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Monaco America News



The definition of fun—well that was CERAland. We were rockn' and rolln' on Monday, Pet Show with Duchess and her friends on Thursday, and doing the hula on Friday with a guest appearance from Ernestina.

Not surprisingly, but I liked Monday night the best. With “Elvis” in the house the night was complete. Friday’s entertainment was a little calmer than Monday, however I sure wish I could “wiggle” like those dancers. No matter the venue, we all have one thing in common—having fun !!!!!

We have a new slate of officers. We had our elections and two offices changed. The Treasurer and Alternate FMCA Director. The other offices stayed the same.



The most important requirement for a successful rally is you. Without you it just wouldn't be the same. We always try to have a wide array of things to do and see. Talk to all the Monaco owner's you encounter, and others, and give them a registration form for Amana. The more the merrier. Please refer new folks to our website: www.monacoamerica.com. This will give them access to a wide selection of all of the club's activities, as well as the latest newsletters, updates, and membership application.



Now let's get serious about the Fall Rally in Amana Colonies, Iowa. We have some informative plans for all of you to learn more about the early life that is the history of Amana. In touring the area we learned a lot about the beginnings of Amana, and how those traditions have been preserved through the generations.

See you in Amana, Iowa



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Cummins Mid Engine Tour



Gary and Carole Granat — gegranat@gmail.com

May in CERAland, a good time was had by all. The weather could not have been any better, the food was excellent and Monday’s entertainment was outstanding. The 50’s rock and roll band kept almost everyone in the hall and really jumping. Sid and Carol did a great job in putting this rally together. The tours of the Cummins’ facilities and of Camp Atterbury were the rally highlights, in my mind anyway, all informative and rewarding. We thank Sid and Carol for their hard work

As you probably know, we held our election of officers during this rally. There were two new officers joining the incumbents, that accepted the Nominating Committee’s request to run again. The new members of the Monaco America Board are: Bob Allen, Treasurer, and Sonny Hodge, Alternate FMCA Director. We, also, selected a Nominating Committee for this coming term, its members area: Rodney Baker, Mark Montiverdi, Theresa Honeycutt and Joyce Osmus. The committee members chose Rodney as their chairperson. The duties of the Nominating Committee are two - fold, 1) to solicit qualified candidates for our next election of officers, and 2) to solicit candidates for any openings that may occur before the next election, which will be held in the spring of 2014.

All CERAland attendees know that a joint member/club donation was made to the “Bear Hugs to the Troops” program along with several hundred Huggy Bears and Beanie Babies. We received a very gracious thank you note from the very young lady that started and runs this program. Faith Killian-Fassnacht has on her own collected and sent thousands of the Huggy Bears to our troops overseas. She has, also, been designated as the “2012 Youth Volunteer of the Year” and is being honored at a Tea in Lafayette, Indiana. Carole & I will attempt to attend this tea next month, on behalf of Monaco America, at Faith’s invitation.

As a special note, we thank Rick Stone for his four years as our Treasurer. His dedication to the treasurer’s responsibilities and to Monaco America cannot be overstated. Rick and his wonderful late wife, Joanne have always been true advocates for our fine club. Also, as you may know, Rick was the person who got the Monaco America News started as its first editor. Rick, we are forever grateful.

Now we move to our Fall 2012 Rally, which is being held in the Amana Colonies of Iowa. This again is a neat place for any kind of gathering. The shopping and restaurants are quite unique, you will enjoy both. This will be an improvement over the last time we were in the Amanas when they had their 500 year rains and we could not enjoy its offerings but we still had a good time. Fall versus spring will eliminate this concern. We truly hope you all plan to join us in the Amanas

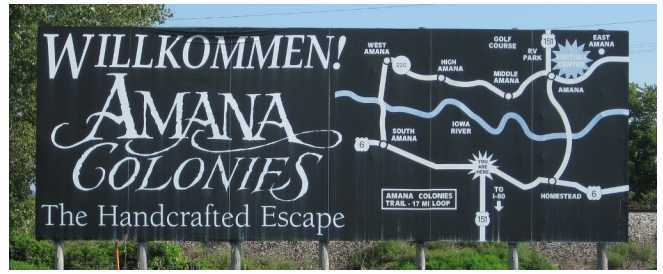


God Bless America & Canada

Gary & Carole Granat



Sid and Carol Lenoir — clenoir1@verizon.net



A big shout out of “THANKS” to those of you who attended our rally in CERALand, thusly making the rally a fun filled event for all.

