



# Monaco America News

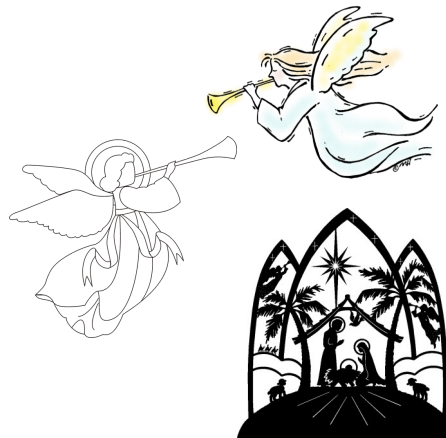


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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Everywhere you go. Sonny and I got out decorations up on the day after Thanksgiving. This is the gazebo at the train station in Mineola, all dressed up. I hope you are all ready for a great Christmas with family and friends.



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Hope you all are ready to join is in Mineola, TX at our spring rally. If you all show up, it will be another great one.

Expect to see y'all there—Suellen



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

## Members who recently joined!

Roger & Sandy Schwarting; Box Elder, SD

Don & Connie Futrell; Chula Vista, CA

Jim & Dianne Theut; Harrison Twp., MI

Kenny & Jo Anderson; Double Oak, TX

Jim & Sherry Hensley; Hideaway, TX

Kurt & Kathy Delpierre; Bondurant, IA

Marc & Darla Wood; Murphy, TX

## From the President

Thanksgiving - A giving of thanks - Thanks for family, friends and good health. Thanks for living in a country where one can worship as one chooses. Thanks for being able to speak out for or against what the government does or says without fear. Thanks to those past and present in uniform who have made all the above possible.

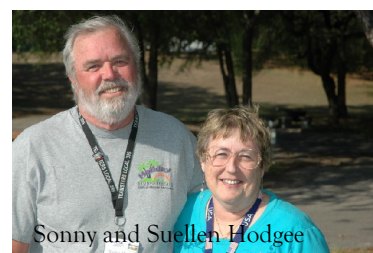
Well, another great rally in Branson We had 37 rigs attending, representing 13 states. Seven 1st timers joined Monaco America. I would like to thank Terry Sonnonstine for taking pictures at the rally. You can check them out at, [monacoamerica.com](http://monacoamerica.com) photo album. Don't miss IMG\_9613 thru 9618 at the #1 hits 60's show. Way to go Walt.

Our next rally will be in Mineola TX May 7-10, 2018. In this newsletter, as well as on the Monaco America web site, [monacoamerica.com](http://monacoamerica.com), is an application form. Fill it out and send it to Jack (don't forget to include the check).

To Neil & Peggy Morris, charter members who have attended every rally since 2001 CONGRATULATIONS on winning the free ride to Mineola. See, years of patience do pay off Peggy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Mineola.

Sonny





Allen and Sharon Jackson

## From the Rally Master

To Our Monaco America Family and Guests,



First and foremost we want to thank all who joined us in Branson and a big “Shout Out of Thanks” to all of you for making the rally a fun time for all. Without you, we would not have a rally. I wish to extend a sincere “Thank You” to all who volunteered to perform different activities at the rally. We had 37 coaches with ten first timers. Michelle Ward at “America’s Best Campground” was excellent to work with. She is an expert at planning all the activities.

As I prepare this article, the month of November is coming to a close and the Christmas season is fast approaching. So we would like to take the opportunity to say that we hope all of you had a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving and we wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas. May we never forget the Reason for the Season.

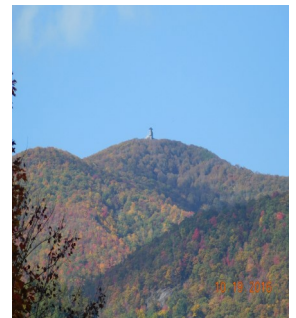


Next year’s rallies are still in the planning stages. The spring rally will be at the Mineola Civic Center in Mineola, TX May 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. Neil and Peggy Morris are assisting us with this rally. They will be the “Local Rally Masters.” We encourage everyone who plan on attending to register early. This helps in planning and scheduling activities. Please go to their website



[https://](https://mineolaciviccenter-)  
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[andrvpark.com/](https://andrvpark.com/) for other details. Watch for additional details from wagon-master@monacoamerica.com.



