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We hope everyone had a “fabulous” time in Marksville. Let me start by saying “Thanks” to all who attended and participated in the activities of our Fall Rally in Marksville. It was especially great to see so many “**First Timers**”. We hope all of them had a grand time and will continue to join us at future rallies. We hope everyone drove the route for the “Fun Run”. We want to especially thank the merchants and museum volunteers for their help in making this a success. Special “Thanks” to Wilbert Carmouche, Director of Avoyelles Commission of Tourism, for his and his staffs’ assistance in making this come together.

As some of you think about storing the coach for winter, or heading to warmer climates, don’t forget to mark your calendar for our next get together in Columbus, Indiana in May. Again we are planning some fun and different activities for you to enjoy. Sid and I are trying to re-vamp some of those long time programs we have done at past rallies. We believe that by doing this we can make our rallies more beneficial and more appealing to our members and prospective members. Remember your coming to the rallies and participating in these programs is what makes it great. Also, our willingness to spread the word of our club to fellow RV’ers to come and join in will help us grow and form new friendships along the way. On your travels around this great country, remember to carry some of our membership applications. Inform your new friends of our club and invite them to join us at our next rally. Also, encourage them to find out more information and up to date happenings on our website. We have a great webmaster in Bert Garcia, and he keeps our website fresh and informative.

This spring we will have elections. Please consider any of these offices and get in touch with the election committee if you would like to be placed on the ballot.

Here’s hoping everyone has a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



### **Results of our charity auction:**

Monaco America has done it again. The auction held for ST. Jude Hospital raised \$4345.00 (Per Barbara Bonnette, Auctioneer). A super result for a tremendous charity. Our hats are off to you for your generosity. Thanks Monaco America.

Ernie Robertson, Chairperson



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We had a great time at Marksville, and sure hope all the other attendees did also. From the comments received, this was most certainly the case. Sid and Carol did an outstanding job in pulling our Fall 2011 Rally together, in spite of many challenges the Paragon provided. As I was once told, these challenges are good for our growth. The Fun Run; what a neat day, we got to see a great deal of the area, meet some unique people and even buy some goat cheese. The ventriloquist was most entertaining and we found out that many of us are on the level (our bubble is in the middle). The Rivoli's, as usual, put on a superior Gospel Hour and their Revue was terrific.

Sid and Carol are already beginning plans for our Spring 2012 Rally, which will be held at the CERAland Park in Columbus, Indiana. We again, have some different and interesting activities that will be a part of the rally.



Two different tours of Cummins Engine facilities and perhaps a field trip to Camp Atterbury to meet some of our service men & women. There are many opportunities for us in the Columbus area. We hope a good many of our members do choose to visit Carole's and my home state next May.



We, also, thank Dorothy Robertson for accepting the responsibilities of Chairperson for Monaco America's Information/Reception function.

Remember, the Spring 2012 Rally will be our election of officers. Please do consider running for one of these positions. A synopsis of the various responsibilities is listed on our web site, [www.monacoamerica.com](http://www.monacoamerica.com). Our nominating committee members are: Joyce Osmus, Charlie Toledo and Ed Stebbins. You may contact any of them with questions or concerns you may have and, of course, you are free to contact any current or past officer.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season, have a great winter, wherever you spend it and make certain you join the fun next May at the CERAland Park in Columbus, Indiana.

May God Bless the USA and Canada  
 Gary & Carole Granat





**Sid and Carol Lenoir**  
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Here's to those members and guest that attended our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Rally in Marksville. Receiving feedback from those in attendance, and from those who completed their rally critique, I feel that our rally was a success despite a couple of bumps in the road. A big shout out of "THANKS" to those of you, which by the way was the majority of those in attendance, whose participation is what made your rally successful, and will have the same positive effect on future rallies. Last and certainly not least, if not for my boody-boody's (Carol) assistance and her commitment to a successful event, things might not have fallen into place as they did. Thanks' Hon !!! Also, to those involved in our Halloween/Anniversary gala, charity auction, seminars, roundtables, parking, and security, THANKS!!!

Plans are ongoing at this time for our Spring Rally (May 14-18, 2012) at CERAland Park which is located in Columbus, IN. Our registration for this rally got quite a boost at Marksville where forty-three coaches pre-registered for our upcoming rally. A full slate of activities which will include golf, swap meet, Ladies Tea, vendors, seminars, tours, pot luck dinner, entertainment/meal with a Polynesian theme, free time to tour and dine on your own, pet show, and on and on. So put the above mentioned date on your 2012 itinerary and don't forget to bring a guest.

While in Marksville, Gary and I met with Dick and Marianne Ball to discuss the possibility of them serving as Rally Masters for our upcoming rally at CERAland. I am happy to inform you that they willingly accepted the position. Carol and I are looking forward to working with you in the planning and preparation of our Spring Rally.

In closing, I'm sure I left out identifying some folks that volunteered their time and talents at Marksville. If so, a big "THANKS YA'LL"

Safe Travels, Sid and Carol Lenoir



We are saddened by the sudden passing of our dear friend Joanne Stone. We hope this message helps convey our heartfelt condolences.

*What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.*

To Rick and entire Stone Family, please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your loving wife.