After leaving Indiana, Carol and I traveled to Iowa to spend time at our next rally site at the Amana Colonies. Preparations are well underway to assure all who attend a wonderful, and hopefully our most fun rally yet. Entertainment !!!, well you ain’t seen nothing yet You’ll need sideboards on your chair to keep from falling out, because of laughing so hard. I can state that we have shows the type of which have never been preformed at a Monaco Rally. There are still things to plan, but mostly things are falling into place for an exceptional rally/campout. More details to follow in your next edition of the newsletter.

I would like to thank Dennis and Karen Carlsen for graciously assuming the responsibilities of Rally Masters for our upcoming Amana Rally. Hopefully, they won’t be overburdened with tasks, however it is a relief to know that you have reliable and dedicated people that live near the rally location that are willing to assist you in any endeavor that might arise in our rally preparation. Again, thanks guys !!!

If you love good food, good fun, and admire a rich heritage, you’ll not want to miss this opportunity to participate in all three of the listed choices. It’s simple to enjoy all the above by sending in your registration ASAP. By the way, bring a friend, or better yet, bring a new member.

Hoping to see ya’ll in Amana,
Sid & Carol Lenoir
Wagon Masters

Come to Amana and sit in this chair like your Wagon Master



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Fields of Opportunity in Iowa



Amana Colonies, Iowa

Monaco America
Fall Rally

October 8-12, 2012



Please circle all items that apply:

Cost: Coach & 2 persons	345.00
Coach & 1 person	295.00
Extra person (over age 12)	100.00
Extra person (under age 12)	80.00
Passport for 2 persons*	275.00
Non-Member Fee**	25.00
Other Brand Coach Fee***	<u>25.00</u>
Total	_____

Make check payable to, and

Mail to: Monaco America

7956 Vaughn Rd., Box 174

Montgomery, AL 36116

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master.

Sid Lenoir

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Registration deadline: Sep 24, 2012.

Cancellation request must be received by Sep 24, 2012 for full refund.

Last Name: _____ First Person: _____ Second Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Coach #: _____ FMCA #: _____

Coach Model: _____ Handicapped? ^ Yes _____ No _____ First Timer: Yes _____ No _____

Mail rally packet: _____ or Hold rally packet at will call: _____ (All applications received after 9/1/2012

will not be mailed, but held at will call.)

Rally price includes 5 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with full hookups; Welcome Gathering; 4 breakfasts; 4 evening meals, entertainment; vendors; seminars; social/cocktail hours; Ladies Tea; craft classes (additional cost may apply); and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. Early arrivals prior to Monday, Oct 8, or stays past Friday, Oct 12, will require a reservation directly with Amana Colonies RV Park at the rally rate of \$27.00 (plus taxes). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-471-7616 for reservations.

^Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

*Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package.

**Persons owning a coach manufactured by Monaco Coach Corp. or Monaco RV LLC who are not members of Monaco America will be charged a \$25.00 non-member fee. This fee will be applied to the first years membership in Monaco America.

***Persons owning any brand of motor coach, other than a Monaco built coach, may attend but will be charged an additional \$25.00.



AMANA Colonies / The Handcrafted Experience



DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Are you receiving emails from Monaco America? We know many of you are not because either you have not given us your email address or the one on file is no longer valid. To receive the latest news from Monaco America immediately, we need to have your correct email address. Don't worry about receiving spam in your mailbox. We only send out occasional emails and only about important items you need to know. Your email address is never given to anyone outside of Monaco America.

You can view the email address we have for you on our club website MonacoAmerica.com. On the website click on the Membership tab and select Go To The Membership Roster. You will be asked for your user name and password. Your user name is "monaco" and your password is "america". Omit the quotes and type in all lower case. On the next screen you will see a Success! message. Click on Membership Roster and a new window will open with the roster. Find your name and check what's listed.

An easy way to update your email address is to use the Contact form on the website. Click on Contact on the navigation bar of any website page and you will find a fill-in-the-blank form to send us a message. This is a good way to keep your personal data up to date in the club records.



Finally, while you're on the website, take a look at your personal webpage. Click on the Membership tab, enter your user name and password (monaco, america) then click on Membership Directory. You will now see the Index to the directory. Find your name and click on it to open your page in the directory. Personal web pages exist for those members who have attended a rally in the past several years. If you don't have a page listed, use the Contact form to request a page be added to the website for you.

