



Monaco America News



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Elvis has left the building!!! For those of us who received a kiss and a flower lei from “Elvis” in Shawnee, well what else can I say but WOW. We hope everyone had a great time in Oklahoma, we sure did. We had great food, great vendors, great seminars, and great crafts. Some of you that came in early, you got the full flavor of the west with the horses and trailers. You were also treated to a Vintage Air Show by the airport next door. Although those events were not know about before time, they did make for some interesting entertainment.

Now it is time to relax and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Even though we have some time off, the planning doesn't stop for our next rally in the spring. We have also secured a site for our rally next fall. It will be in Glen Rose, Texas. The Dinosaur Capital of the Texas. More to come on that. We have some events planned for the spring rally that are coming together and we will let you know as soon as things are set. One thing we will be having again is the Garage/Craft Sale on Monday. So get to making things, or clean out those closets and RV for things to sale. We have secured the entertainment for one night with Blair Carmen (see page 4). If you attended the rally in CERAland, you know he brought the house down. We will have a 50's theme and encourage everyone to bring out of retirement those Poodle Skirts and rolled up jeans and white T-shirts. The attendees last year will remember the good food we had and we will again have those great BBQ ribs. So don't delay in getting your registration in. A form is on page 5 and on the website. You will note a change on the registration form where we accept all types of coaches that are in good standing with FMCA. Also, we voted to accept towables as guests of attending members. This opens up our participation to include all your



friends. Get the word out to them and encourage them to come along with you and have



fun in this remarkable area of Tennessee. So until next time have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas, and we will see all of you in Tennessee in the spring.

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A Note From the President

As this is being written, Carole & I are in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas enjoying the south Texas warmth and hospitality. We came to the town of Donna where we spend the winter months. Only this year we came straight from the Shawnee, OK rally, after visiting our two Texan sons and their families. We do plan to go home to northern Indiana for the Month of December, then back here for the real winter months. I know many of you also venture to many different locations for the winter. Isn't this RV lifestyle just great?

**Gary and Carole
Granat —**
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Speaking of the Shawnee Rally, wasn't that a terrific rally? As usual, Sid and Carol put together an excellent program for all of us to enjoy. The facility certainly met all our needs. We liked the close RV parking, it kept us as a "family". If you were unable to attend this rally, you missed a good time, especially since Elvis joined us Thursday evening to close out the rally. I think everyone stayed for his performance.

At Shawnee, we discussed the possibility of a name change for Monaco America, and I sent you an email regarding this possibility. No decision has been made in this regard. We just feel it is necessary to be prepared should Monaco RV require us to drop "Monaco" or we, as a self sufficient club, determine the change is warranted.

Also, at Shawnee, the decision was made and approved by the members, to designate a couple of long time Monaco America members as "Honorary Lifetime Members of Monaco America. They are Bill Lovett and Dale & Ann Lemons. Bill and Dale are our Korean War veterans, Bill with the United States Air Force and Dale with the United States Marines Corps. We do hope that they will be able to attend some future rallies, they are missed.

Now you need to note your calendars for May of 2014 as we return to the River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, Tennessee for our Spring 2014 Rally. This is an outstanding location for any gathering. We have Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park nearby. You really do not want to miss this one. There are so many places to see and things to do in the area. Last time there, we went to the Bush Bean production facility and found it very interesting and worthwhile. This is only one of the many opportunities afforded us by the greater Sevierville, Tennessee area.

May 2014 is election time for Monaco America..... **WE NEED YOU!!!!!!**

Do check the Monaco America web site, www.monacoamerica.com, for the job description synopses for the officer positions, and give your name to a Nominating Committee member to get your name on the ballot. It is essential that other Monaco America members get involved in the running of our fine organization. Without volunteer officers and chairpersons, our club cannot survive. Please feel free to call or email me or any current officer with questions or concerns you may have in seeking an office. By becoming an officer, are you committed to attend each and every rally? Of course not, life gets in the way at times. If you are unable to attend a rally, believe me someone will take care of your responsibilities. This concern should not preclude you seeking an office. Please seriously consider throwing your hat in the ring.

The current Nominating Committee Members are:

Rodney Baker, Chairperson.....cookiebaker3@gmail.com

Mark Montiverdi.....mark1410@aol.com

Theresa Honeycutt.....ahoneycutt@msn.com

Joyce Osmus.....jojasm@cimarron.coop

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching. Carole and I wish you and yours an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. We look forward to seeing all of you next May in Sevierville.

