



Monaco America News



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It's time to "Head 'em Up, and Move 'em Out" to Oklahoma. Let's circle the wagons in Shawnee for our Fall Rally in October. Get that registration in so we won't have to send the "posse" after you. Even though it's been hot, here's hoping that temperatures will be cooling off by the time the rally

starts. No matter the weather, we will, and have always had a good time. Our rallies are always a time for us to reconnect with all of our friends, current and ones we have yet to meet. ***Let's don't let this rally be the one you miss.*** With all the rich heritage and culture in Oklahoma, we should all get there if at all possible. Some of our activities will embrace this heritage. Here are some facts of the area:

History of Shawnee, OK

The area surrounding Shawnee was settled after the American Civil War by a number of tribes that the federal government had removed to Indian Territory. The Sac and Fox originally were deeded land in the immediate area but were soon followed by the Kickapoo, Shawnee, and Pottawatomie Indians. Members of the tribes continue to reside today in and around Shawnee.



Over the course of the 1870s, Texas cattle drovers pushed their herds across Indian Territory; there were four major trails, with the West Shawnee trail crossing near present-day Kickapoo and Main Streets. With the cattle drives came railroads; as a result, pressure began to build to allow permanent white settlements in a region that previously had been reserved by treaty to Native Americans. The one other event that foreshadowed the coming of white civilization was the establishment in 1871 of the Quaker mission near the current Mission Hill Hospital, where an old building still marks the spot. That first missionary, Joseph Newsom, opened a school in 1872, and by 1876 a post office and trading post had been established a quarter mile west of the mission at what became known as Shawnee Town.

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A Note From the President

Gary and Carole Granat —
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Well it is now just weeks away from our Fall 2013 Rally being held in Shawnee, Oklahoma. As usual, this will be a

great rally, you surely don't want to miss the fun. Bob Allen will be expecting your application, if you haven't already sent it. Our Wagon Master, Sid Lenior and his wonderful wife and our Newsletter editor, Carol, have many neat activities planned. We need you to be a part of the goings-on. Remember, you can always go to our web site, www.monacoamerica.com for rally updates and for the rally application. How about doing that right now!!!!!! We are expecting a decent turn-out and truly need everyone to make the rally a complete success.



Another reminder, at the Spring 2014 rally, being held in Sevierville, Tennessee, we will hold our biennial election of officers. We need members to step up and take part in the running of our great club. If you are at all interested, and we certainly hope you are, check the web site for the job responsibility synopsis of the position you may be interested in. Also, please feel free to contact any current officer for their input and suggestions. As I stated before, we need your involvement. We personally have found that being directly involved is very rewarding, why don't find this out for yourself?

First and foremost though, you need to get your application in very soon for the Fall 2013 Rally. Bring friends and/or neighbors, the more the merrier. Your guests don't have to be members of Monaco America, but we're sure that after attending one of our rallies, they most likely will want to join our great club.

We certainly hope to see you in Shawnee and again, in Sevierville next spring.

One last thought, we have several members who are fighting health issues, let's keep them and all others with difficult situations in our prayers.

God Bless America & Canada,
Gary & Carole Granat





A Note From the Wagon Master

Sid and Carol Lenoir —
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How about getting the ‘ole schooner (your coach) ready to head for the Oklahoma Territory, and let’s meet in Shawnee for a big Pow-Wow (rally) the week of October 7-10, 2013. This is the date and the



Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, which is completely air conditioned, is the place for our Fall Monaco America Rally. We just hope that those in attendance, especially our new members, first timers, and vendors, come and experience the good time that is being planned for your enjoyment. So let’s get those rally registrations in so that you won’t miss out on what’s in store for you at the rally.

Boy has it been hot here at home (Texas) in the waning days of summer. You wouldn’t know by our current conditions that Autumn is officially three weeks away. I’m sure the weather Gods in Oklahoma will look down on us and provide some nice fall weather for the rally. Speaking of Hot !!! How about our newsletter winning 2nd place in the International Area of FMCA. I know the editor of this publication very well you know. Thusly, it didn’t surprise me of the recognition our entrant earned. Babe, our club is proud of you and a big “Thank You” for all your hard work and dedication you put into being a great newsletter editor.

As of the time of writing this article, looks like we have 9 vendors. This includes detailing, a good possibility of oil and lube services from Cummins dealer out of Oklahoma City, plus a variety of inside vendors. We will have entertainment Monday and Thursday, plus we’re planning a **special fun time** for Tuesday evening. *You will have to attend to find out about Tuesday’s offering.* So come and join the party with us in Shawnee. See ya there !!!!



Drive Safe, Sid and Carol Lenoir

P.S. It would be appreciated if we could continue with the re-gifting of items (new and gently used) for door prizes. Your contributions in Tenn. was over the top. Thanks.

History of Shawnee, OK (contd.)

Beginning in April 1889, the United States government succumbed to the pressure that had built to open Native lands to white settlement. Land runs were initiated after tribal property was seized and then allotted individually to tribal members.

