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# Monaco America News



## Monaco America



The hibernating period is coming to an end, and it's time to think about dusting off the RV. Articles in some of the RV magazines give us ways to clean and shine the RV. We'll get it ready for our upcoming May rally in CERAland to be held in Columbus, Indiana. We have some exciting things planned to give all that attend a "swell" time. As you will read in the next few pages, we are going to "party down". Get your party clothes and dancing shoes ready!!! As always, we will have our "Pot Luck" on Sunday to start things off. On Monday we will have a "Swap Meet". This new feature will allow you to pull out some of those new and gently used RV items that you no longer need, and sell them to other members in need. Not only will you be able to sell RV items, but anything and everything. If you have some crafts, or homemade items, this can also be sold. Let's bring out those things to sale, and have a grand 'ole time.

We will also have our elections at this rally. Please contact any officer or member of the nominating committee and make your requests known in respect to running for an office in our fine organization.

As stated by our President, Gary, it is your time to get involved and it doesn't take a lot of time. It is very rewarding to know that we have such good members willing to take on the task of leadership. We need "you", too.

Absent from our last rally was the Pet Show. Due to mechanical breakdowns, we were unable to have the show. In CERAland we **will** have the Pet Show. Tom and Betty Hamilton will be there to give our "kids" a time to show their stuff. As for our "kids", the Lenoir's, all they do is bark. A talent they have perfected over the year. You may want to dress up your "kid" in a hula skirt/shirt, or a poodle skirt for the show. At any rate, we always have a great time at



this event.

If you haven't yet, at this writing, sent in your registration, please do so to ensure your spot for a fun time. We have a good number registered at this time, and we want you to join us. Bring a friend, and the party will be complete.



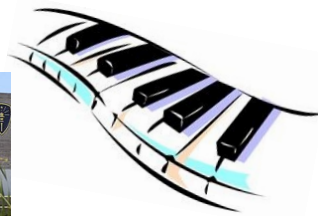
See you there,  
Carol Lenoir



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Gary and Carole Granat — [gegranat@gmail.com](mailto:gegranat@gmail.com)

Now that winter is about over (or behind us when you read this), it's time to get our coaches out of moth balls and get ready to attend Monaco America's Spring 2012 Rally. Sid & Carol have another unique rally planned for us. Do get your application in now, you do not want to miss the fun and adventure. The CERAland Park in Columbus, Indiana is a really neat facility, we know you'll enjoy the park and the activities planned.

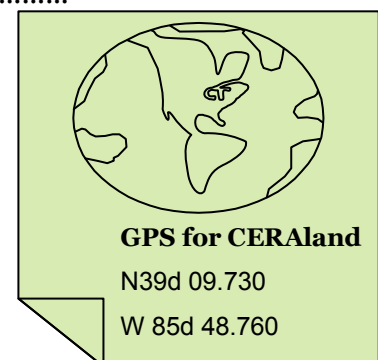
As you probably know, we have the election of officers at this rally. We encourage everyone to consider putting their hat in the ring for one of these opportunities. There is a synopsis of responsibilities for each position at our web site, [www.monacoamerica.com](http://www.monacoamerica.com), check it out. Beginning with this election, the term of office, as you may recall, will be two years. Anyone the least bit interested in serving Monaco America as an officer should email or call one of the Nominating Committee members, Joyce Osmus, Charlie Toledo or Ed Stebbins or talk to any of the current officers. The individual contact information is on our web site. Becoming an officer for Monaco America is an excellent way to become more involved with our great organization, it does not require that much of your time and can be quite rewarding. Think about it, please.

As a personal note, the Nominating Committee did ask if they could put my name on the ballot for another term as your president. I agreed to this request so as long as you, our members, know that Carole and I will most likely not attend the Fall 2012 rally in the Amana Colonies. We have signed on for a 20 day caravan in Manitoba Canada to view the polar bear migration in Churchill, which takes place during the rally's time period. If these plans should change, then of course we will be in Amana. Fall in the Amana Colonies just has to be drier than our last visit, the time of the 500 year rains and flooding. We should, this time, be able to enjoy the unique and interesting aspects of the Amanas.

Like many of our members, Carole and I spend our winters in a warmer area than northern Indiana. We enjoy about three months in Donna, Texas, which is in the Rio Grande valley, and about as far south as we can get and still be in the good old USA. There are a few other members that spend part of their winters in the same general area, hopefully next year most of us can get together for lunch, as some of us do now.

