

Monaco America News



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The Great Smoky Mountains lived up to their reputation and produced a lot of rain while we were in Sevierville. However, that didn't seem to stop the hardy folks who attended the rally. We may need to change our name to "Rainmakers RV Club". If an area is having a drought, just book a rally there and the moisture will come.

We did have a great rally, and the attendance was the best in several years. We appreciate the large numbers of First Timers. This was also the largest group we have had in a long while. We also increased our numbers because of the ones that joined our club at the rally. The entertainment and food seemed to please everyone. We were dazzled by the debut of the "Do-Wap Diddy" guys that accompanied Kenny Evans. If you missed this, well what can I say. Maybe we can persuade them to perform again soon.

Now we look forward to our fall rally in OK. Despite the



bad weather they have recently experienced, hopefully that will

be gone and sunny days are

ahead. Plans are in the works for some local flavor for the entertainment.

Maybe we can book some native performing tribes to give us some insight into their heritage. So get



tage. So get those registrations in, and don't miss out.

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Gary and Carole Granat gegranat@gmail.com

Boy did we have a good time at the River Plantation RV Park in Seveirville, Tennessee. At 85 coaches in attendance, this was the largest rally we have had in several years. With many first time members and guests, who all seemed to have enjoyed themselves, we took in the sites and opportunities of the area. There are so many things to do and see in the greater Seveirvile area that it was decided that the Spring 2014 rally will also be held at this great location. The RV park personnel treated us extremely well, the catering, especially the ribs, was excellent and the show put on by Kenny Evans was outstanding, no one left the building.

At the Board meeting held prior to the start of the rally three decisions of significance were made: 1) The Spring 2014 Rally will be held at the River Plantation, your Wagon Master already has this tied down. 2) The way we handle

A Note From the President

the "free ride" for the next rally was changed. This will be done as follows: The names of all Member Attendees will be prepared for a drawing to be held the last evening of the rally. One drawing and one drawing only will take place. The winning couple or person may attend the next rally without paying any rally fee. 3) Our rally fee was increased by \$30 effective with the Spring 2014 rally. This change reflects the continuing increases in catering & parking fees and deemed necessary by the Board to maintain the quality of Monaco America's rallies.

Everyone, please remember, we will hold elections during the Spring 2014 rally. We need more members to become involved in running our fine club. I'm sure several current officers will not seek reelection, which should not have any bearing on anyone's decision run. It is very rewarding to handle some of the responsibilities for the effective operation of Monaco America. A synopsis of the officer's responsibilities can be found on our web site,

www.monacoamerica.com. Also, you should feel free to talk to any current officer with any ques-

tions and/or concerns you may have. As it was with Uncle Sam, Monaco America needs you.

Rodney Baker is the current chair of our nominating committee, his email address is: cookiebaker3@gmail.com. Do submit your name to Rod, or suggest someone else whom you feel would be appropriate for a particular position.

I cannot emphasize enough the need for more of our great members to be involved more directly with the guidance and operation of Monaco America. As we like to say, Monaco America is the "Motor Coach Club of Choice".

And one final thought, let us all keep our friends and neighbors, so tragically affected by the recent devastating tornados, in our prayers.

We sure hope to see you all in Shawnee, Oklahoma this coming October.



God Bless America & Canada

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Sid and Carol Lenoir — clenoir1@verizon.net

Well, here I sit doing a little multi-tasking engaging in some R & R. Folks I'm not talking about rest and relaxation, but a bit of "Resting and Recouping". I had hip replacement surgery on May 28th, and so far all seems to be going well. I still have some recovery and therapy to endure, however I feel confident in a full recovery. I am looking forward to walking normally again. Thanks to all of our MA friends who called with well wishes, sent cards and lifted me up in your prayers. God can do anything but fail, so I'm clinging to that promise and looking forward to being "Sid" again quite soon. I am looking forward with much enthusiasm in the planning of a fun filled rally coming up in October in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

A Note From the Wagon Master

How about Sevierville!!! Even though the weather was a little "iffy" at times, we had an outstanding rally that by all accounts was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all the First Timers (37) who joined us, and a great big welcome to those who joined our great organization during the rally. We look forward to seeing vou at future rallies. Of course no rally would be a success without the willingness of our members who so faithfully volunteered their time to help in any task where their assistance might be needed. I would like to give a special "Thank You" to Sonny Hodge for taking over the vendor setup responsibilities. As you might already know, we will be going back to River Plantation RV Park for our Spring 2014 rally. Ribs anyone????

To all our friends in Oklahoma, especially Ernie and Dorothy Robertson, we thank God that your injuries were not more serious, and that you are looking forward to a full and speedy recovery so that you can get back to work in Shawnee.

Speaking of Shawnee, it is not too early to put the date of October 7-10, 2013 on your agenda. Plan to join us for another fun time that is a Monaco America Rally. Lots of fun, good food, and friendship is in store for those who attend. By the way, how about bringing a friend, or better yet sign up a new member and bring them along. Thanks to all of you who re-gifted or brought items for door prizes and bingo prizes. How about let's keep this going and do it again for Oklahoma?

So everybody stay safe and cool through these summer months, and we will plan on seeing you in OK.

Until then, Sid and Carol







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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new members who joined us at the Spring 2013 rally in Sevierville, TN. WELCOME to Monaco America.