God Bless America and Canada,

Gary & Carole



A Note From the Wagon Master

Sid and Carol Lenoir —
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Outside the north wind has become blustery, and the leaves are rapidly covering the ground. You know what that means don't you? Winter is fast approaching and in the spring there will be lots of leaves to be raked, bagged, and disposed of. Nice to have a 12 year old grandson to do the leaf work. Nah !!!

To those of you who will be traveling, or have already arrived at your wintering destination, drive safe and have a wonderful time wherever you might be. Oh by the way, while enjoying yourselves, take a little time to interrupt the hum-drums by thinking forward to May and our Spring Rally which is in Sevierville, Tennessee. Those of you who attended last year know what a great place the River Plantation is to hold a rally. So let's all have a good winter and then break the lull by attending the Spring Rally. Speaking of wintering spots, well I guess Carol and I will opt for Denton, TX, "Home Sweet Home !!!

Plans and contracts are falling in place for the Spring. Some new ideas are in the mix that I'm sure you all will enjoy. As May grows nearer we'll keep you posted as things finalize. It's not to early, so go on line at monacoamerica.com to get your rally registration form.

The holiday season is fast approaching, and at my age, and as some of you, time is passing faster than we would like. We have so much in this country, and as individuals, to be thankful for. Whatever your views are on this great country we love and call America, I thank God each day for being able to live in the land of the free, and the home of the brave. Happy Thanksgiving!!! Also, Christmas will soon be upon us. So here's to you and yours. Have a Merry Christmas and a great and Happy New Year. Never forget the reason for the season.

See ya'll later,
Sid and Carol



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We are so glad you decided to join our great club.
Hope to see all of you in Tennessee in May.

Bob and Mary Trella, Antioch, TN
Dale and Kathy Rekow, Springtown, TX
Rich and Sue Burdick, Yorba Linda, CA
Gary and Karen Mann, LaHabra, CA
Kay and Tressa Williams, Denton, TX
George and Rita Gillin, Tarpon Springs, FL
Jimmy and Becky Berry, Simms, TX
Dean and Sam Graen, Trabuco Canyon, CA
Allen and Sherry McKee, Fairview, OK
Dave and Linda Alberico, Overland Park, KS
Dale and Becky Lindhorst, Hudson, FL
Jim Jones Judy Rickenbacher, Peninsula, OH
Bruce and Betty Bingham, Fullerton, CA
Timothy and Sandra Almy, Hendersonville, NC
Larry and Pam Dalton, Carmel, IN
Joe and Jacqui Danek, Sanford, NC
Dave and Suzanne Davidson, Mt. Juliet, TN

Donovan and Beverly Donohoo, Batavia, OH
Larry Henderson and Bonnie Henrikson, Waikoloa, HI
William Humphrey and Cynthia Lamm, Kodak, TN
Norm Jungles, Titusville, FL
Louie and Sandy Lusk, Knoxville, TN
Dave and Betty Mandato, Colleyville, TX
Charlie and Ruth Puryer, Roxboro, NC
Armand and Sandy Morin, Port Hueneme, CA
Don and Judy Pagano, Chewelah, WA
Bernie and Barbara Brown, Shepherdsville, KY
Melvyn and Ruth Drexler, Springfield, TN
Fred and Sharon Barnabei, Augusta, GA
Dwight and Sherry Duncan, Duncan, OK
Carl and Mary Johnson, Carson City, NV
Clem and Ann Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
Claude and Joan Kyker, Morristown, TN
Dennis and Terri Quick, Canyon Lake, TX
Charles and Rosemary Hayne, Pasadena, CA
Tony and Lucy Madia, Rohnert Park, CA
Ed and Sylvia Cote, Titusville, FL
Adolph Klundt and Paulette Guerra, Folsom, LA
Geary and JoAnn Herndon, Locust Grove, VA

Entertainment in Sevierville

*"The Best Thing That's Happened To
Honky Tonk & Rockabilly Piano Play-
ing Since Jerry Lee Lewis!"*

*A phrase that's been used to describe the wild
piano pounding Rock-N-Roll talent of this
young man from Cincinnati Ohio.*

*Take the 1957 hands of Jerry Lee Lewis and
the 1957 look of Elvis Presley and the raw en-
ergy of those two artists and what do you get?
A piano pumpin', thumpin rockabilly kid
named Blair Carman.*

*From the honky tonkin' songs of Hank Wil-
liams, to the rock-n-rollin' hits of Jerry Lee
Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins. A Blair
Carman show is guaranteed to leave you wanting more.*



*****Ladies, dust off those "Poodle Skirts and Saddle Oxfords", and guys get those "White T-shirts and rolled up jeans" ready. We are going to ROCK THE HOUSE !!!**



MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY



WHERE SMOKY MOUNTAIN
FUN BEGINS!!!
MAY 12-15, 2014

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping with full hookups, Monday Welcome Gathering,

3 Breakfasts/Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, Social Hours, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes (additional cost may apply), and all the FUN that is a Monaco America Rally.

