



Monaco America News



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Who's tired of winter? I know we all are. Well it's looking like spring here in Texas. We just came back from spring break with the grandkids on the coast and we saw 2 or 3 bluebonnets. I know spring is around the corner when you see the bluebonnets beginning to bloom. With that said, it's time to pull out the RV, fuel it up, and hit the road to fun and adventure. We are hoping your plans include our Monaco America Spring Rally in May held at River Plantation in Sevierville, Tenn. If you were there last year, you know what a good time we had. If you are joining us this year, you are in for more fun and surprises. We will again have our "Garage/Craft" Sale, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes, Seminars, Vendors, and last but not least entertainment. Ladies and gents don't forget that 50's attire. Poodle skirts and jeans with white T-shirts are in order for our night with Blair Carman.



See the "News Flash" from our Wagon Master for more exciting entertainment. Oh, did I mention the food. Well, those of us who were there last year know how good it was and will be again this year. We are having omelets two mornings and those finger lickin' ribs. My mouth is watering already. We hope this gets your blood to pumpin', so get that pen out and fill out the registration form on page 5. If you haven't finalized your plans, please don't hesitate to just show up in Sevierville. We will be glad to see you.

As you will read from the President and Wagon Master we will have our election of officers at this rally. We need all of you to consider this for the future success of our club. Our club is facing many challenges. As with all clubs falling memberships are one of the constant hurdles. We need your feedback and participation in the running of our club. Please contact one of the officers, or the election committee, with your suggestions and comments.

Here's hoping you have safe travels and you are making plans to join us in Sevierville.

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A Note From the President

As I write this note, Carole and I are still in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, and thank heaven we are. The cold and snow at home has been unbelievable this year. I suppose most of you, also have had this sever winter problem and have really developed a bad case of cabin fever.....But now spring is at least within site and it is time to start planning for our Spring Rally. As it was last year, we'll be in Sevierville, Tennessee. If you missed last spring's rally, you do not want to miss this one. There is so much to do and see in the greater Sevierville area. Many different shows, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and the Great Smokey Mountains and the list goes on.

The primary item on our agenda for our General Meeting, at this rally, will be the election of officers. Monaco America needs your help in this area. Several current officers are not going to seek re-election, so we need some new "blood" on the Monaco America Board. The fact that a current officer is or is not seeking re-election should have no bearing on placing your name on the ballot. Please consider doing so. You can go to our web site, www.monacoamerica.com to obtain synopses of the various Job Responsibilities. As I stated in the last newsletter, being an officer is not necessarily a commitment to attend each and every rally. We know some times happenings in our personal lives cause us not to attend. Believe me the work will be done. Monaco Americans are terrific volunteers during our rallies.

The Nominating Committee Members are:

Rodney Baker, Chair
Teresa Honeycutt
Mark Montiverti
Joyce Osmus

Their contact information is also available on our web site.

If you should have a topic you would like addressed during the General Meeting, please let me know and I'll make certain it's on the agenda. Please feel free to call or email me at any time

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Carole & I truly hope to see you all in Sevierville and then next October in Glen Rose, Texas.

In the mean time, travel safe and God Bless America

Gary & Carole Granat





A Note From the Wagon Master

Sid and Carol Lenoir
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Welcome to all from the blustery part of North Texas !!! Brrrrr..... Has it been cold here, at least for us Texans that aren't accustomed to the type of winter weather we've encountered this winter season. For example, (at the time of writing) this morning it was 11 degrees with a wind chill of -3 degrees. To us that's just too cold for us thin skinned folks. Tried to tell Carol it was too cold to go outside and do anything, so she let me know pronto that it was warm inside and that she was lacking a column from the Wagon Master for the upcoming newsletter. Sure glad that the winter is, or should be, coming to an end and that nicer, and warmer, weather will shortly be being enjoyed by all. So to break the "winter blues", might I suggest that your mind set drift to the month of May and beautiful Tennessee, the Smoky mountains, and of course Tennessee Moonshine. All of these attractions plus many more are available to you upon your arrival at our spring Monaco America Rally. Another fun time has been planned for ya'll, and let's not forget the great food that will be prepared and served for us by the River Plantation Conference Center.

Election of MA officers will be on the agenda at our General meeting of the membership. Folks I'm "shooting straight" with you all in saying that for our club to continue to be a viable organization, we need people to place their names in the hat for nomination for a position on the governing board. Volunteering is the life blood and core of us having a great club like Monaco America. Uncle Sid says, "WE NEED YOU"!!!! So, if you haven't done so let this remind you to get your registration in for the rally and, by the way, how about bringing a friend or a prospect for club membership.

***** **DOOR PRIZES NEEDED** *****

It's not too early (or late) to be thinking about those re-gift items, plus any other donations, that can be used as a door prize. Everybody enjoys getting a prize, so I hope each of you who plan to attend the rally will help ensure that we have plenty. Thanks ahead of time for making this request a reality.

As time passes, hopefully the flowers start to bloom and the trees start to bud and blossom. The weather should start to warm and it will be time to watch the fuel gauge go from "F" to "E" and hit the road. Here's hoping that one of your destinations during this fuel usage will be beautiful Sevierville, Tenn. and our Spring Rally at River Plantation RV Resort.

***** **NEWS FLASH** *****



On Tuesday evening, May 13th , plans have been made for the rally attendees to enjoy a local show entitled **COUNTRY TONITE**. I have worked with River Plantation, Country Tonite, and with our President (not Obama, but Gary). After all is said and done the original ticket price of \$32.50 will cost those who choose to attend just **\$8.00 per person**. The show is a 2 hour performance with a variety of country music,

gospel, comedy, and other acts. More details will be shared Sunday at the pot luck gathering. Quite a DEAL, huh? If you have any questions prior to the rally, please give me a buzz at 940-387-9153 or 940-206-0889.

