendors and 3 RV dealers in attendance. There was an average of 10 seminars a day. FMCA now accepts trailers and 5th wheels as members. **NOT** all Towables will be accepted, only those self contained with cooking and sanitary facilities. Monaco America **DOES NOT** have to accept trailers or 5th wheels for membership. To do so would require a change of our by-laws to accept anything but Motor homes. This will be discussed at the rally in Texas to get an idea of how the members feel about any changes Pro and Con.

Lastly let's not forget are Military personnel all over the world so we have the freedom to live however way we chose. God Bless the



serving
USA.

Hope to see you in Texas

Sonny Hodge
President Monaco America



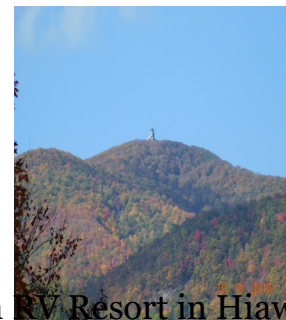
Allen and Sharon Jackson

From the Rally Master

To Our Monaco America Family and Guests,

As I prepare this article, I can't help but think about our friends who are spending the winter in the cold. Sharon and I are very fortunate in that we can spend 3 months in a warmer place. We are currently in Bowling Green, Florida (not Tennessee or Ohio). We will be here until the first of April before heading home for 2 or 3 weeks and then heading to Texas for the Spring Rally. On our way home We will be stopping at Bald Mountain RV Resort Hiawassee, Georgia.

Yes our Spring Rally in Mineola, TX is fast approaching (i.e., May 7th – 10th and we hope to see all of you there. We are fortunate that Neil and Peggy Morris live close by. They have visited the Civic Center and have been a huge help in planning this rally. We plan to have at least one new activity where both the women and men will participate. In lieu of a catered dinner on Wednesday night, there will be a cookout at lunch time, So plan on dinner on your own. We still need vendors, seminars, etc. for this rally.



As I mentioned earlier, our fall rally will be at Bald Mountain RV Resort in Hiawassee, GA. It will be September 24th – 27th. This facility is in the mountains of Northeast Georgia. We would have loved to have had the rally in October, but Bald Mountain does not accommodate rallies in October. This area in Georgia is similar to the Smokey Mountains and can be extremely gorgeous in the Fall. If you plan on attending and would like to extend your stay, we encourage you to get in touch with them. Please see their website <http://www.baldmountainpark.com/> for more details. If anyone would like to assist with this rally please let me know.

Please Note: Bald Mountain requires us to have our registrations in by August 1st, so be prepared to send your registration in early.

Next year's rallies are in the early planning stages. We are looking at either Gulf Shores, AL or Vidalia, LA for our 2019 Spring Rally. Our 2019 Fall Rally will be at Echo Basin in Durango, CO

If you are interested in presenting a seminar or giving a craft class please contact me via an email to wagonmaster@monacoamerica.com or by calling me at (740) 739-0019.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you In Mineola and wish you safe travels.
Allen and Sharon Jackson

FMCA

The first of the month Su and I attended the FMCA INTO (International Area Organization) Rally in Tucson. Monaco America is a chapter of INTO.

One of the main topics was FMCA membership benefits. I suggest you go to one of the following for more info:

FMCA.com - click on membership then benefits.

Monacoamerica.com - click member info, scroll down to FMCA member benefits.

One of the newest benefits is with Verizon and Sprint.

On **FMCAssist**. This benefit is provided by Seven Corners **NOT** repeat **NOT** FMCA therefore you or someone on your behalf **MUST** call them, Seven Corners, and have a claim opened. Remember they are a insurance company and make the rules, i.e.:

The hospital says you need to be air lifted to another hospital and it's not life or death.

WITHOUT pre approval from Seven Corners you will be getting the big \$\$\$\$ bill.

I will try to answer any questions you have at the rally. Bert Garcia our Alternate FMCA Director will be attending the FMCA rally in Perry GA so I'm sure he will have additional info as well.

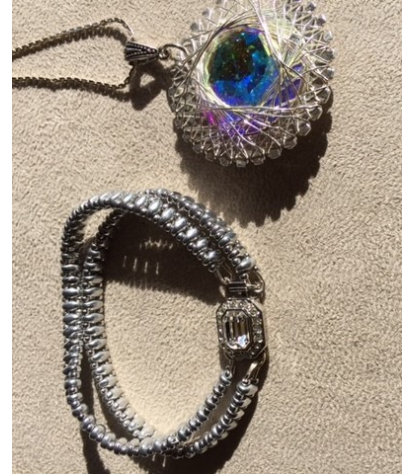
See you in Mineola.

Sonny
FMCA National Director

Attention Crafters

Peggy will be teaching two classes in Mineola. The bracelet is a 2 strand bracelet using super duos beads. The pendant is what she taught in Dothan, AL so this will be for the ones who were not there. Each class will have a limit of 10 ladies, so sign up early.

