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CERAland Rally a Major Success

The Monaco America rally at CERAland was an outstanding success. 107 coaches enjoyed the South Central Indiana area. Although we experienced a little rain the major weather problems for the area held off until after the rally had ended.

There was plenty to keep everyone entertained during the week. Sixteen seminars were held to give insight on subjects from coach maintenance to what people wanted to see and do at future rallies. Our own Peggy Morris held two craft classes that were well attended.

During the evenings a host of entertainment was available. Ron & Kay Rivoli, one of the vendors at the rally, presented a spirited music revue as the after dinner entertainment on Tuesday night. Wednesday night brought Magic by Lee. On Thursday the family group Lei gacy entertained with music from the 50's and 60's. This last group really got people on their feet, pulling back the tables and hitting the dance floor.

On Thursday morning the semi-annual business meeting was held. New officers for the next year were elected. These included: Bill Stone, President; Gary Granat, 1st Vice President; Marvin Norton, 2nd Vice President; Bill Henestofel, 3rd Vice President; Ed Stebbins, Secretary; Diane (Cookie) Baker, Treasurer; Joy Fetch, National FMCA Director; and Nancy Cormier, Alternate FMCA Director. In other business the membership voted to lower the membership dues to \$15.00. This change to the standing rules will take effect with the 2005 membership year. (This would include any new member joining after October 1, 2004.) Also, the standing rules were changed to allow the owners of Diplomat model motor coaches to be members. These owners now have the option of joining either Monaco America, Monaco International or both.

Many door prizes were given out during our meetings and at the evening meals. These were furnished by CERAland, Monaco Coach Corporation, Family Motor Coach Association and several members of Monaco America. Additionally, as a promotion to encourage members to submit their applications for the October 2004 rally a free trip to the Avi rally was awarded. A drawing was held from all the applicants who submitted their applications during the CERAland rally. Bill & Patsy Kenny were the winners. They had their money refunded and will attend the Avi rally for free. Bill & Patsy live in Cocoa, Florida and drive a Cayman.



From the President's Coach

By Bill Stone
Monaco America
President

Nancy and I have returned from the Monaco America rally at CERALand, IN. We had a great time, and thanks to the efforts of our rally master, Gary Granat, it may have been the best rally we have had. The entertainment was very good to great. The food was up to International Caterers usual standards.

The volunteers did a great job of seeing that all tasks were done very well, and with a smile and warm attitude. Gary mentioned them in his article, so I will not go over the list again. Many thanks to all that took their time to make this a great rally.

As you read in the newsletter, we elected new officers. I want to thank the voting members for their vote of confidence in electing me the president for the coming year. If anyone needs anything I may be able to help with, feel free to contact me.

During our business meeting we also voted to lower the 2005 dues to \$15.00. We also voted to ask any Diplomat Coach owner to join Monaco America if they wish. (See newsletter article on this page.)

At this writing, it appears that fuel prices may start going down some. I know this is good news for most of us. I hope the price of fuel has not kept anyone home. Ours is such a great lifestyle that it would be a shame to have to curtail some of our activities.

Gary and I are into the plans for our next rally. It should be a great time for all and give all the folks that live out west an opportunity to attend and enjoy a Monaco America rally.

Nancy and I are going to attend the Come Home rally in Salem, OR. I would like everybody that is attending to let me know and maybe we can go as a group and park together.

Nancy and I hope to see you out on the road or at the upcoming rallies.

Bill

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Welcome Diplomats

At the Monaco America Rally in Indiana a change was made to the Standing Rules to include the Diplomat model of motor coach.

Diplomat owners now have a choice of joining either Monaco America, Monaco International or both. Monaco Corporation will continue to assign new Diplomat purchases to Monaco International and will pay the first years membership to that group. Diplomat owners who wish to join Monaco America will need to submit an application and pay the membership fee. Diplomat owners that are members in good standing with Monaco International *will not* be required to pay the initiation fee to Monaco America.

So, we want to extend a big Monaco America welcome to any Diplomat owner out there that would like to join.

A Thank You from the Wagon Master

Carole and I had a great time at CERALand, sure hope that everyone else did too. As always, we had a terrific bunch of volunteers. We all know this is what makes any rally a success. It just would not work without everyone's hard work and dedication to get the many jobs done. Registration, parking, decorating, running the people movers are just a portion of the list of volunteer jobs. When I accepted this responsibility I was apprehensive, but then I quickly remembered how everyone jumps in to get all the needed work accomplished, and have fun while doing so.

We now look forward to Avi. It will be here before we know it. Looks like a great place. We hope that everyone will be able to attend, if not in person at least in spirit.

Thanks to every person for making the CERALand Rally a success. We're working hard to make the future rallies even better.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Gary & Carole Granat

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Fall Monaco Rally Avi Resort and Casino Laughlin, Nevada

The fall rally will be held October 19, 20 and 21, 2004, at the Avi Resort and Casino.

Whether your idea of relaxation is to play golf on a championship course, lie on a sandy beach, gamble in a casino or cruise along a river, Avi Resort and Casino offers something for you.

The resort, which includes a hotel and RV park, is just ten miles south of Laughlin, Nevada and 14 miles north of Needles, California, on the banks of the Colorado River. It is one of the few Nevada gaming resorts with its own private beach and a boat launch ramp.