Got questions? Ask Bert Garcia using the Contact form.

Bert Garcia

Monaco America Webmaster



We discussed at the Spring Board Meeting to give the members the option to "Opt Out" of the printed newsletter. You will be placed on the email list by choosing this option. You will receive the newsletter earlier, and will not incur any mail forwarding charges for you that travel a lot. If you would rather **not** receive the printed newsletter, and only be able to view it on the website (and have the option to print), please send an email to Carol Lenoir at:

clenoir1@verizon.net . This option can be reversed at any time by sending me an email with your request. The website is always a good source for all sorts of information.

Carol Lenoir, Newsletter Editor



Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Attention Crafters

Crafting Ideas:

I have at least a few ideas for the crafts at the Amanas. Two of our ladies have suggested that we have another crochet class and maybe teach another step, or just improve on the granny square. Peggy has also agreed to another jewelry class. Brenda Dupre will show us how to make a really neat scrapbook flower and I have a couple of Christmas ornament ideas. As usual I am always looking for any input any of you ladies might be willing to share.

Carole Granat, Craft Coordinator



Tea Time 



Much thanks to all the ladies who attended the tea for their generous donations to Turning Point. Jessica, their spokesperson, said the shelter was extremely grateful and our donations were very much appreciated. In fact, some of the items, she said, were on the shopping list to be bought and therefore were put to immediate use.

My personal thanks go to Bonnie Evans, Judy Wagner, and Joyce Osmus for their help with the tea. I couldn't have done it without them. **THANKS**, Janice Montiverdi

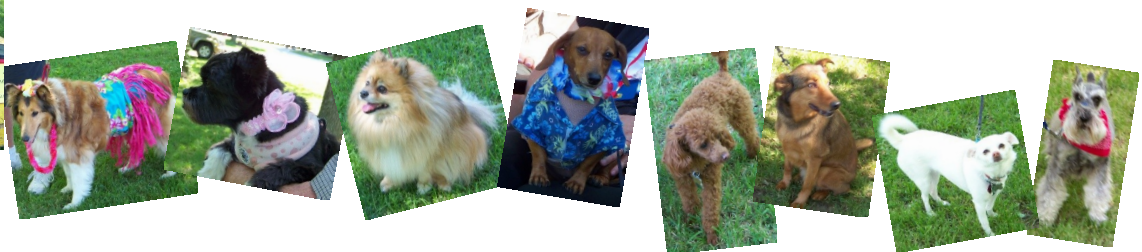
Amana Charity will be the Colonial Manor Nursing Home

We will be making individual gift bags for the residents. It was decided to fill about a 9 x 12 gift bag with some of the following items: body spray and Tonya said the smelly stuff, deodorant, small bottles of lotion, stationery, stamps, boxes of all occasion cards, playing cards, small boxes of tissue, slipper sox, regular sox, combs, brushes, puzzle books, large print books, chap stick, sugar free candy, and she says hard candy was fine but they really liked chocolate. They have 60 residents and only about 10 of them are men. If we have some bags that are able to be given to either that would be great. I know this is something different that we are doing, but I know you ladies will do a terrific job.

Carole Granat



Tony & Theresa Honeycutt hosted our Pet Show Off, and did a superb job. I don't have the final totals for the food and money collected for the local ASPCA, however it was impressive. Everyone that participated had their dogs strut their stuff in fine fashion.





Monaco America Board

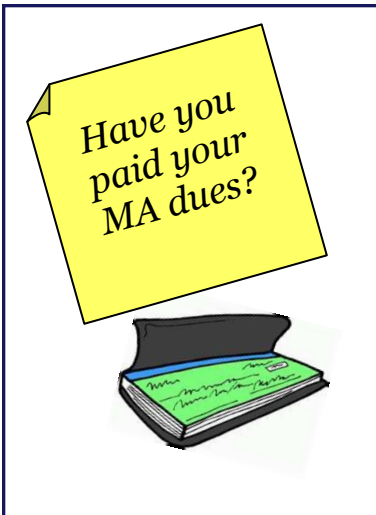


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Upcoming Rally !!!

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Amana Colonies

October 8—12, 2012

Amana, Iowa



Spring 2013

River Plantation RV Park

Sevierville, Tennessee

May 6—10, 2013



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