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Goshen Rally Huge Success! Largest Monaco America Rally To Date!

The Spring 2006 Monaco America Rally has wrapped up and was a huge success. Although the weather did not cooperate it was in typical Monaco America fashion in that it rained all week. However, Elkhart County Fairgrounds has excellent facilities for a rally, all activities inside and centrally located!

131 coaches were present in Goshen, Indiana, making this the largest Monaco America rally to date. In addition there were 21 vendors and 7 suppliers in attendance with everything to sell from products to clean your coach, jewelry, home décor, embroidery, and electrical and braking systems. Additionally, six suppliers of items used on Monaco coaches were present and performed minor repairs on equipment as well as held seminars on their various products. Monaco provided technicians and a team who worked so graciously in the rain and wind making repairs on our member coaches. Attendees are still complimenting the techs on the Monaco America web site! A big thank you to the Monaco techs and the entire Monaco team!

The week started off with a potluck dinner on Sunday evening for all those who had arrived early. This was well attended and the food was plentiful. On Monday we had our regular welcome get together. Monaco America member Nancy Stone, along with many volunteers, catered it this year. At the end of this session there was a good amount of food remaining and was taken to The Window, a local homeless shelter in Goshen.



For the meals during the regular portion of the rally a local caterer was used. *The meals were outstanding!* The attendees broke into four separate groups and caravanned by car to four different Amish homes for dinner. These meals were prepared and served by the individual Amish families. That evening was definitely one of the many highlights of the rally. We also enjoyed an Amish bake sale!

Plenty to do! There were tours of the Monaco factory in Wakarusa, Indiana. These tours took place each afternoon and were all filled to the maximum. A keen interest was shown by the members in how the coaches are built. After dinner entertainment was provided a local disk jockey who played tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's and a 18 piece jazz band played to the delight of the members.

Friday morning came way too early as the members packed up to move on to other adventures. The morning turned out beautiful and for the first day in over a week no rain was to be found. Farewells were said keeping in mind in October we will be ready to do it all over again in Tucson!



Submitted by Rick Stone and Gary Granat



From the President's Coach

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Greetings Fellow Monaco America Members,

As the song goes.... "Summer time, and the living is easy". Joy and I hope your summer is filled with travel plans, and your "easy living" takes you to fun and exciting places in your Monaco coach.

Our Spring rally in Goshen, Indiana was, by all measures, a roaring success. You'll read about the particulars elsewhere in this newsletter, I'd just like to personally thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the rally so enjoyable for us all. As much as I'd like to, there just isn't enough room in this column to list everyone by name.

The parking committee earned badges of honor for getting us all parked during the torrential downpours. It's been said before that we should hire the club out as a sure-fire cure for any drought stricken area of the country.

Thanks, again, to our wonderful Wagon Master team of Gary and Carole Granat and Rally Masters, Barb and Bob Pitcher. They sure saw to it that every detail was taken care of.

We elected a new Board of Directors and Nominating Committee at the annual business meeting, and I'd like to thank those who were elected for agreeing to serve. They're listed on page 3, and also on the Monaco America website. I'd also like to thank the outgoing officers, Ed Stebbins and Joy Fetch, for their service. Ed has been Secretary for the past year and a half, and Joy has been our National Director since the club was formed. Thanks, also, to Rick Stone, who has handed the pen over to Leah Knoerlein, our new Newsletter Editor. Thanks Leah, for jumping in and volunteering!

Speaking of the website, it continues to grow with close to 175 members. If you haven't already done so, please check it out at the following address:

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

While on line you might also want to go to www.photobucket.com. Once the home page appears, type monacoamerica (all one word) into the search box in the upper right hand corner and hit enter. That will take you to a page where you can select either Bowling Green or Goshen to view all the pictures that have been taken at the rallies. Proof, in full color, of all the fun that was had at our past couple of get-togethers!

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Notes from the Wagon Master

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The Fall Rally, in Tucson, Arizona is already starting to come together. We had 36 members register at Goshen for Tucson and we have several vendors already committed, an excellent sign.

Due to an overlap between our rally and an FMCA rally, some of our vendors may be open starting Monday of the rally and depart Wednesday evening.

You don't want to miss this rally. It's being held at the Voyager RV Resort, the premier award winning RV Resort in Arizona. An application appears in this Newsletter.

A last note, our Spring 2007 Rally will be held at the municipal facility in Rayne, LA and is schedule for May 15 - 17, 2007. Mark your calendars now.

**We hope to see you in Tucson and in Rayne,
Gary & Carole Granat**

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Thanks to Joy Fetch for getting this book together!



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For the Ladies Only

Tuesday afternoon at Goshen the ladies held their themed tea, this rally it was a Teddy Bear Tea.