The resort is owned by the Mojave Indians, the Pipa Aha Macav, whose reservation spans land in Arizona and Nevada. In the Pipa Aha Macav language, Avi means money, and the resort is billed as a true desert oasis in a land of riches.

The RV Park has 300 spaces, and more than 80 percent of them are pull through with water, electric, cable and sewer hookups. Internet access is also available. Guests at the RV park have the use of a swimming pool, fitness room, picnic area, laundry and shower facilities, beach and boat launch.

The white sand beach at Avi is the largest on the Colorado River. It is lined by towering palm trees, and has the appearance of a Caribbean resort. The Avi Beach Club, a small building on the beach and lagoon, offers refreshments, picnic supplies and ice for coolers.

The water sports center includes a marina with a boat launch, fuel dock and watercraft rentals. For fishermen, the major attraction in the river is an abundance of striped bass. For sightseers, there is an opportunity to take the Watercraft Adventure Tour, cruising the Colorado River from Avi to London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, about 60 miles away.

Next to the RV Park is the Mojave Resort Golf Club, a championship course with wide fairways and four sets of tees, allowing golfers to chose their own challenge. The course ranges from 5,620 yards to 6,939 yards, depending on which tees are used. The terrain combines native vegetation with wind shaped sand dunes, and offers strategically placed bunkers and undulating greens.

There is a spacious casino at the resort with all the usual gaming options. Also, Avi visitors have an abundance of dining options that include six different dining venues. These include casual dining in the Moonshadow Grille, buffet in the Native Harvest Buffet, 99-cent ham and eggs at Feathers Café, the Casino Deli Snack Bar, the RoadRunner Bar and the ArrowWeed Lounge. The ArrowWeed features entertainment by well-known bands.

The resort hotel has 300 newly redecorated rooms, including 29 spa suites. Rates vary with the season and the day of the week.

During the year Avi offers many special attractions, including a rock, gem and mineral show in January, a swap meet extravaganza in March, and spectacular fireworks shows during the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends.

For more information about Avi Resort and Casino call (800) AVI-2WIN or go online to www.avicasino.com.



Photo by Bill Stone

The beach area on the Colorado River at Avi Resort and Casino located just south of Laughlin, Nevada. This will be the location of the Thursday night luau during the Fall 2004 Monaco America Rally.

Tech Topics by J. P. McVicker and Larry Leadbetter

Door Awning Noise

If your coach is equipped with a front door awning, and you hear a loud whistling noise beginning about 45 mph and increasing in pitch to about 65 mph, you most probably have an improperly installed or missing door awning support arm filler strip. On the inside of both door awning support arms are tubular foam rubber filler strips that eliminate wind noise generated by these arms. These foam rubber strips are held in place only by a friction fit inside the support arms. I recommend removing the fillers and putting a bead of automotive trim adhesive on the inside edge and then replacing them back in the arms. Now they cannot be easily dislodged and cause any more trouble. Our first Monaco coach trip included this act, and our coach is now called "Whistlin' Dixie"!

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Interested in a Monaco America Website?

Al Fetch is in the process of setting up a website dedicated exclusively to Monaco America members. This website will be set up through Yahoo! Groups. Although anyone can access the site you must join the group before you will be allowed to move through the sight or post any messages. You can access this site at the following URL:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america



Monaco America Fall Rally Avi Resort, Laughlin, Nevada Rally Application Form



WHERE: Avi Resort, Laughlin, Nevada
WHEN: 19, 20, 21 October 2004

Please circle all items that apply:

	Early Bird	After 9/1/04
COST: Coach and 2 persons	\$265.00	\$295.00
Coach and 1 person	215.00	245.00
Extra person in coach	125.00	125.00
Passport for 2 persons^	195.00	225.00
Craft project (Per Person) # ___	5.00	5.00
Non-member fee**	25.00	25.00
Other brand coach fee***	50.00	50.00
Golf Package (Per Person) # ___	55.00	55.00

Make check payable to
Monaco America

Mail to:
Diane Baker
2061 Palomino Rd
Dover, PA 17315
(717) 292-5196

Registration deadline: 9/15/04

Cancellations request must be received by 9/15/04 for a full refund.

Total _____

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagonmaster:
Gary Granat
(219) 926-4910
granat@worldnet.att.net

First Name: _____

Second Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Coach Number: _____

Coach Model: _____ Handicapped?* Yes ___ No ___ First Timer? Yes ___ No ___

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur) camping with full hookups, including cable TV, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening Meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (An \$18.00 per night charge will be required of those arriving prior to Monday, 18 October 2004, to cover those nights camping. This fee will be collected at the gate.)

*Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

**Persons owning a Monaco Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for first years membership dues.

***Persons owning any brand of motor coach, other than Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged an additional \$50.00.

^Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package. Passport attendees who desire to stay at the Avi Resort Hotel should make arrangements directly with the hotel.

Rally is open to owners of Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight & Diplomat Motor Coaches.



Monaco America officers for 2004-2005 were introduced at the Spring Rally. L to R: Bill Stone, President; Gary Granat, 1st Vice President; Marvin Norton, 2nd Vice President; Ed Stebbins, Secretary; Bill Henestofel, 3rd Vice President; Cookie Baker, Treasurer; Joy Fetch, National FMCA Director; Nancy Cormier, Alternate National FMCA Director.



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