



Hallelujah!! We're having a rally in May! It's going to be May 3-6 in S. Charleston, Ohio. We'll be at the Tomorrow's Stars RV Resort. It looks lovely and there's lots to do nearby. There is a Frank Lloyd Wright "Prairie style house.)



There's the Hartman Rock Garden,



AND Young's Dairy, petting goats, games, and best ice cream and sandwiches.



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Hope you all are ready to join us in S Charleston, OH at our spring rally. If you all show up, it will be another great one.

Expect to see y'all there—



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!
Ben Sanford & Kelly Smithson Knoxville, TN
Nick Taomina & Brenda Baker, Livingston, TX
Robert & Flory Goodell, Monmouth, OR

From the President

Short and to the point our spring rally May 3-6 is a **GO** at the Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in S Charleston, Ohio. Now's the time, if you haven't already, to get your registration (form is on the web site) and check to Jack. If you will be arriving early you need to contact Tomorrow Stars directly, 937-324-2267 - M/F - 9-2 Eastern time, and let them know otherwise you may NOT be parked with the group.

At the rally the election of MA officers that was to take place in 2020 will be held. Since there was no election in 2020, the board members will be elected for a one-year term. The President is elected for a two-year term in odd numbered years, so the President elected in 2021 will serve a two-year term. If you are interested in any office, contact Bert Garcia, nominating chairman. Other items to be discussed rally fees, how many rallies a year, chapter name change. I said before and will repeat again the members, you, are the club and we the officers need your input.

Next get the rig ready to roll. After a year of being parked, it may need a little care and loving. Like new batteries (\$\$\$\$) for mine, the old ones were 6 going on 7 years. I don't care or want to be parked on the side of the road waiting for service. DO YOU? I'm sure I will find some other little things but then that's the joy of RVing. HA HA.

Hope to see you at the rally.

Sonny Hodge
President Monaco America



Sonny and Suellen Hodge

From the Rally Master

First and foremost, we hope that each of you have remained heathy and safe throughout the past year. The year has been one of trials for each of us and one that we hope does not repeat.

Without saying, planning for a rally also has experienced its share of issues, from cancelling rallies to working around covid restrictions in planning upcoming rallies. Our 2021 Spring Rally will have its share of unknowns up to the last minute. Here in Ohio, the Governor still has restrictions on the number of people who can gather (e.g., 25% of capacity, family only, etc). The Tomorrow Stars' facility is rather large thus social distancing should not be a problem. To reduce outside contact, we are planning for the board members to serve the catered meals. There will not be a potluck dinner on Sunday evening. Upon arriving each coach will be required to sign a Covid-19 waiver that FMCA requires. Everyone will be required to wear masks during all inside activities except when eating or drinking.

The 2021 Fall Rally is still scheduled for October 4th – 7th at the Riverview RV Park Vidalia, LA. The park overlooks the Mississippi River and it is across the river from a Historic Natchez Mississippi. Given that I am not running for re-election I will only be assisting the newly elected Rally Master with this rally.

The 2022 Spring Rally is still on the books for May 4th – 7th at Poncho Pond RV Park Ludington, Michigan. This is subject to change if the newly elected Rally Master wishes.

We hope to see you at an upcoming rally.

Sincerely,
Allen and Sharon

PS: Remember to send your rally registrations as soon as possible.



Allen and Sharon Jackson

Fill and send in to Jack - **SOON**

MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY




FLYING
HIGH
IN
JANUARY

MAY 3-6, 2021

TOMORROW STARS RV RESORT

6716 E National Rd ★ South Charleston, OH

RALLY FEE INCLUDES: 4 NIGHTS CAMPING WITH 50 AMP/ FULL HOOKUPS, 3 BREAKFASTS, 3 DINNERS, & MORE.

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____ FMCA #: _____

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

<input type="radio"/> 2 Members/Coach	\$ 425
<input type="radio"/> 1 Member/Coach	\$ 375
<input type="radio"/> Registration for 2 (no camping)	\$ 320
<input type="radio"/> Non-Monaco America Members add an extra	+ \$ 25
<input type="radio"/> Monaco America Plaque	\$ 30
TOTAL \$ _____	

Make check payable to Monaco America / Mail to: Monaco America
c/o John Connell · 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 FOR MORE DETAILS ★ REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2021

MORE SIGHTSEEING

The USAF Museum is in Dayton, a short drive. Very interesting displays. Admission is free. There is a theater with an \$8 admission price. There are also simulator rides that are \$8 each. Visit their web site <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/> for LOTS more information.

Attention Crafters

Norma Kindschi is going to teach us to make a wreath. It can be “themed” for any holiday or occasion. Cost will be around \$10 for materials which includes mesh, frame, pipe cleaners, Monaco America decoration plus other decorations. I have enough for 10 wreaths. If you have yardstick, scissors and hot glue guns it would help.



Ladies' Tea

Hosted by Tina Van Arsdale

A charity has not yet been selected (as we weren't sure if we would have the rally). Research is being done and I will send information regarding their needs, by email, as soon as one is picked.

We expect to see all our ladies there.



From the Web Master

Monaco America's Website – www.MonacoAmerica.com

Monaco America Website Passwords

Our club website is at <https://www.MonacoAmerica.com>. You will find the most up to date information about our rallies on the website. Visit it frequently!