Timothy and Sandra Almy, Hendersonville, NC Larry and Pam Dalton, Carmel, IN Joe and Jacqui Danek, Sanford, NC Dave and Suzanne Davidson, Mt. Juliet, TN Donovan and Beverly Donohoo, Batavia, OH Larry Henderson and Bonnie Henrikson, Waikoloa, HI William Humphrey and Cynthia Lamm, Kodak, TN Norm Jungles, Titusville, FL Louie and Sandy Lusk, Knoxville, TN Dave and Betty Mandato, Colleyville, TX Charlie and Ruth Puryer, Roxboro, NC Armand and Sandy Morin, Port Hueneme, CA Don and Judy Pagano, Chewelah, WA Bernie and Barbara Brown, Shepherdsville, KY Melvyn and Ruth Drexler, Springfield, TN Fred and Sharon Barnabei, Augusta, GA Dwight and Sherry Duncan, Duncan, OK

Welcome to these new members. We hope to meet you at a future rally.

Carl and Mary Johnson, Carson City, NV
Clem and Ann Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
Claude and Joan Kyker, Morristown, TN
Dennis and Terri Quick, Canyon Lake, TX
Charles and Rosemary Hayne, Pasadena, CA
Tony and Lucy Madia, Rohnert Park, CA
Ed and Sylvia Cote, Titusville, FL
Adolph Klundt and Paulette Guerra, Folsom, LA
Geary and JoAnn Herndon, Locust Grove, VA



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MONACO AMERICA FALL RALLY



COME AND JOIN US ON THE PRAIRIE OCTOBER 7-10. 2013





RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping w/full 50 amp hookups, Welcome Gathering, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, Social Hour, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes (fee may apply), and all the FUN that is a Monaco America Rally.

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center 1700 W. Independence St. Shawnee, OK 74802



Early arrivals prior to Monday Oct. 7, or stays past Thursday Oct. 10, will require a reservation directly with Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center at the rally rate of \$20.00. Rally rate will apply 4 days before & 4 days after the rally. For extra nights, call 800-762-7695.

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM Last Name: First Person: Spouse Name: City: State Zip Cell Phone: Coach Model: FMCA # Handicapped* _____Yes _____No First Timer: _____Yes _____No Mail rally confirmation packet or Hold rally packet at Info. Ctr. (All applications received after September 15, 2013 will not be mailed, but held at Info. Ctr.) Cancellation requests must be received by Sept. 1, 2013 for full re-

fund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

Coach & 2 persons	345.00
Coach & 1 person	295.00
Extra person	100.00
Passport for 2 persons **	275.00
Non-Member Fee***	<u>25.00</u>
Total \$	

Make check payable to Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America

7956 Vaughn Rd., Box 174 Montgomery, AL 36116

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:

> Sid Lenoir 3212 Dunes Denton, TX 76209 940-387-9153 or 940-206-0889

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

Monaco America News Page 5 Attention Crafters



Carole Granat Craft Coordinator

Limber up your fingers, bring your cheater glasses and come have fun. So far we have Nancy Seidler making a button pin, Peggy Morris doing an easy (so she says) bracelet and I will have a pin-up board project. More details to come in next newsletter.

See you in Shawnee.



Well the ladies have made Monaco America proud again. Your generosity almost made Jim Davis of the Sevierville County Food Bank cry. For once when we said "bring a big truck", they listened. Mr. Davis said that the cash donations would go a long way in purchasing other needed items. The bounty given to the Sevier County Food Bank was over the top. Ladies you always come through, and our charity received over 500 pounds of food and a total of \$925.

The Youth & Family Resource Center in Shawnee is the chosen charity for our next Tea. We have three

Oklahomans and one Texan hosting the tea, so look forward to their articles in the Newsletter and on the web site as to the needs for this charity.

Our Ladies Tea at Shawnee, Oklahoma in October 2013 is sponsoring the Youth & Family Resources Center in Shawnee.

David Colvin, from the Shawnee Youth and Family Resource Center, has been contacted and was so very appreciative to be chosen as

> the next recipient of our generosity. They have recently received a grant for a new playground, so a new need is for playground equipment such as basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, etc. In

addition, other needs include twin bed sheets, towels and washcloths, pots and pans, toasters, small radios or clock radios for kids rooms. They are always in need of a variety of hygiene products.

Your help by contributing these items will be greatly appreciated. Joyce Osmus will be hosting the tea along with Joyce Cook, Dorothy Robertson, Peggy Morris. See you in Oklahoma and promise "NO TORNADOS"!

Check out the complete list on their website at www.hopehouseonline.org

Checks or money orders can be made payable to: Youth & Family Resource Center, Inc.





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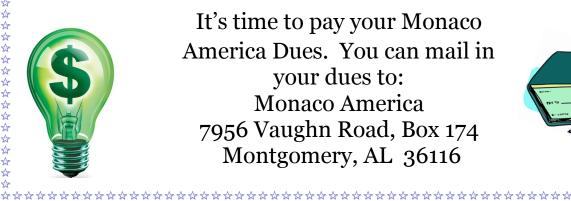
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It's time to pay your Monaco America Dues. You can mail in your dues to: Monaco America 7956 Vaughn Road, Box 174 Montgomery, AL 36116



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UPCOMING RALLY MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

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



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