

Monaco America News

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AMANA Colonies / The Handcrafted Experience

With Summer coming to an end, it's time to turn our thoughts toward the Fall and our Rally in Amana, Iowa. This will be a time for us to reconnect with our friends and meet new friends in our "First Timers". We welcome all those who have not attended a Monaco America Rally, or any rally for that matter. We are always looking for new folks to experience the joy of camping, and camaraderie that we as members share with each other at these functions. Some of you may have been to this area before and remember the rains. Well, we hope this will be a time of the year for better weather, and just maybe see some fall color. The area has a lot to offer in their history and the way they have preserved it through the generations. We have some local artisans lined up to show you their craft and invite all who attend the invitation to travel to their shops and see more, and of course purchase those items that interest you. We will be having a theatrical production on Monday night that will depict the "Stories of Old Amana", a style show on Wednesday presented by the Amana Woolen Mill, and on Thursday a professional hypnotist will perform a "fall out of your seat laughing" experience. These are just a few of the things you can look forward to at the Rally, as well as craft classes, seminars, washer toss, pet show, and much more. So make your plans to travel to Iowa and join us at the rally. Be sure to bring the marshmallows, because there will be a camp fire going. Maybe even some "smores" will be consumed. So fill out that registration and send it in. We encourage all of you to tell others about the rally and hand them a registration form. The more the merrier.

As all of you know, or most of you know, by now, Gary and Carole Granat have had a lifestyle change and made the decision to downsize to another brand of motorhome. In that, as our bylaws state, they can no longer be members of Monaco America. That is not to say that they are not welcomed at our rallies. We will always welcome them with open arms. They have been an important part of this club, and will remain so. One of the most rewarding things in life is to give to others. They have certainly done that for all of us. Sometimes it can be difficult to express our thanks, however we want Gary and Carole to know the love, gratitude, and appreciation we all feel for the enormous sacrifice they have shown to our membership over the years. They have given their time, encouragement, and guidance to our membership whenever asked. We wish to thank them both from the bottom of our hearts for their dedicated commitment to Monaco America. God Bless you both now and in all your life's adventures.



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Gary and Carole Granat —
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As you may know, Carole and I have reached a significant milestones in our life together. We have, for the third time, purchased our last motorhome, celebrated our 57th wedding anniversary, and both passed the three/quarter century mark. Unfortunately due to our changing needs and desires, the motorhome we purchased was not a Monaco. Because of this, we had to resign our membership in Monaco America. This was the most difficult part of the attained milestone. We truly love Monaco America as a club, and of course it's because of the wonderful members, so many true friends.

Just because we cannot be members of Monaco America does not mean that we will not be attending the rallies. We plan to continue to attend. We will most definitely be in Amana Colonies and at Sevierville next May.

We're hoping for a great turn out in the Amana Colonies, that is such a neat area. We know that Sid and Carol have many fun and exciting things planned for us. You sure don't want to miss out on this opportunity to be with your Monaco America friends in a unique area of this great country.

If I may digress a bit, some years ago Monaco America was going through a difficult period, and out of it Bill Stone was chosen President. Bill drafted me to be Wagon Master. I truly believe that through Bill's hard work and the fun we had in putting the following rallies together, we were able to turn the club around, and make it very successful. This took the work and dedication of many members too numerous to list. Isn't this what makes Monaco America so great?

Carole and I salute, and thank our Monaco America friends.



God Bless America and Canada,
 Gary & Carole Granat



Sid and Carol Lenoir — clenoir1@verizon.net

If things aren't to our liking, we usually display an optimistic view that things will hopefully be more pleasing in time to come. I'm referring to the HOT and DROUGHT prone weather that we are experiencing here in Texas, and more so in the Mid-West. In a couple of months, I'm sure we will find some respite to our miserable conditions in some autumn, and harvest time weather that should greet us on our arrivals in Amana, Iowa.

Carol, Nolan (Grandson), and I took off for a few weeks this summer and visited 15 different states. Trying to share the historical sites of our great country with an 10 year old, whose mind was always on social media and other hand held devices, was needless to say, at times, frustrating. However all in all we had a great time, especially the cool weather in the Pacific Northwest and in northern California.

A fun time of eating, camp fires, seminars, crafts, washer toss, roundtables, and socializing is planned for all who plan to attend our Fall Rally. By the way, more events for the men are on the event calendar. If you haven't yet registered, do so soon because time is running out.

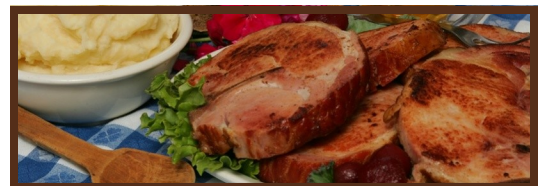
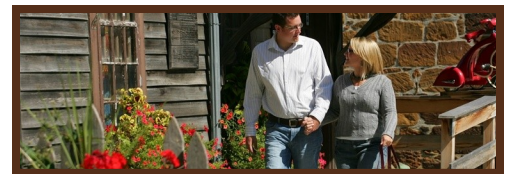
Last, but not least, a shout out to Gary and Carole Granat. Thanks guys for all you've meant and done for the membership of Monaco America. Thanks for your listening and guidance afforded me when requested. Your leadership will leave a void, but your friendship will still be welcomed by all. Best of everything to you both. Love ya'll !!!!!