Drive and arrive safely, Sid



MONACO AMERICA GOES MOBILE



Did you know you probably have Monaco America with you everyday in your pocket or purse? If you have a Smartphone you can connect to the Monaco America website using your Internet app. Type in monacoamerica.com and the website home page will appear.

You have access to the latest club information, our rally schedule, the membership roster with everyone's name, address and phone number, all of the newsletters, and all of our photos. You need to know the user name and password to see the roster. (***User name is monaco, and password is america.***)

You may find that your Smartphone functions differently from a computer when you browse the website. For example, you need to double-tap links to open them. Items such as rally applications and newsletters will download as a file rather than opening in a new window. Swipe down from the top of your screen to see a list of files you have opened then tap on the file to view. Your Smartphone may operate differently to view files. Experiment with a few taps and swipes and you'll become an expert.

Do you have a Kindle Fire or Nook HD? If so, you have access to the Monaco America website too. You can read all of our newsletters just like reading a book. Use the Silk app on Kindle. Use the Chrome app on the Nook. Read our newsletters in brilliant color as originally written! Have every club member's phone number at your fingertips!

RVing means travelling. Use your Smartphone or eReader to keep in touch on the go.

Bert Garcia

Monaco America Webmaster



Entertainment in Sevierville

"The Best Thing That's Happened To Honky Tonk & Rockabilly Piano Playing Since Jerry Lee Lewis!"



A phrase that's been used to describe the wild piano pounding Rock-N-Roll talent of this young man from Cincinnati Ohio.

Take the 1957 hands of Jerry Lee Lewis and the 1957 look of Elvis Presley and the raw energy of those two artists and what do you get? A piano pumpin', thumpin' rockabilly kid named Blair Carman.

From the honky tonkin' songs of Hank Williams, to the rock-n-rollin' hits of Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins. A Blair Carman show is guaranteed to leave you wanting more.



*****Ladies, dust off those "Poodle Skirts and Saddle Oxfords", and guys get those "White T-shirts and rolled up jeans" ready. We are going to ROCK THE HOUSE !!!**



MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY



WHERE SMOKY MOUNTAIN
FUN BEGINS!!!
MAY 12-15, 2014

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping with full hookups, Monday Welcome Gathering, 3 Breakfasts/Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, Social Hours, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes (additional cost may apply), and all the FUN that is a Monaco America Rally.

Early arrivals prior to Monday May 12, or stays past Thursday May 15, will require a reservation directly with River Plantation RV Park at the rally rate of \$30.50 (plus tax). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-758-5267 for reservations.



1004 Parkway
Sevierville, TN 37862



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* WE WELCOME ALL COACHES IN GOOD STANDING WITH FMCA *
* TOWABLES ARE WELCOME AS GUESTS OF ATTENDING MEMBERS AT THE NON-MEMBER RATE *
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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 will call
(All applications received after April 7, 2014 will not be mailed, but held at Info. Ctr.)

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2014 **

Cancellation requests must be received by April 1, 2014 for full refund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Persons \$375.00
- 1 Person \$325.00
- Passport for 2 *** \$295.00
- Extra person (over 12) \$125.00
- Non-members add **** \$ 25.00

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.
- ** After this date, call Wagon Master for space availability.
- *** 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



Another rally and I hope you're ready to craft. Peggy Morris and Tressa Williams are going to show us a bead ring that we all will want to make and wear. I'll have a paper wreath for your wall, doors or table. Some gluing is needed, so if you have a glue gun, please bring it with you.

Ideas are always welcome to teach and/or show.

Carole



Our charity in Sevierville, Tennessee will again be "The Sevier County Food Bank". Our "Ladies Tea" chairpersons for this event will be Judy Wagner, Suzanne Davidson, and Sherry Duncan.

Jim Davis of the Sevierville Food Pantry gave us some of their needs, as we plan for our spring rally. He has asked us to bring canned fruit; peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, pineapple, fruit cocktail and apple sauce. I'm sure dried fruits would be welcome. They also need canned meats; tuna, chicken, Spam and corned beef. Also Beefaroni, Ravioli. Spagettios are always needed. And, of course, the usual toiletries, diapers and baby wipes.

And if you forget, or run out of time, that good old green stuff (cash) comes in handy. They are still giving out between 1300 and 1400 bags per week. The list is a sampling of the nonperishable's we might provide them. With the monies they receive, they are able to purchase items that are requested the most, and fill in the gaps of items that go fast.

Carole Granat



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 \$15 Initiation fee

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MONACO AMERICA MEMBERSHIP: We have to verify our membership each year to make sure all members are in good standing. (Translation: That they have paid their dues)! We do this verification at the end of March so if you haven't paid your \$25 dues for 2014 please do so very soon. WE WOULD HATE TO LOSE YOU AS A MONACO AMERICA MEMBER. If you haven't received either of the notifications that you owe dues (or maybe three by the time you read this) then your dues are current. However, if you are uncertain check with me by phone or E-Mail. I will be happy to review your status. Hope to see a lot of you at the Sevierville, TN rally in May.

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

Spring 2014 River Plantation RV Park
Sevierville, Tennessee
May 12-15, 2014



Fall 2014 Oakdale RV Park
1019 N E Barnard St.
Glen Rose, TX
October 13—16, 2014