Our website is open to the public except for our Member Information. You need a password to access information that is only available to club members, such as names, addresses and telephone numbers. Your privacy is important to us, so we protect your personal information.

If you do not have a password to access private pages, you need to contact the Webmaster and request access. The Webmaster will send you an email invitation for you to create your own password known only to you. Password invitations are short lived, so if you don't respond within 48 hours, you need to request another invitation.

You can contact our Webmaster, Bert Garcia, using the Contact Us form on the website. You can also send an email request to webmaster@monacoamerica.com or directly to Bert at bertgarcia73@gmail.com. If you have any problems don't hesitate to contact Bert by telephone at 304-780-3838.

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

From the Treasurer

Due to the lack of events in 2020, dues for that year have been waived. The year thru which you have paid will be extended one year.

<http://www.monacoamerica.com/member-info.html>

Please send the completed form, with
to Monaco America.

your \$25 check made payable

You can mail in your dues to:

Monaco America
c/o John W. Connell
2829 West Grand River Ave
Howell, Michigan 48843-8581



And, register for Ohio
BEFORE APRIL 14

If you have any questions contact Jack Connell
Cell: 586-817-7584

Facts about COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the three approved COVID-19 vaccines do help prevent COVID-19. And, if you get COVID-19, they'll help keep you from getting seriously ill.

Before you receive the vaccine:

- Doctors agree: You should take the first vaccine available to you, as soon as you are eligible. Know that these vaccines are safe and effective. They have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. There's a system in place for the CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.
- Learn about any side effects that could occur after you get the vaccine. If you do have any side effects, they'll only last a few days. Having any side effects doesn't mean you have COVID-19. It means that your body is being trained to fight COVID-19.

After you receive the vaccine:

You're considered fully protected against the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Two weeks after the second dose of the Moderna vaccine.
- Two weeks after the single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

Don't forget to let your provider know you've received your vaccine! This information will be added to your health record.

After you're fully vaccinated:

The CDC has issued new information about the kinds of activities you can do after you are fully vaccinated.

- You can gather indoors *with fully vaccinated people* without wearing a mask, even if they are from another household
- You can gather indoors with other unvaccinated people from *one other household* without masks, as long as they are not at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
- As more people get the vaccine, we will be able to visit more friends and family safely and return to normal. The new CDC guidelines provide additional information about what you can do safely when you are vaccinated.

[This waiver form will be available at the May rally in South Charleston, Ohio.](#)

FMCA CONVENTION WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Convention Name: _____

Place of Rally: _____ **Dates of Rally:** _____

FMCA is scheduling a convention for members and guests at the location and on the dates shown (the "Rally"). As a condition to attending the Rally, each attendee hereby acknowledges, certifies and agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned attendee agrees to comply with mask, social distancing and other Covid-19 protocols that will be distributed to attendees at the rally as well as any additional Covid-19 requirements from applicable local, state and federal mandates.
2. Regardless of adherence to health department requirements and recommendations, there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or is in a crowd of individuals. By attending this Rally, the undersigned attendee is assuming the risk of Covid-19 exposure.
3. Knowing the foregoing risks, the undersigned attendee accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur as a result of attendance at the Rally.
4. The undersigned attendee hereby releases and holds harmless Family Motor Coach Association, and its respective officers, directors, and staff from any and all responsibility for illnesses, injuries, sickness, death, or other losses arising in any way from participation in the Rally, and potential exposure to Covid-19.
5. The undersigned attendee acknowledges that the FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program does not cover Covid-19

THE UNDERSIGNED ATTENDEE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FMCA Dues are on Sale at 33% Off

FMCA membership dues are reduced to \$50 per year right now, down from \$75. You can have up to 3 years paid up.

This temporary dues reduction is effective from now until the FMCA Convention July 7-10, so act NOW...!

Go to <https://www.fmca.com> and click on the blue banner at the top of the page that says "SPECIAL LIMITED-TIME OFFER: Join or Renew Today and Save 33%". If you do not see the blue banner, you are not on the correct page.

As you go through the check-out process, you will see the price as \$75 per year; however, on the next page you will see a logo of a red box with a ribbon and a space for you to enter the PROMO CODE. Enter your code, ONEYEAR, TWOYEAR, or THREEYEAR, and click on the red box with a ribbon. The page will update to show the lower cost with the discount. Continue the payment process and you have renewed your FMCA membership at the discount rate.

If you have difficulty, call FMCA at 513-474-3622 and ask for Membership.

Fall 2021 Rally in Vadalia, Louisiana

The Fall 2021 Rally will be held at the Riverview RV Park on October 4-7, 2021. The rally fee includes 4 nights camping (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.) with 50-amp full hookups; Monday Welcome Gathering; 3 breakfasts and 3 evening meals, and more.

The RV park is right on the Mississippi River. You can watch the river traffic sail by! There are many local sights to see, including the Frogmore Plantation, the Magnolia Bluffs Casino, downtown Natchez just across the bridge with antiques and carriage rides, and taverns with live music.

You will find all the details on our club website at <https://MonacoAmerica.com>. See you there!

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Our Monaco America Plaques are still 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 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 2021



**Monaco America Spring Rally
May 3-6, 2021**

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