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Monaco America News



Here's hoping everyone that attended Amana Colonies Rally made it home, or wherever your travels took you, safe and sound. We all had a great time and experienced some new things—the Hypnotist for one. I for one had tears rolling down my cheeks. Peggy, we may have a new craft to learn now—basket making. That demo by Joanne Schanz was awesome, as well as the demo by Tinsmith Bill Metz. The style show with Monaco America models was a hit, and I think the Woolen Mill made a few sales from that event. I know Sid bought the leather jacket that Terry Walker modeled. Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen that modeled.

As the autumn leaves start to fall around here, that means winter is not far away. In some areas winter has already reared its head. That might signal time to put the motorhome in storage. Whether you store your motorhome or keep on the road, don't forget to mark your spring calendar for the rally in May. We will be getting together again in Sevierville, Tennessee on May 6—9, 2013. Please fill out the registration form on page 4 and send it in. With the changes that were made to the By-Laws and Standing Rules in Amana (see www.monacoamerica.com for exact wording), our rallies are now open to all brands of coaches as long as they are in good standing with their membership in FMCA. With that change it means we can all invite our traveling buddies, and friends to join us in the Smokies for lots of fun and fellowship. We will have all the activities you love and maybe throw in some new twists. You never know what we will present to you the member. You know that means you have to come to the rally to see what's up!!! We are again going to have the "Garage/Craft Sale" like we did in CERAland. Everyone had a good time and a few dollars were made. This time we will have a pavilion to set up in, so we will all be in one place. That will give all of us a chance to browse the other booths. We will have craft classes, ice cream social, pet show, and of course the "Not So World Famous Washer Toss". Rumor has it, I think, Dale and Neil maybe lost a game or two in Amana. Get your washers out, dust them off, and get to practicing. The competition is fierce. We will probably have bingo with, as we say, "Fabulous" prizes. We may have a 50/50 drawing to be drawn on the last night. We will sell tickets all week prior to the drawing. The "Ladies Tea" hosted this rally by Pam Franklin will benefit the Sevier County Food Bank. See more details on page 6. So you can see if you miss this rally, you will miss a lot, not to mention rekindling friendships of rallies past and meeting new friends that will most assuredly come to see what we are all about. More information will be in the next newsletter as the schedule comes together. When you are out on the road visiting this great nation, get out and meet your neighbors and invite them to our rally in May. If you copy the registration form from this newsletter, or from the website, you can have one to give them as you chat. Also, look for the rally registration form to come out in January and March in the FMCA magazine. We have had great success from this advertising. **We need you and your guests to come and make this rally one to remember. WE CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT YOU. Hope to see all of you in Tennessee.**



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Fall Rally 2012 in the Amana Colonies, of Iowa, boy what we may have lacked in quantity we sure made up in quality. Good food, lots of fun and great entertainment. We thank Sid and Carol for a job well done again.

On a personal note, I was able to remain president per an article in Monaco America’s By-Laws that states a couple can remain members and hold office if they own at least 1/3 of a qualifying motorhome, which we do. I apologize for not recognizing this sooner.

At our Board meeting in Amana, a number of recommended changes were discussed and presented to the members in attendance for approval. The approved changes to the Standing Rules and By-Laws are summarized below:

STANDING RULES:

Item 1: Now reads “Membership is limited to owners of any motor coach as defined by FMCA. They also must be a member in good standing with FMCA.”

Item 2: Monaco America’s Webmaster and Newsletter Editor were officially added as Board Members. They both have always attended and participated in the Board meetings.

Item 3: The annual membership dues amount was reverted back to our original \$25.00, effective for 2013.

Item 4: The initiation fee was increased to \$15.00. It now actually covers the cost of name tags.

Item 6: The Monaco RV, LLC and Monaco Coach Corporation wording was eliminated as a result of the change in Item 1.

Item 7: This item was eliminated since it is now covered by Item 6.

BY-LAWS

Article II – Object: The Monaco Coach Corporation and Monaco RV, LLC wording was dropped and the wording changed to reflect the changes made to Item 1 in the Standing Rules.

As always, the full Standing Rules and By-Laws are available to our members at our web site, www.monacoamerica.com. The revised writings of both are already on the web.

We sincerely hope to see many more of our members at the Spring 2013 rally next May in Sevierville, Tennessee. The River Plantation RV Park is a neat park in a great area of the good old USA. Until then, God Bless you all, and God Bless America and Canada.

Gary & Carole Granat





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A big “Shout Out of Thanks” to those who chipped in with their time and effort to make the rally a fun time for all. A special “Thanks” to Dennis & Karen Carlsen, Rally Masters, for stepping in and being able to bail me out due to a minor physical setback that was being experienced by your Wagon Master. Please remember, by our members volunteering to assist where and when needed is the #1 reason why our rallies always provide lots of fun for those who attend.

How about the number of First Timers that were present in Amana—12 !!! We were happy to welcome them, and according to all the feedback received, I think we’ll see most of them at a future rally. Thanks Monaco America for making them feel welcome. I think that the majority of the First Timers joined MA, plus registered for our upcoming spring Rally that will be in beautiful Eastern Tennessee in the Great Smoky Mountain foothills in Sevierville, TN, May 6—9 , 2013.