Each attendee donated a small, stuffed bear to be donated to the Indiana State Police to assist when the Trooper is dealing with a traumatized child. Sgt. Trent Smith was very grateful when in excess of 100 bears were donated. We also would like to thank all those that brought the beautiful quilts to Goshen!

At our Ladies Tea in Tucson we will continue our "giving back to the community" by supporting the Ronald McDonald House.

We decided to donate home made caps for the children, many of whom have lost their hair from their treatments, or small homemade blankets. They can be knitted, crocheted, or anything else that may be your specialty. If you are not handy or crafty we do have a donation wish list they provided us. We will include this list in your rally packets so you can have time to check it out. I'm sure with everyone's help this will turn out as successful as our Teddy Bear donations.

Anyone unable to attend our Tuscan Rally but would still like to contribute through Monaco America to the Ronald McDonald house, we will have information in the next newsletter.

Joy Fetch, Carole Granat, and Nancy Stone



MONACO AMERICA OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of officers was held during the May 2006 rally at Goshen, Indiana. The officers will serve until the Spring rally in May 2007.

We had two new officers elected this year. Peggy Morris will serve as Secretary, and Carrol Henestofel will serve as FMCA Director.

Additionally, elected to the 3 member nominating committee were Rich Cotterall, who will serve as Chairman, Judy Cote, and Bob Cummings.

All members of the Board as well as our Officers with their email addresses are listed on page one of this newsletter.

Our thanks to all of our officers, board and committee members both present and past!

Questions about Monaco America

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COACH

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The Fall rally in Tucson will mark our 5th Anniversary as a club.

We've grown in so many ways. Our membership stands at just over a thousand and the friendships formed have far exceeded that number. And we've also grown in the way we do things. Witness the generosity of the Ladies of our club as they gathered over 100 teddy bears to donate to the Indiana State Police. And, how Nancy Stone and her crew sought out a local homeless shelter in Goshen and delivered the left-over food from our Monday night gathering. We're giving back to the communities who are hosting our rallies. In Tucson the Ladies are going to be working with the Ronald McDonald House. I don't know about you, but it sure gives me a warm all over feeling to see this kind of good being done by our club.

Joy and I will be on the road all summer, spending most of our time in the Midwest, Colorado and Utah before we arrive in Tucson for the rally. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there's anything we can do for you.

The easiest way is by e-mail at alfetch@earthlink.net, or joyfetch@earthlink.net.

Travel safely!
Al & Joy Fetch

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COST: (circle all items that apply)

Coach and 2 persons	\$295.00
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Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	100.00
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Passport for 2 persons [^]	225.00
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Golf Outing — per person (includes lunch)	50.00 x No. _____
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2006: Cancellation request must be received by September 16, 2006 for a full refund.

RALLY INCLUDES: 4 nights (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) camping with full hookups, 3 breakfasts, 3 evening meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Anyone planning to arrive prior to Monday, October 9, or stay past Thursday, October 12, will be charged \$37.63 per night. This fee is to be paid directly to Voyager RV Resort.)

GOLF TOURNAMENT: A golf outing is being scheduled for Monday, October 9. Soft spikes only.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RALLY should be addressed to the Wagon Master
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* Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

** Persons owning a Monaco Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for the first year's membership dues. Persons owning any other Monaco Coach model may attend by paying the \$25.00 non-member fee.

*** Persons owning any brand of motorcoach 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.



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Red	Light Blue	Ash Gray	White
Red	Light Blue	Ash Gray	White

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Mail order form to:
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Tech Topic by Larry Leadbetter:

Tire care when parking or storing your vehicle for prolonged periods

I recently parked our MH for 5 months this winter in Goodyear AZ. I was surprised to find some of the rubber compound had leached out on the ground from my tires although I was not parked on concrete and have tire covers. So I have done some searching and found this advice. Ideally, a vehicle in storage should be placed on blocks to remove all weight from the tires. If the vehicle cannot be put on blocks, follow these steps for tire protection:

- Completely unload the vehicle so that minimum weight will be placed on the tires.
- If blocking is not possible, inflate tires to recommended operating pressure plus 25%. Ensure that the rim manufacturer's inflation capacity is not exceeded.
- Be sure the storage surface is firm, clean, well drained and reasonably level.
- Avoid moving the vehicle during extremely cold weather.
- Move the vehicle at least every three months to prevent ozone cracking in the tire bulge area, as well as "flat-spotting" from the prolonged strain of sidewall and tread deflection. Flat spots usually disappear, when the tires warm-up, after a 25+ mile drive. Flat spotting, which occurs on vehicles not moved for six or more months, may not disappear.
- Adjust inflation before putting the vehicle back into service.
- Tires on vehicles stored out-of-doors, should be protected by opaque covers to prevent damage from sunlight.
- Care should be taken to avoid prolonged contact with petroleum based substances: oils, fuel, asphalt or concrete.

Hope this provides info for those that store or sit in place for long periods of time.

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