



Monaco America News



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Walt and Darci Luihn, Oakdale, CA
Tom & Cynthia Freeman, Whispering Pines, NC
Joe & Cindy DiJulio, Sahuarita, AZ
Robert & Jan McKeown, Mulberry, FL
William Clark & Karen McLellan, Vanclave, MS

Well, the Gulf Shores is over. A good time was had by all. Our singer did a lot of 40's song which were from our youth (for most of us).

Mancos, CO , is a small town at 7000 foot elevation It was was founded in 1894. At the 2010 census, there were only 1336 people. (There's probably a lot more now.) Several Mancos sites from about the turn of the 20th century are listed on the state or national register of historic places. In recent years the growth of Durango has spread to Mancos, making the town something of an art colony.

The Journal (Cortez newspaper) just published their "best of" list. Winners were selected by readers votes. You can see which ones you might like to check out while in Mancos. Cortez is only eighteen miles west of Mancos. The list can be viewed at this web site : <https://the-journal.com/2018/bestof#/gallery?group=291437>

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Hope to see you in Mancos
Suellen

President's Message

Those who missed Gulf Shores missed a good time, but then all our rally's are good times. One of the things you missed, seeing the Blue Angles perform, also the Air Museum (that's a day in its self). The ladies Tea, hosted by Linda Hughes and ladies of Monaco America, with a little help from the ROMEO's donated \$1300 plus in kind gifts. The look on the face of the representative (sorry don't remember her name) from Mary's Shelter, as the commercial says, was priceless. Past President Gary Granat and his DW Carole, who has missed the last two years attended. Their daughter Kim, who helped with the driving, came with them. Thank you Kim

Election for president for 2019-2021 was held and you're stuck with me for 2 more years. Thank you for confidence. Speaking of elections May of 2020 elections for 1st VP/rally master, 2nd VP/security, secretary, treasurer, FMCA National & FMCA alternate National director. If you are interested in any of these offices please tell someone from the nominating committee, Bert Garcia, Tina Van Arsdall or Dave Davidson. Dave was elected to fill the term from Peggy Morris' passing.

A plaque in Peggy's honor was given to Neil, recognizing her for all she did for Monaco America. She will be greatly missed.

Now that summer is here it's time to start planning for the fall rally in Mancos, CO. I would like to see more members from the west CA, WA, OR, NV, AZ, UT, CO who have said that the rally's are too far to drive to. This rally will be different from past rallies due to the location, with more free time to check out the area. See the rally master's column for more info.

Sonny Hodge
Monaco America President



A Note From the Rally Master



Spring Rally—Gulf Breeze RV Resort Gulf Shores, Alabama

A big shout out of “THANKS” to those of you who attended our rally at the Gulf Breeze RV Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The rally had somewhat a rough start, but we pulled together thusly making the rally a fun filled time for all. We had 39 registered units with 76 people in attendance. We extend a heart felt welcome to our newest members

William Clark and Karen McLellan, Robert and Jan McKeown, and Austin and Cindy Stuart. The photo to the left was taken at the Blue Angels’ practice session that some of us attended.

Fall Rally — Echo Basin RV Resort Mancos, Colorado

We are in the final planning stage for the Fall Rally. Given the area and the things to see and do in the area, this rally will be somewhat different from what we are accustom. Our current plan includes more free time for people to enjoy the area during the rally. One day we are planning to take the train from Durango to Silverton. (There will be an additional cost for this.)

Another day will be open for exploring the area. I encourage each of you to consider spending time in Mesa Verde National Park and some time in Durango.



Since the resort has a bar, we will not have our standard bar. The resort offers a happy hour from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. We will provide each person with tickets for drinks that the club will pay. There may be further stipulations on the ticket use as we get closer to the rally.

2020 Rallies

Our 2020 Spring rally will be at Tomorrow Stars RV Resort in Charleston, OH. This resort is located off Interstate 70 and is just outside of Springfield. It is close to Wright-Paterson Air Force Museum in Fairborn and the Caroline Park in Dayton.