Suellen will have an informal knit/crochet session one afternoon. Time and location to be announced. If you have a pattern that is giving you fits, bring it along and we'll try to get it back on track.



Ladies Tea

Hosted by Peggy Morris



Our charity in Mineola is KINDNESS KOTTAGES. We are going to support their food bank. They have a large food bank where people can come and get food at no charge. The following is what I was told they needed:

- Money**
- toilet paper and paper towels is a big need
- Can goods
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Sugar
- Tea
- Coffee
- Coffee

We want to see all our ladies there.



From the Treasurer

The 2018 Monaco America dues need to be received by March 1, 2018. Please complete the dues renewal form available on our web page <http://www.monacoamerica.com/member-info.html>

Please send the completed form ,with your \$25 check made payable to Monaco America.



You can mail in your dues to:

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Cell: 586-817-7584
Email: [Treasurer@Monaco America.com](mailto:Treasurer@MonacoAmerica.com)

MONACO AMERICA T-SHIRTS

Show the Monaco America logo on your personalized T-shirt. These blue shirts are cotton and will have your name on the left front. Wear it at the rally!

T-shirts are \$20 each with shipping included. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

To order T-shirts, use the order form on the member info page at



MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY

A Whistle Stop ★ IN EASTERN ★ TEXAS MAY 7-10, 2018



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1150 N NEWSOM STREET
MINEOLA, TX 75773



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4 Nights Camping with 50 Amps/Water/Sewer
Sunday Welcome Gathering • 3 Breakfasts
3 Evening Meals • Entertainment • Vendors
Seminars • Social Hour • Ladies Tea
Craft Classes (additional cost may apply)
FUN and more

Early arrivals and late departures must make arrangements. Please contact the Mineola Civic Center at (903) 569-6115.

Two week cancellation notice required. See www.MonacoAmerica.com for details.

WE WELCOME ALL COACHES IN GOOD STANDING WITH FMCA.

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____

First Person: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Coach Model: _____ FMCA #: _____

Handicapped: Yes No First Timer: Yes No

E-mail rally confirmation packet or Hold rally packet at Info. Center

Visit our website for more information and updates.
WWW.MONACOAMERICA.COM

WEBSITE

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Members/Coach with Full Hookups \$ 425
- 1 Member/Coach with Full Hookups \$ 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
c/o John Connell
2829 West Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Rally Master:

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(740) 739-0019
wagonmaster@monacoamerica.com

Safety Notification

According to rules established by the National Fire Protection Agency, a US trade association, all recreational vehicles are required to have a 5 lb BC fire extinguisher on board. Your motor home probably included a fire extinguisher. You should check your fire extinguisher, and those in your home, to see if they have been recalled.

If your fire extinguisher was manufactured by Kidde, it may be recalled. Check to see if it has a plastic handle or a plastic push button. If so, it most likely is on a recall list. Contact Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or go on-line at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. If your extinguisher has been recalled, Kidde will replace it at no cost to you.

You will need to know your Model Number, Serial Number, and Date Code (if applicable). You will find instructions for locating this information on the Kidde website.

Thanks to Monaco America member Tom Gibbens for bringing this important information to our attention.

From the Web Master

Monaco America's Website – www.MonacoAmerica.com

Technology rushes forward constantly and at times it can be overwhelming! Monaco America has joined that flow with our electronic outreach. You are reading this because you received our Newsletter by email or you are reading the Newsletter online at our club website www.MonacoAmerica.com. Congratulations! You've been swept up in the flow.

You're never more than a few clicks away from Monaco America. Your smart phone will bring you all the Monaco America information you need on your phone's internet browser. If you have a Kindle or a Nook to read a book, you have Monaco America at your fingertips using the internet browser – tap Silk on the Kindle, or tap the web button on your Nook. If you have an iPad or a tablet, use your internet browser to connect to Monaco America. It's so easy!

On the club website you'll find the latest information about our rallies – all the what, when, where you need to know to join us for all the fun that is a Monaco America rally. You'll find the membership roster with names, addresses and phone numbers; and you'll find the membership directory with photos of our members who have attended a rally. We have a photo album on the club website with almost 4,000 pictures, sorted by rally to help you find one!

Please keep your email address up to date so the club doesn't lose touch with you. You can tell us about your new email address using the Contact page on the website, by sending us an email to webmaster@monacoamerica.com, or just drop us a postcard!

See you at the next rally!
Bert Garcia
Monaco America Web Master

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HodgeSuellen@aol.com, (**Please identify any e-mail with the subject line of Monaco America**)

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**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.

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 2018



**Monaco America Spring Rally
May 7-10, 2018**

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Mineola, TX 75773**