With that said, during the rally at Amana Colonies, a General Meeting of Monaco America members will be held on Tuesday October 9th. At 9:00am. This meeting is being held to conduct a special election to fill the recently vacated position of President of Monaco America. Rod Baker, nominating committee chairperson, is taking nominations for this vacated position. So if you are interested, or if you have someone in mind that you would like to see serve, submit the names to Rod at: 2067 Palomino Road, Dover, PA 17315-3647, or email to: cookiebaker3@gmail.com.

See ya'll in Iowa, Sid

From festivals, lots of good shopping, local artisans, and certainly LOTS of good eating. This is some of what awaits you at the Amana Rally. Come and enjoy.



Fields of Opportunity in Iowa



Amana Colonies, Iowa

**Monaco America
Fall Rally**



October 8-12, 2012

Amana RV Park
3890 C St. Amana, IA 52203

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***	<u>25.00</u>
	Total	_____

Make check payable to, and
Mail to: Monaco America
7956 Vaughn Rd., Box 174
Montgomery, AL 36116

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master.

Sid Lenoir
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Registration deadline: Sep 24, 2012.
Cancellation request must be received by Sep 24, 2012 for full refund.

Last Name: _____ First Person: _____ Second Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ FMCA #: _____

Coach Model: _____ Handicapped? ^ Yes _____ No _____ First Timer: Yes _____ No _____

Mail rally packet: _____ or Hold rally packet at will call: _____ (All applications received after 9/1/2012

will not be mailed, but held at will call.)

Rally price includes 5 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with full hookups; Welcome Gathering; 4 breakfasts; 4 evening meals, entertainment; vendors; seminars; social/cocktail hours; Ladies Tea; craft classes (additional cost may apply); and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. Early arrivals prior to Monday, Oct 8, or stays past Friday, Oct 12, will require a reservation directly with Amana Colonies RV Park at the rally rate of \$27.00 (plus taxes). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-471-7616 for reservations.

^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.



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Entertainment at Amana Colonies

IOWA THEATRE ARTISTS COMPANY

“NEVER TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING!”



Meg Merckens (Artistic Director), a co-founder of the Iowa Theatre Artists Company, is delighted that ITAC is celebrating a 5th Anniversary in 2012. Meg enjoyed 31 years in the resident acting company of The Old Creamery Theatre, both in Garrison and Amana, where she performed in countless productions. An Ohio native, Meg grew up in Cleveland and graduated from Kenyon College in Gambier. Favorite roles at ITAC include Annie Nations in "Foxfire" June Sanders in "Smoke On The Mountain" Ann Landers in "The Lady With All The Answers" as well as being part of the ensemble in "Woody Guthrie's American Song." Meg and her husband, Tom Johnson, enjoy living in beautiful South Amana.



STEVE MEADE, HYPNOTIST



Master Comedy Hypnotist - Steve Meade is one of the top performing stage hypnotists in the world today. Over the last 13 years he has traveled coast to coast performing his comedy stage hypnosis show entitled, "THE VIRTUAL REALITY TOUR", and to date he has hypnotized over 15,000 people! Steve has performed for hundreds of groups, and year after year he returns to corporations, colleges, high schools and various fairs and festivals for amazing and unforgettable shows.

"THE VIRTUAL REALITY TOUR" is extremely hilarious, totally interactive for the volunteers and audience, and always done in a tasteful and responsible manner. It truly is, PURE FUN!!!

What People Are Saying:

"...absolutely incredible, the show, the volunteers and Mr. Meade had me crying I was laughing so hard!"
(Caterpillar Inc., holiday party guest)

"This was the funniest thing I've ever seen and the best part was how interactive this type of entertainment was - a BIG improvement compared to just hiring a DJ or band - it was a HIT with everyone!" (GTE Employee)

"This is the second time I have seen his show and they just get funnier and funnier!" (MCI Sales Convention Participant)



Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Attention Crafters

Peggy Morris is going to teach us another bracelet pattern. She is limiting her class this rally to 15, so be sure and sign up as soon as you can. There will be a small fee charged to cover her costs. We will be having another craft, however at this writing it has not been finalized. It could be crocheting, knitting, making Christmas ornaments, iris folding, or some new craft to be determined before the rally. All you crafters will have to wait and see what we come up with. With the talent we have in our membership, I'm sure it will be a treat to explore. Remember we always welcome your input on the crafts and invite you to teach us something new. Whether you craft or not, come on and join us for what we know will be a great "gab" session.



Amana Charity will be the Colonial Manor Nursing Home

We will be making individual gift bags for the residents. It was decided to fill a 9 x 12 gift bag with some of the following items: body spray, deodorant, small bottles of lotion (travel sizes work great), stationery, stamps, boxes of all occasion cards, playing cards, small boxes of tissue, slipper sox, regular sox, combs, brushes, puzzle books, large print books, chap stick, sugar free candy (hard candy was fine but they really like chocolate). They have 60 residents and only about 10 of them are men. If we have some bags that are able to be given to either that would be great. I know this is something different that we are doing, but I know you ladies will do a terrific job.



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Carol Lenoir, Newsletter Editor

UPCOMING RALLIES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Spring 2013



River Plantation RV Park
Sevierville, Tennessee
May 6 - 9, 2013



Fall 2013



Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma
October 7 - 10, 2013



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