



## Things to see in Dayton in Springfield



Frank Lloyd Wright house



("for children" but I love Discovery Museums)



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Join us in May!!!

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# President's Message

Everything looking good. Spring's around the corner. Winter Hibernation for the rig is over, time to start getting it ready and finish our travel plans. The Monaco International rally, Mar19-23 in Benson AZ, followed by the FMCA rally in Tucson AZ the following week, Mar 26-29. Then home for a few weeks before heading off to S Charleston OH for our Monaco America rally. Then as they say, the wheels came off the rail's.

RV Rallies cancelled, RV parks, State parks, National parks closed. City, State, Government offices closed. I could go on but you know the story, it's on our TV's and Radio's 24/7.

What's the cause all of this? A flu bug called COVID-19 (aka coronavirus) from China. Is there a known vaccine for it? No. Will they create one? Yes. When? No one knows. What we need to do In the mean time is listen to the medical experts.

Go to CNN, FOX or MSNBC. Get on the Internet or facebook. They all know what should be done about it and who's to blame for it-China-Russia-the President-the GOP-the Democrats-state Governors-city Mayors. Sorry but I don't think 99% know any more than you or I do.

There are changes and challenges in our life daily. It will not be the same tomorrow, next week or next month as it is today.

So what are my plans now. Finish prepping the MH so it's ready to roll when the time comes. Where I don't know but I'm sure it will be better looking out the windshield than looking at four walls. Some local camps outs with our Elks Kamper Klub. Then of course our fall Monaco America rally in Weatherford OK, October 5-8 where I hope to see one and all.

So let's all stop. Take a deep breath. Be thankful for what we have. The world is changing but isn't coming to an end.

We are all in this together.  
God bless

Sonny Hodge  
President  
Monaco America



*"I'm sure it is comfortable. But you really should use a golf cart like everyone else."*



*"Have you ever considered an automatic leveling system?"*

## A Note From the Rally Master

*To Our Monaco America Family and Guests,*

This was Allen's message, before the virus. Sadly, our May rally has been cancelled. We will make announcements as time passes and we know more  
Suellen

The spring rally will be at Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in South Charleston, OH May 4<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>. You can obtain more information about the resort by calling (937) 324-2267 or checking its website <https://aarvparks.com/tomorrows-stars/>. To help us in planning and the scheduling of activities, we encourage everyone who plans on attending to register early. The theme for this rally is "Flying in Ohio". The rally site is close to the US Air Force Museum, the Armstrong Space Museum and the Carillon Historical Park which has some Wright Brothers artifacts. Continue to watch for additional details via emails from rallymaster@monacoamerica.com and the Monaco America website. Tom and Cathy Fitzsimmons have volunteered to assist us with this rally.

The fall rally will be at the Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort in Weatherford OK, October 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. This facility is west of Oklahoma, City and I give it 5 Stars. If . Their website is <https://wanderlustcrossings.com/> . We are hoping that Ernie and Dorothy will be able to assist us in the planning of this rally.

Planning for the 2021 and 2022 rally seasons are also underway. We have not committed to a site for the Spring of 2021 but we are looking at sites in Texas and Tennessee.

We are currently negotiating with River View RV Resort in Vidalia, LA for our 2021 Fall Rally. October 4<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>.

We have asked Poncho's Pond RV Park Ludington, MI to pencil us in for our 2022 Spring Rally May 1<sup>st</sup> –4<sup>th</sup>.

We have not negotiated with any site for the 2022 Fall Rally.

All rally site suggestions are welcome and greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in presenting a seminar, giving a craft class or if you know of vendors that would like to join us, please contact me by sending an email to [rally-master@monacoamerica.com](mailto:rally-master@monacoamerica.com) or by calling (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 would love to see each of you at Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in South Charleston, OH .

Safe Travels,  
Allen Jackson





# FMCA

## **FMCAassist:**

On the morning of October 2nd Julio and Sharon Nieves, guests of members Bill and Geri Blansfield, notified Alan and Floyd he was having breathing problems.