We look forward to another fun filled year with our Monaco coach, even as the "powers to be" warn us of again escalating fuel prices.

See you in CERAland and God Bless the USA and Canada.....  
Gary & Carole





Sid and Carol Lenoir — clenoir1@verizon.net

Many are the words of wisdom that parted my parent's mouths during my youth. And as I aged, one of Mom's most shared adages was "the older you get the faster time flies". How true, how true!!! I never realized how applicable these words were, say until about forty years ago, or so., and how much more realism is found in her words now that I am about to turn the big "70". Life is good, time is fleeting, but we're still looking down and seeing the green side of the sod. Are we blessed or what? Only in America, Ay?

As this newsletter goes to press, our spring rally is well into the preparation phase. Informative seminars, vendors, roundtable discussions, tours\*\*, crafts, great food, entertainment (2 nights), the pot luck, and lots of fun filled times are what you can expect while attending our 2012 spring rally in Columbus, Indiana at CERAland. So if you are planning to join Carol and me, and our (your) Monaco America family for a fun filled event, might I suggest that you submit your rally registration ASAP. Oh, by the way, why not convince some of you friends to come along with ya, and enjoy the excitement and fun that a MA rally really is known for.

So here's hoping that you RVing experiences will be eventful and safe, and good Lord willing we will see you all in May at the rally.

God Bless, Sid and Carol

\*\*One of the tours will be to Camp Atterbury. The tour includes a bus tour of various sites on base, and time to sit down with the troops in the Chow Hall and share a meal with them. At this time, I tentatively have this scheduled for Wed. the 16th., departing CERAland at 11:30 and returning by 2:30pm. A charge of \$7.16 per person will be charged for the meal. In your Registration Packet will be a small labeled envelope to remit charges for the tour meal (1 person \$7.16, 2 people \$14.32). Please have the exact amount enclosed, or a check payable to Monaco America. Turn these envelopes in at the MA Information Center and get your name (names) checked off the roster. By the way, the tour can accommodate only 80 people. If there are more than 80 people interested, I'm sure that we can accommodate those people on another date. Let's support our troops by attending the event. In the meantime, let's continue to pray for their safety, especially for those who will and presently are serving in harms way.



Monday May 14th. we will be having a cook out theme dinner and a live Rock 'N Roll band playing hits from the 50's and 60's.



Friday May 18th. we have planned a tasty Hawaiian theme dinner and live music provided by an Island style band, complimented by grass skirt clad Hula dancers.

***Let's Party !!!***



# Return to CERALand

## Monaco America Spring Rally May 14-18, 2012



3989 South 525 East  
Columbus, Indiana



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  
 Mail to: Monaco America  
 5830 NW Expressway, Box 117  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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Questions about the rally should be ad-dressed to the Wagon Master.  
 Sid Lenoir  
 940-206-7262 (Cell)  
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Registration deadline: May 4, 2012.  
 Cancellation request must be received by May 7, 2012 for full refund.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Person: \_\_\_\_\_

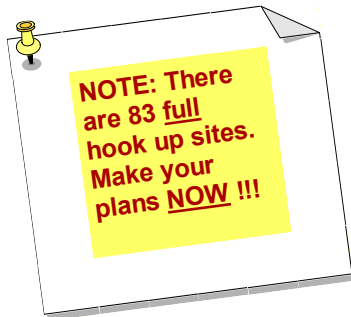
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 5/1/2012 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)



Rally price includes 5 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with 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, May 14, or stays past Friday, May 18, will require a reservation directly with CERALand at the rally rate. For reservations for extra nights call (812)377-5849. (Hookup connections are for electric and water. A limited number of sites with sewer hookup will be available and will be assigned based on when the rally application is received. Rally rate for electric/water is \$20.00 per night and sites with electric/water/sewer are \$24.00 per night.)

^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.



**This is what's in store for you.**

**Blair Carman and His Pumpin' Piano**

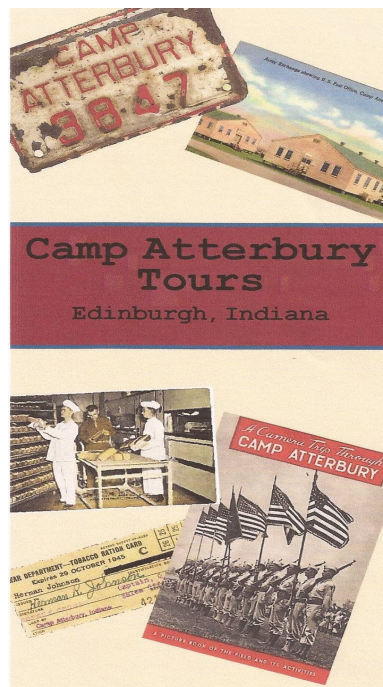


Let's get out those 50's poodle skirts and saddle oxfords because we are going to have a "Rock N Roll" good time on Monday night. Blair Carman and The Bellview Boys will perform for us some of those favorites we might have forgotten. The guys need to grease up that hair and get your dancing shoes on for a hip hop good time. Ladies you might need to starch those petty coats like we used to do.