For our fall rally, we are currently looking at sites in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

Volunteers Needed

The club has a couple open positions. If you are interested in being the coordinator for one of the following positions please contact Sonny Hodge or myself. The positions are “The Welcome Center,” “The Bar” and “The Ladies Tea.” Each of these positions would be responsible for the associated tote(s) and coordinating the associated activities.

We would love to see each of you at Echo Basin in Mancos, Colorado.

Safe Travels,
Allen Jackson



FMCA

Bert was signed up to attend Perry but got a call that there was an opening to have his knee done. I don't need to tell you about doctors and appointments.

Bylaw changes were submitted by the Governance committee at Perry.

Following is a list of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Blue text is new or will replace red text.

PROPOSAL # 1

Article XVII - Chapters

(2) Any group of ~~twenty~~ fifteen or more voting memberships may petition FMCA for a charter or the creation of a chapter. Any group of ~~ten~~ seven or more voting memberships may petition FMCA for a charter for the creation of an associate chapter. All chapter or associate chapter members must be FMCA members in good standing. An FMCA member may join more than one chapter.

PROPOSAL # 2

Article XVII - Chapters

(5) A chapter shall elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a national director, and an alternate national director for a one or two year term. An associate chapter shall a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, for a one or two year term. A chapter may elect in their Bylaws to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer into a single position. An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter officers simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters, however he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter.

These proposed amendments will be voted on at the Minot, ND rally.

Sonny Hodge
FMCA National Director

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Walt and Brenda Dupre. They are the winners of the free ride to Mancos.

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 \$25 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 to order T-shirts:



Ladies Tea

Hosted by Linda Hughes

Linda Hughes enthusiastically hosted our Ladies Tea in Gulf Shores. We donated \$1300 plus in kind gifts to Mary's Shelter. Mary's Shelter is a home for homeless, pregnant women. The donation was gratefully received by Ms Tattle, the manager.

We don't have a hostess for this tea. Any volunteers? I will help and co-host. The charity in Manacos is Good Samaritan Center. The center is a volunteer run food pantry.

Their wish list is :

Canned vegetables
Canned soup
Cereal
Tuna fish
Peanut butter
Canned fruit
Macaroni and cheese
Rice
Pasta
Frozen meat
Bread
Fresh produce
Baby food

Diapers and Hygiene Support

Life's storms don't stop at accessing food. Staying clean is another basic human need that Good Samaritan Center supports. Donations of diapers, soap, shampoo, and other essential items that keep children and adults healthy and safe, are always welcome and appreciated.



Ernestine, a past happy attendee.

We expect to see all our ladies there!!!





EXPERIENCING SOUTHWEST COLORADO IN THE FALL

Hosted by Monaco America

SEPT. 30 – OCT. 3, 2019

ECHO BASIN CABINS AND RV RESORT

43747 Co Rd M, Mancos CO, 81328

THE FOLLOWING RALLY FEES INCLUDE

**4 Nights Camping with 50 Amp/Full Hookups
3 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners & More**

FALL 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

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Rally Master: Allen Jackson
7151 Watkins Rd. SW • Pataskala, OH 43062
(740) 739-0019 • rallymaster@monacoamerica.com

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 Connell
2829 West Grand River • Howell, MI 48843

Registration Deadline: Sept. 12, 2019

For more details, visit MonacoAmerica.com



Monaco America Plaques

**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.

Go to the club website www.MonacoAmerica.com for the Plaque Order Form. Plaques are \$30, brackets \$12, suction cups \$6, plus postage.

Blue Angels Show

(more pictures on the web site)



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Treasurer's Message

If you haven't yet, please send 2019 dues to our Treasurer. If you've sent them in, THANK YOU!

The Dues Renewal form is on the club website:
www.MonacoAmerica.com.

Thanks, Jack Connell, Treasurer



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TO:

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

Summer 2019

**Monaco America Fall Rally
September 30—October 3, 2019**



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RV Resort
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Mancos, CO 81338**