911 was called with Julio being transported 20 miles to the hospital in Cortez, CO. It turned out not be a heart attack but attributed it to the 7000' elevation (the day before the group had taken the train to Silverton elevation 9300'). The thinking was he would stay overnight and be released.

We had him call Seven Corners and open a claim just in case. Well he wasn't released until a day after our rally ended.

During this time Seven Corners was making arrangements to get them, their motorhome and toad home. The day after he was released, they were picked up, taken to the airport and flown home to Phoenix AZ. Within a week the motorhome arrived. Their total cost \$ZERO. I spoke with Julio a couple weeks ago and he's doing fine.

I would like to thank Bill and Geri for staying around until the motorhome was picked up and on the road.

We have had other members make claims that have been turned down. It's case by case. However, Seven Corners must be your **FIRST** call, after 911. I hope I never need it but knowing it's there is reassuring, plus it's just one of the many benefits of your FMCA membership. Just Remember, Seven Corners (and insurance company) administers the FMCAassist program for FMCA and they make the rules.

Be safe. Hope to see you at the October rally in Oklahoma.

Sonny Hodge  
 Monaco America  
 FMCA National Director  
 FMCA National Director

## A Message from our past president

Well the time has come. We have packed our ID badges and sold our motorhome. We have decided to bring our RV lifestyle to an end. We've been RVing since 1971 when we purchased a small Shasta trailer. Before that we, as a family, tent camped for about 6 years.

We have no regrets, visited 49 states and all Canadian provinces. We were able to travel about 500,000 miles in our various motorhomes.

One of the major highlights of our RV adventures has been our 17 years as members of Monaco America. So many great friends we've met and enjoyed. We have always so looked forward to every Monaco America rally and seeing our friends again and enjoying the good times. We both had the honor of being actively involved in many ways with the functions of Monaco America and its rallies, for this we are grateful.

One last thing, if any of you should happen to be near northern Indiana next 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Please join us. We are planning our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary open house to be held at the Campbell Street Café in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Thank you all for making this period of our lives even more rewarding.

May God Bless America and all Monaco America members.

Gary and Carole Granat

## Monaco America Personalized T-Shirts

Show the Monaco America logo on your personalized T-shirt. These blue shirts are cotton and will have your name on the right front.

T-shirts are \$30 each with shipping included in the price. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Use the order form on the member info page at [MonacoAmerica.com](http://MonacoAmerica.com) to order T-shirts:



# Crafts

Norma Kendschi is going to teach us to make a wreath. It can be "themed" for any holiday or occasion. Cost will be around \$15. Here are a few examples. More in next newsletter.



# Ladies Tea

Hosted by ???  
Volunteer needed

**I could use a volunteer to host the tea.** (I would help you out - a lot). Let me if you are willing - **for the October rally.**

I have not selected a charity for the fall rally. I will let you know when plans are finalized.  
Suellen



# SMILE



I HAVE THIS FEELING WE'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING.



*"You were right. Maybe I should've checked to see if the GPS was working before we left, because this doesn't look like the Florida Keys."*



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First Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped:  Yes  No

First Timer:  Yes  No

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

- 2 Members/Coach \$ 425
- 1 Member/Coach \$ 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 Cornell - 2829 West Grand River - Howell, MI48843

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:  
Allen Jackson ★ (740) 739-0019 ★ rallymaster@monacoamerica.com

VISIT [WWW.MONACOAMERICA.COM](http://WWW.MONACOAMERICA.COM) FOR MORE DETAILS ★ REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2020



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**Our newly designed Monaco America Plaques are now available!  
Proudly mount this plaque on your rear ladder or in you windshield.**

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.



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## Treasurer's Message

A Chapter of the  
Family Motor Coach Association  
An International club for the  
owners of *All RVs as defined by FMCA*

**It's PAST time to pay your 2020 Monaco America dues.**

You can mail your dues to:

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Please make your check payable to Monaco America in the amount of \$ 25.00

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

**Fall 2020**



**Monaco America Fall Rally  
October 5-8, 2020  
Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort  
1038 Airport Rd  
Weatherford, OK 73096**



**Join us and share the fun and  
fellowship !!!**