**Jerry Cox  
"The Singing Hawaiian"**

For your entertainment on Friday we will be enjoying the Hawaiian theme with a Luau and Jerry Cox. You can don a grass skirt if you dare, but surely you can wear your most festive Hawaiian attire and sway to the tunes of this great entertainer and his island music.



Explore the History and Mission of Camp Atterbury

Beginning with its construction shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Camp Atterbury has trained generations of Soldiers. In 1942 building was completed and the camp was named in honor of Indiana native and World War I veteran Brigadier General William Wallace Atterbury. During World War II the camp trained more than 275,000 troops and was home to Wakeman General Hospital, a pioneer in plastic and neurological surgery. Today Camp Atterbury has found new life as a premier training and mobilization site in support of the U.S. military efforts around the globe.



Tour Options

- Driving Tour of Post
- Museum
- Lunch with the Troops (\$7.16)
- IDHS Search Dog Demonstration
- Engagement Skills Trainer- Weapons Training Simulator
- Humvee Vehicle Rollover Trainer
- POW Chapel

To schedule your free tour or for more information contact:  
Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck Public Affairs Office  
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Carole Granat  
Craft Coordinator

# Attention Crafters

All you crafty ladies will be able to again have the opportunity to make a jewelry project taught by the most capable Peggy Morris. She always comes up with an amazing project to test our eyesight with those needles. Peggy, "We are up for the challenge." Also, another offering will be presented by Carole Granat. She has some ideas for us, and we may have to wait and see what she has in store for us. I'm sure it will be an interesting project that all will want to participate in. As always, we want input from the membership as to the kind of crafts they would like to have. We also need those special talents of the membership to teach us something new. All of us do something while we cruise down the road, and when we are at our home base. Now is the time to share with the rest of us. As for myself (Carol Lenoir), I would like someone to teach me how to crochet those "Granny Squares". Whatever we come up with, we all know that we will have a good time just getting together and sharing our crafty knowledge, and a few juicy tales. See you in Indiana.



Hello Monaco America Tea Ladies,

As you may already know, the charity for our Spring 2012 Rally in Columbus, Indiana is "**Turning Point**", a shelter for women and children. Turning Point's needs list is as follows:

Trash Bags, Diapers(large), Toddler Socks, Sippy Cups, Blankets, Paper Towels, Children's Backpacks, Hair Brushes(not round), Flip Flops(for adults), Nail Clippers, Combs, Curling Irons, Hairspray, Mousse, Blow Dryers, Toothbrush Covers, Hair Products for Women of Color, New Pillows, Razors, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Gel, Dryer Softner Sheets, 2012 Calenders, Pack & Play, Baby Soap & Lotion, Pull-ups, Good Nights/Over Nights, Baby Monitors, Towels(bath & kitchen), Child-friendly/Safe Nightlights, Laundry Baskets, Gift Cards, Used Cell Phones, Alarm Clocks, Insulated Lunch Sacks, Pine Sol or similar, Chapstick, Underwear(sm adult sizes 4-5-6), Disinfectant Spray, Scotch Tape.

Also, don't forget our Teddy Bears( from the HUGS project as discussed at Marksville) & Beanie Babies for the soldiers at Camp Atterbury, for their distribution while on assignment in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Please call me at 219-921-4194 if you should have any questions. You can visit their website at: [www.turningpointdv.org](http://www.turningpointdv.org).

See you in CERAland,  
Carole Granat



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All **Monaco** Motorized Coaches

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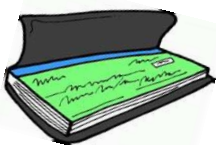
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Moving?





**Upcoming Rally !!!**

**Fall 2012**

Amana Colonies

October 8—12, 2012

Amana, Iowa



**Spring 2013**

River Plantation RV Park

May 13—17, 2013

Sevierville, Tennessee



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