Early arrivals prior to Monday May 12, or stays past Thursday May 15, will require a reservation directly with River Plantation RV Park at the rally rate of \$30.50 (plus tax). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-758-5267 for reservations.



1004 Parkway
Sevierville, TN 37862



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: WE WELCOME ALL COACHES IN GOOD STANDING WITH FMCA :
: TOWABLES ARE WELCOME AS GUESTS OF ATTENDING MEMBERS AT THE NON-MEMBER RATE :
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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

_____ Mail rally confirmation packet or _____ Hold rally packet at will call
(All applications received after April 7, 2014 will not be mailed, but held at info. ctr.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Persons \$375.00
- 1 Person \$325.00
- Passport for 2 *** \$295.00
- Extra person (over 12) \$125.00
- Non-members add **** \$ 25.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to
Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America
7956 Vaughn Rd., Box 174
Montgomery, AL 36116

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

Sid Lenoir
3212 Dunes, Denton, TX 76209
940-387-9153 or 940-206-0889
clenoir1@verizon.net

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2014 **

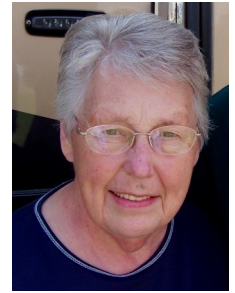
Cancellation requests must be received by April 1, 2014 for full refund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

- * Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
- ** After this date, call Wagon Master for space availability.
- *** Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars, & exhibits. No camping included in this package.
- **** Non-members of Monaco America will be charged a \$25.00 non-member fee. For eligible coaches wishing to become members of Monaco America, this fee will be applied to the first year's membership in Monaco America.

Website

Attention Crafters

Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator



Our crafts for the spring rally have not been finalized as of this writing. We do know that Peggy Morris and Tressa Williams will be teaching a jewelry class. As more information is obtained, we will let you know. Always, if you have something that you would like to teach us, or some craft you would like to see us do, please let us know. We know we have a lot of talent in our club.



The Youth & Family Resource Center in Shawnee, OK was chosen as our charity for the Ladies Tea. We had David Colvin, from the center as our guest. He was very appreciative of our generosity. We collected a large stash of gifts as well as \$605.00. Your contributions of items and money was greatly needed by the center. A big "Thank You" goes to Joyce Osmus who hosted the tea along with Joyce Cook, Dorothy Robertson, Peggy Morris.



Our charity in Sevierville, Tennessee will again be "The Sevier County Food Bank". Our "Ladies Tea" chairpersons for this event will be Judy Wagner, Suzanne Davidson, and Sherry Duncan. Jim Davis of the Sevierville Food Pantry gave us some of their needs, as we plan for next spring's rally. He said it was things like diapers, baby formula, canned fruit and cans of beefaroni and ravioli are hard for him to get from the Food Bank. Toiletries are always needed. They are still giving out between 1300 and 1400 bags per week.

The list is a sampling of the non-perishable's we might provide them. Monetary donations are

also accepted. With the monies they receive, they are able to purchase items that are requested the most, and fill in the gaps of items that go fast. As you look at the list we have inserted asterisks beside the items that are **most** requested.

List: Peanut Butter*, Canned Fruits*, Canned Vegetables, Infant Formula (Good Start is the brand usually requested)*, Glucerna*, Muffin Mixes, Canned meats, Diapers (any size from newborn to size 5)*, Oatmeal (instant made packets), Cake Mixes, Boxes of Cereal (prefer nutritious kinds), Spaghetti Sauces and Boxes of Pasta, Mac & Cheese packets, Rice, Dried Beans, and Pancake mixes and Syrup.





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

Spring 2014 River Plantation RV Park
Sevierville, Tennessee
May 12-15, 2014



Fall 2014 Oakdale RV Park
1019 N E Barnard St.
Glen Rose, TX
October 13—16, 2014