**Return to CERALand**  
**Monaco America**  
**Spring Rally**  
**May 14-18, 2012**



**3989 South 525 East**  
**Columbus, Indiana 47203**

**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***	25.00
<b>Total</b>	_____

**Make check payable to Monaco America**

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**Registration deadline: May 1, 2012.**  
**Cancellation request must be received by April 30, 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 5/1/2012 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes **5 nights** (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with hookups;+ Welcome Gathering; 4 breakfasts; 4 evening meals, entertainment; vendors; seminars; social/cocktail hours; Ladies Tea; craft classes (additional cost may apply for craft classes) and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Early arrivals prior to Monday, May 14, or stays past Friday, May 18, will require a reservation directly with CERALand at the rally rate. Reservations for extra nights call Beth Dawson at (812)377-6401. (+Hookup connections are for electric and water. A limited number of sites with sewer hookup will be available and will be assigned based on when the rally application is received. Rally rate for electric/water is \$20.00 per night and sites with electric/water/sewer, or Lake Sites are \$24.00 per night.)

**^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.**

## Norcold Fridge Recall - Is it necessary?

Hello all, it was a pleasure to meet many of you at the recent Monaco America Rally at Marksville, LA. My background is engineering and designing submarine torpedoes for the Navy. I also am the Co Moderator, along with Bill Duckwitz, of the Monacoers Internet group.

Gary asked me to sit in on a part of his Tech Session, and to talk about tech items getting a lot of attention on the Monacoers group. During that session, I noted that the long ongoing issue with the Norcold 1200 series fridges was one of our hottest (no pun intended) Monacoers topics. Here's some background:

For several years now there has been a steady trickle of RV fires initiated by a failure in the Norcold fridges. In the RV development where I have my winter pad (Mt. Olive Shore) we have lost two rigs due to fridge fires. In the RV development next door, Mt. Olive Shores North, a Holiday Rambler in the RV port of a home caught fire and burned the RV and home to the ground. There have been several instances of rigs burning at night with loss of life. So, this is a real problem and needs to be treated seriously.

What happens in most cases is the fridge electric heater elements are where they are in contact with the "boiler". That causes a breach of the boiler and the ammonia can escape. Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) decomposes into, among other things, Hydrogen and it's the hydrogen that initiates a fire.

Norcold was slow to respond, but finally came out with Recall 1 which put a thermister in the boiler stack. That proved to be "locking the door after the horse was gone" as folks were still having fires. Next, Norcold did some testing and found that if the lower boiler tubes reached 900 degrees F, that the temperature would continue rising until the boiler failed with a fire resulting. So Recall 2 was designed to put a thermister directly on the boiler lower tube and when it reached 900 F, the Recall 2 control would shut off all AC and DC power to the fridge. This loss of power stopped any LP flow, also.

We have had enough cases of boiler breaches, but no fire to know that Recall 2 does the job. It took 5 iterations of "fine tuning" before Norcold got it right, but the latest (Rev E) seems to be doing the job. We have seen boiler breaches, but no follow on fire.

By all means, if you have not had Recall 2 done, you should get it done immediately. You are risking burning down your RV and possibly loss or life if you ignore the problem.

Fred White



Carole Granat  
Craft Coordinator

# Attention Crafters



The crafts were a big hit again at our Fall Rally. We did jewelry, scrapbooking, and card stitching. Peggy Morris introduced us to another bracelet that I'm sure that some of us are still trying to make those little balls. The mini scrapbooks were a lot about gluing and folding. Everyone put their personal touches in them. The card stitching was all about getting those threads untangled and making Christmas cards. I for one enjoy the crafts, and look forward to learning new ones. We don't know what we will be doing at our next rally, however I'm sure our "crafty" coordinator will make it interesting. Even if you don't feel like you are a crafter or not, we always have fun. If you have an idea for a new craft of resurrect an old one let Carole know. We can coordinate with the schedule to try and accommodate it. Come to the next rally and see what we might be up to.



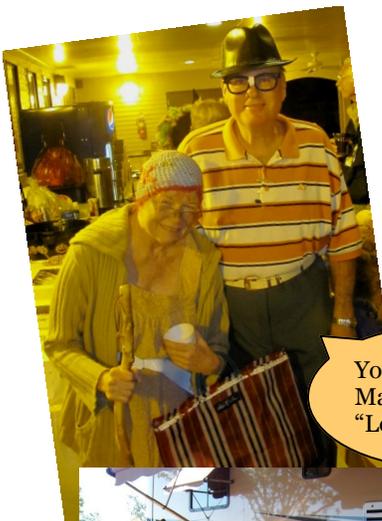
## Tea Time

Our charity that benefitted from the Monaco America generosity was Hope House of Central Louisiana. Again they were overwhelmed. Their spokesperson gave us a short history and scope of their services to help the women and children in this area. As always we hope that our gifts will benefit these folks in starting a new and better life. Thanks Janice for all your work.

Our charity in CERAland will be the Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. More details will follow in the next newsletter and on the web. Also, we have elected to participate in the "Hugs Project", and contribute "Beanie Babies" to the troops for distribution overseas.



## RALLY PHOTOS



Your Wagon Master and his "Lovely" wife





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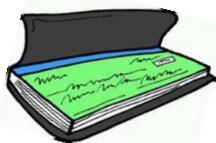
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**Upcoming Rally !!!**

**Spring 2012**    *May 14-18, 2012*

CERAland

Columbus, Indiana



**Fall 2012**    *October 8-12, 2012*

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