Speaking of the Spring Rally, things are shaping up for a great time. Coach washing and detailing has been lined up. Oil, lube, and filter changes will be available thru Cross Point Cummins. There will be on-site repairs by certified techs, and a very good possibility of Demo Coaches. Still working with a local dealer on details of these plans. So if you want to join in on the fun of a Monaco America Rally, I suggest that you plan on registering soon. Bring a friend, the more the merrier.

The holiday season is fastly approaching. So I would like to take the time to wish you all a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving season, plus a wonderful and blessed Christmas greetings to all of our MA friends. Also, may we never forget the Reason for the Season.

Until the next time we meet, may God bless you all. Until then we are.....

Sid and Carol Lenoir
1st VP/Wagon Master



MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY



SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE
 WHERE SMOKY MOUNTAIN FUN BEGINS!!!
 MAY 6-9, 2013



1004 Parkway
 Sevierville, TN 37862

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping with full hookups,
 Monday Welcome Gathering Meal furnished by River Plantation,
 3 Breakfasts, 3 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 May 6, or stays past Thursday May 9, will require a reservation directly with River Plantation RV Park at the rally rate of \$28.50 (plus tax). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-758-5267 for reservations.

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

_____ Mail rally confirmation packet or _____ Hold rally packet at will call
 (All applications received after April 1, 2013 will not be mailed, but held at Info. Ctr.)

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2013 **

Cancellation requests must be received by April 1, 2013 for full refund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Persons \$345.00
- 1 Person \$295.00
- Passport for 2 *** \$275.00
- Extra person (over 12) \$100.00
- Extra person (under 12) \$ 80.00
- Non-member **** \$ 25.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to Monaco America
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Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:

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- * Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
- ** After this date, call Wagon Master for space availability.
- *** 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.

Entertainment in Tennessee



Kenny Evans is a Christian evangelist and entertainer in Pigeon Forge, TN. He was ordained at First Baptist Church Grovetown, GA and has pastored several churches in the east TN area. Kenny Evans is now in his 12th season performing the "Golden Oldies" hits of the 50's & 60's at "Country Tonite Theatre" in Pigeon Forge TN. In Pigeon Forge Kenny has worked with Grand Ole Opry stars Little Jimmy Dickens, Boots Randolph, Jim Ed Brown, and in the 1980's Kenny Evans was a part of the Archie Campbell Hee-Haw Show. Kenny toured professionally throughout the 1990's opening concerts for Kenny Chesney, Sara Evans, Charlie Daniels, and many other country music legends. Kenny Evans now performs regularly at Country Tonite Theatre in Pigeon Forge and tours the U.S. performing the "Golden Oldies Show" at Fairs, Festivals, Theatres, and is also a Christian evangelist, singing and speaking at church concerts, revivals, and conferences.

Kenny will be performing for us on Thursday May 9, 2013.

Amana Photos





Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Attention Crafters

Hello, and here's hoping all going to Tennessee that you will like what we will be making at our craft sessions. Karen Carlsen is going to teach us to make an "Afgan" (well not the whole thing, but a start). You will need to bring a Size J Crochet Hook, a skein of (no dye lot) acrylic yarn (color of your choice).



Nancy Seidler will be teaching us to make a "Button Bracelet". If you would like to bring some buttons of silver, gold, or any color you prefer, she will provide the rest of the materials. Nancy will make up some kits.

This is what we have scheduled so far, and as always any suggestions are welcomed.

Carole Granat, Craft Coordinator



What can I say!!! You ladies did it again. The Colonial Manor Nursing Home benefitted from our generosity of "Goodies" in gift bags for every resident. We also had four ladies from Colonial come to our "Tea". I think they had a great time on their outing. One of the ladies was 100 years old. Boy, I hope I'm that spry if and when I reach that incredible age.



As we move our next rally to Tennessee we have chosen "The Sevier County Food Bank" to benefit from our giving spirit.

Our "Ladies Tea" chairperson for this event will be Pam Franklin. She has contacted the Food Bank and acquired a list for some of the needs they have requested. Of course, any of you who are involved with Food Banks in your home towns know the needs have risen over the years. This Food Bank has nearly doubled the families they serve and the need is great. The list below is a sampling of the nonperishable's they have provided us. Money is also accepted. With the monies they receive, they are able to purchase items that are requested the most, and fill in the gaps of items that go fast. As you look at the list we have inserted asterisks beside the items that are most requested. As we get more details, we will pass them onto you via the newsletter or the website.

The list is as follows: Peanut Butter*, Canned Fruits*, Canned Vegetables, Infant Formula (Good Start is the brand usually requested)*, Muffin Mixes, Canned meats, Diapers (any size from newborn to size 5)*, Oatmeal (instant made packets), Cake Mixes, Boxes of Cereal (prefer nutritious kinds), Spaghetti Sauces and Boxes of Pasta, Mac & Cheese packets, Rice, Dried Beans, and Pancake mixes and Syrup.

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UPCOMING RALLIES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Spring 2013

River Plantation RV Park
Sevierville, Tennessee
May 6 - 9, 2013



Fall 2013



Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma
October 7 - 10, 2013



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