After the Land Run of 1891, four settlers (Etta B. Ray, Henry G. Beard, James T. Farrall, and Elijah A. Alley) each staked a quarter section in the proposed city of Brockway. Following an all-night discussion among early settlers who had their own ideas for the town's name, a compromise was reached, and the town was named Shawnee after the American Indian Tribe.^[5]



Oklahoma Baptist University opened in 1910. Its first building, Shawnee Hall, was a gift from the citizens. St. Gregory's College (now St. Gregory's University) relocated to Shawnee from Sacred Heart in 1915.

In 1930, voters elected to move the county seat of Pottawatomie County from Tecumseh to Shawnee. The courthouse was built with New Deal funding, and opened in 1935.^[6]

The Second World War, and in particular the construction of Tinker Air Force Base east of Oklahoma City, benefited Shawnee's economy. At various times, Tinker has employed as many as 3,000 Shawnee residents. After the war, three major manufacturing concerns were important for Shawnee's economic health. Jonco, Inc., manufactured aviation products and employed nearly 1,000 in 1958. The Sylvania Corporation produced vacuum tubes and electrical parts in its Shawnee plant and employed another 1,000. The Shawnee Milling Company, which had rebuilt after a fire in the 1930s, employed nearly 300 workers.

Shawnee is the home of several notable people, including Astronaut Gordon Cooper, and Actor Brad Pitt.

Entertainment in Shawnee

Monday night we will be treated to some true Oklahoma talent with "The Oklahoma Kid". Fourth-generation Wild West showman Marty Tipton, aka "The Oklahoma Kid," carries on the family business with style. The trick-roper and professional cowboy has performed thousands of shows across the nation, adding his own chapter to his storied pedigree with his sharp wit and a unique message. "It's not always how fast you run in life, or how high you climb, but how you bounce," is Tipton's mantra.



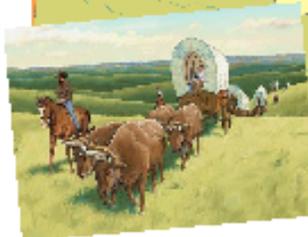
Thursday night we will be treated to the sounds of Brent Giddens. The V.C.R. band is the premiere Vintage Country and Rock band in the state of Oklahoma. They bring a high energy stage show, and bring back the memories of all your country and rock favorites as well as modern tunes that are sure to become classics. They have played many casinos, venues, night clubs, dance clubs, and private parties.



MONACO AMERICA FALL RALLY



**COME AND JOIN US
ON THE PRAIRIE
OCTOBER 7-10, 2013**



RALLY FEE INCLUDES
4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping w/full 50 amp hookups, Welcome Gathering, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, Social Hour, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes (fee may apply), and all the FUN that is a Monaco America Rally.

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
1700 W. Independence St.
Shawnee, OK 74802



Early arrivals prior to Monday Oct. 7, or stays past Thursday Oct. 10, will require a reservation directly with Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center at the rally rate of \$20.00. Rally rate will apply 4 days before & 4 days after the rally. For extra nights, call 800-762-7695.

► We welcome all coaches in good standing with FMCA ◄

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 Info. Ctr.
(All applications received after September 15, 2013 will not be mailed, but held at Info. Ctr.)

Cancellation requests must be received by Sept. 1, 2013 for full refund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

Coach & 2 persons	345.00
Coach & 1 person	295.00
Extra person	100.00
Passport for 2 persons **	275.00
Non-Member Fee***	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ _____

Make check payable to Monaco America
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Montgomery, AL 36116

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:
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- * Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
- ** 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.

Newsletter

Attention Crafters



Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Craft news for Shawnee:

Nancy Seidler will be making a button pin. If you have some small buttons you like, bring them for your use or to share.



Peggy Morris will show us how to make an easy bracelet.



I will have a picture board, this also easy to make.

Ideas? Bring them.

No experience is necessary, just fun.

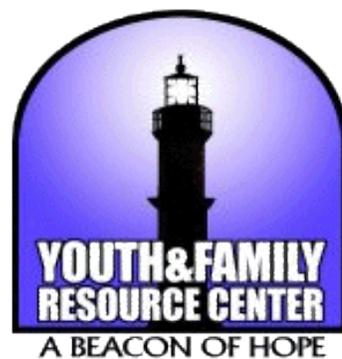
See you in Shawnee, Carole



The Youth & Family Resource Center in Shawnee is the chosen charity for our next Tea. We have three Oklahomans and one Texan hosting the tea. David Colvin, from the Shawnee Youth and Family Resource Center, has been contacted and was so very appreciative to be chosen as the next recipient of our generosity. They have recently received a grant for a new playground,

so a new need is for playground equipment such as basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, etc. In addition, other needs include twin bed sheets, towels and washcloths, pots and pans, toasters, small radios or clock radios for kids rooms. They are always in need of a variety of hygiene products. Your help by contributing these items will be greatly appreciated.

Joyce Osmus will be hosting the tea along with Joyce Cook, Dorothy Robertson, Peggy Morris. See you in Oklahoma.



Check out the complete list on their website at www.hopehouseonline.org

Checks or money orders can be made payable to:
Youth & Family Resource Center, Inc.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Spring 2014

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Sevierville, Tennessee
May 12-15, 2014