The fall rally will be at the Bald Mountain Camping Resort in Hiawassee, GA September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This facility is in the mountains of Northeast Georgia. We would have loved to have had the rally in October, but Bald Mountain does not accommodate rallies in October. This area in Georgia is similar to the Smokey Mountains and can be extremely gorgeous in the Fall. If you plan on attending and would like to extend your stay, we encourage you to get in touch with them. Please see their website <http://www.baldmountainpark.com/> for more details.

If you are interested in presenting a seminar or giving a craft class please contact me via an email to [wagonmaster@monacoamerica.com](mailto:wagonmaster@monacoamerica.com) or by calling me at (740) 739-0019.

Sharon and I hope all is well with each of you and we wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
We are looking forward to seeing all of you In Mineola.

Allen and Sharon Jackson

## FMCA

If you were not able to be with us, in Branson, Missouri for our Fall Rally, we hope to see you at the next rally in Mineola, Texas May 7-10, 2018. Below is some additional information from the FMCA Information seminar at the Branson rally.

Check out all the benefits in the FMCAssist Medical Emergency and Travel Assist Program at <https://www.fmca.com/benefits/fmcassist.html>. You may need to login with your FMCA membership number to view the page.

Use this link to print the FMCAssist I.D Card <https://www.fmca.com/benefits/3791-fmcassist-print-i-d-card.html>.

Use this link to print the FMCAssist Drug Discount Card <https://www.fmca.com/benefits/3863-fmcassist-print-discount-drug-card.html>.

See you at the next rally!

Bert Garcia  
FMCA Alternate National Director

# Attention Crafters

Information about classes and our charity will be in the January newsletter. Anyone interested in teaching a class, contact me and we can discuss setting it up. I will be available (between all the fun, by appointment) for knit/crochet help.

# Ladies Tea

Our Charity in Dothan was The Crisis Center of Taney County. It is the mission of the center to provide quality residential and non-residential services to victims, of domestic and sexual violence, and their children. In addition to “in kind” donations, we ladies and ROMEOs collected \$890. (Ladies had \$490—we beat them again.



As usual, we will be having a Ladies’ Tea hope everyone will attend.

Be there!!  
Suellen

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## From the Treasurer

**It's time** to pay your 2018 Monaco America Dues. Please make your check payable to Monaco America in the amount of \$ 25.00

You can mail in your dues to:  
Monaco America  
2829 West Grand River Ave  
Howell, Michigan 48843-8581



If you have any questions contact Jack Connell  
Cell: 586-817-7584  
Email: [Treasurer@MonacoAmerica.com](mailto:Treasurer@MonacoAmerica.com)

## From the Past President

Carole and I were so disappointed in having to miss Monaco America's Dothan and Branson Rallies. The first ones we missed since the Lake Havasu City, AZ rally. But in the famous words of Forrest Gump, "---- Happens". For us, it was me getting Myasthenia Gravis, which really put a damper on a good part of this year. A month after hip replacement surgery, the MG hit me. There are many symptoms to MG, and I had to get them all. Our work now is to manage the many symptoms; this is a slow process since we all are different.

We are making progress, with my 88 days of hospital stay and now some in-home infusions, we hope to gain control soon.

The many cards, emails from our Monaco America family members are soooo appreciated and mean sooo much to Carole and me, Thank You.

An ironic thing is after I was given the okay from the orthopedic surgeon, we took delivery of a new car, three day later, BAMM here's Myasthenia Gravis. I had driven the car for about 20 miles and joked that I would like to drive it again before the first oil change. Didn't happen, changed oil last week. But I do have the best possible chauffeur and care giver anyone could ever ask for, the Love of my life, Carole.

We are hopeful that we will be able to attend the Texas rally in May, time will tell. We are not giving up that possibility yet. We do hope to see you all in Mineola.

Again, thank you for all your kind words, prayers and support, we so appreciate it.

May God Bless America and God Bless all our Monaco America members.

Gary Granat

MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY

# A Whistle Stop ★ IN EASTERN ★ TEXAS MAY 7-10, 2018



**MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER**  
1150 N NEWSOM STREET  
MINEOLA, TX 75773



### FEE INCLUDES

4 Nights Camping with 50 Amps/Water/Sewer  
Sunday Welcome Gathering • 3 Breakfasts  
3 Evening Meals • Entertainment • Vendors  
Seminars • Social Hour • Ladies Tea  
Craft Classes (additional cost may apply)  
FUN and more

Early arrivals and late departures must  
make arrangements. Please contact the  
Mineola Civic Center at (903) 569-6115.

Two week cancellation notice required.  
See [www.MonacoAmerica.com](http://www.MonacoAmerica.com) for details.

**WE WELCOME ALL COACHES IN  
GOOD STANDING WITH FMCA.**

## SPRING 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

E-mail rally confirmation packet or  Hold rally packet at Info. Center

Visit our website for more information and updates.  
**WWW.MONACOAMERICA.COM**

WEBSITE

## CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Members/Coach with Full Hookups \$ 425
- 1 Member/Coach with Full Hookups \$ 375
- Registration for 2 (no camping) \$ 320
- Non-Monaco America Members add an extra + \$ 25
- Monaco America Plaque \$ 30

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America  
c/o John Connell  
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Questions concerning the rally should  
be addressed to the Rally Master:

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## Safety Notification

According to rules established by the National Fire Protection Agency, a US trade association, all recreational vehicles are required to have a 5 lb BC fire extinguisher on board. Your motor home probably included a fire extinguisher. You should check your fire extinguisher, and those in your home, to see if they have been recalled.

If your fire extinguisher was manufactured by Kidde, it may be recalled. Check to see if it has a plastic handle or a plastic push button. If so, it most likely is on a recall list. Contact Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or go on-line at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. If your extinguisher has been recalled, Kidde will replace it at no cost to you.

You will need to know your Model Number, Serial Number, and Date Code (if applicable). You will find instructions for locating this information on the Kidde website.

Thanks to Monaco America member Tom Gibbens for bringing this important information to our attention.

## From the Web Master

### **Monaco America's Website – [www.MonacoAmerica.com](http://www.MonacoAmerica.com)**

Technology rushes forward constantly and at times it can be overwhelming! Monaco America has joined that flow with our electronic outreach. You are reading this because you received our Newsletter by email or you are reading the Newsletter online at our club website [www.MonacoAmerica.com](http://www.MonacoAmerica.com). Congratulations! You've been swept up in the flow.

You're never more than a few clicks away from Monaco America. Your smart phone will bring you all the Monaco America information you need on your phone's internet browser. If you have a Kindle or a Nook to read a book, you have Monaco America at your fingertips using the internet browser – tap Silk on the Kindle, or tap the web button on your Nook. If you have an iPad or a tablet, use your internet browser to connect to Monaco America. It's so easy!

On the club website you'll find the latest information about our rallies – all the what, when, where you need to know to join us for all the fun that is a Monaco America rally. You'll find the membership roster with names, addresses and phone numbers; and you'll find the membership directory with photos of our members who have attended a rally. We have a photo album on the club website with almost 4,000 pictures, sorted by rally to help you find one!

Please keep your email address up to date so the club doesn't lose touch with you. You can tell us about your new email address using the Contact page on the website, by sending us an email to [webmaster@monacoamerica.com](mailto:webmaster@monacoamerica.com), or just drop us a postcard!

See you at the next rally!  
Bert Garcia  
Monaco America Web Master



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This plaque is made from sturdy 1/4" molded plastic resin, silk-screened in three bright colors then painted with clear enamel to keep it looking good for years. This plaque is the same size as your FMCA plaque. Ladder brackets or suction cups are available for mounting.

The Order Form is on our club website. The plaque is \$30, ladder brackets are \$12 per pair, and suction cups are \$6 per pair. Order now and pick up your plaque at the next rally to save shipping or have it shipped to you immediately. Don't delay!

**Proudly show your Monaco America membership!**



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**UPCOMING RALLY  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**Spring 2018**



**Monaco America Spring Rally  
May 7-10, 2018**

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1150 N. Newsom Street  
Mineola, TX 75773**