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Monaco America News

Gulf Shores, Alabama 2009

What a great time we had in Alabama. Even though our numbers were down a little, the rally went very smoothly. We had a chance to visit with our friends we have seen before, and gain new friendships with those folks that were new to us. We had two couples that were "First Timers". Great to meet you and hope to see you at future rallies.

We (Sid and I) arrived Saturday to hot weather and "lots" of humidity. I didn't know we could drip so much. It was nice to get together again for our Sunday pot luck and share stories of our families and travels. Those who arrived early got to sample all the goodies, and as usual there was plenty. We sure seem to know how to eat. Sid said that we were going home with more food in the fridge than what we came with (lots of leftovers).

I hope everyone was able to take a little time to go out and explore the coast, and see some of the sights. I went with the Hamilton's to the beach. We tickled our toes in the Gulf and gathered a few shells. Some others talked about going to the Forts in the area and the many other points of interest.

Some of the ladies tried their hand at the craft classes. One was taught by Carole Granat and we made "heart" shaped hangers for our RV's, and Peggy Morris again taught us a new beading pattern for a bracelet. These ladies always come up with such good ideas, and I for one look forward to the new classes at each rally. If anyone has a craft they would like to share with the group, please let me or some of the officers know so that we can get you on the schedule. All that participate seem to have a good time, and it is a good way to get to know some of the ladies in our Monaco America family.

We need to send a big "Thank You" to Camping World of Robertsedale, AL. They brought out 3 coaches for us to drool over, and were gracious enough to supply all of us with a hotdog lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday. I know some of us were able to get to their store and find some goodies. What would a road trip be without Camping World and Wal-Mart!!!

Let's all mark our calendars for our spring rally. It will be in Hutchinson, KS., May 25-28, 2010. We had 26 coaches sign up early. By having at least 25 sign up, we were able to have the drawing to see who was the lucky one to get a "Free Ride" to Kansas. And the prize goes to **Gene and Edie Painter**. Congratulations!!!! Hope to all of you there. Happy travels.

MONACO AMERICA WEBSITE

Monaco America has a new website! You can find it at www.monacoamerica.com.

There are many things planned for the website, and over the coming months it will grow substantially. This is *your* website, so feel free to tell us what you want to see on the site. On the main page of the site you will find a list of things that are available or planned.

Your webmasters are Bert & Kathy Garcia. You can reach us by email at: n8nn@earthlink.net.

See you in Hutchinson in May

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Website:

www.monacoamerica.com

From the President's

By Richard Cotterall,

Monaco America President



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Hello Monaco America Friends,

How about that Alabama rally, can you believe it rained up until the rally started, beautiful until the rally was over and then rain again. Maybe were not the drought busters anymore. What a great rally, personally I could listen to the Rivoli's every rally, they are so good. I want to take this opportunity



Gary and Carole Granat
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How about that weather!!!! It just could not have been better for the entire rally period at Gulf Shores. And the Gulf Breeze RV Resort, their personnel and its amenities were wonderful. We had but 47 coaches, but we sure had a good time. Our caterer, Staycations Catering, fed us quite well and Ron & Kay Rivoli were their usual great. The wild

to thank all the Officers for their hard work leading up to and during the rally. Remember, these folks volunteer their time to try and make your rally experience a fun, informative and satisfying time. I also want to thank the committee chairs and their volunteers and lastly all the folks that volunteered to help make this rally successful, you know our rallies are only as good as you and I make them.

Have you heard, we have a new Web Site thanks to Bert and Kathy Garcia, all you have to do is go to www.monacoamerica.com and you're on. Bert and Kathy have spent many hours putting this web site together, far beyond what we expected them to do. Please thank them for their dedication to our membership. For those who didn't attend Gulf Shores, couples pictures were taken and added to the web site. So be sure to show up at our next rally in Hutchinson, Kansas so your picture can be added to our new web

site picture directory. Remember, we have a lot of fun the days leading up to the rally, so if you can come a few days early, you will have the opportunity to participate in setting things up and lots of camaraderie. Also, don't forget we will be having elections in Kansas and the club is always looking for more folks to get involved. If you are willing to run for an Officers position, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members. They are:

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Hope to see all of you in Kansas, safe travels and fair sky's to all.

Rich and Linda Cotterall

From The Wagon Master

By Gary Granat, Monaco America
 First Vice President

washer toss games and bingo, both with all their magnificent prizes added to the camaraderie. Truly a fun rally.

Now we look forward to Hutchinson, Kansas, where Tom & Judy Cote have agreed to be our Rally Masters. The Kansas State Fairgrounds is another neat facility. We will, as usual, have full hook-ups, and the building, in which our doings will take place, is very near the RV Park. We already have a couple of member seminars planned and would love to have more. So, if you have a skill or expertise you would like to share with the rest of our members, please drop me an email or call, and we'll get you on the schedule. Some ideas that were suggested are: "The Use of Your GPS" and "The Basics of Digital Photography". If you have knowledge in one of these areas, please let me know. We are, also, looking for some type of "craft" for our male

members. We want to continue to have men & ladies' Roundtable Discussions; perhaps we can enlist some other members to facilitate these. They always seem to be helpful. Again, please volunteer so I'm not forced to "draft" someone. The more our members are involved in handling the seminars/presentations, I believe, the better our club becomes.

Also, we need to recognize that if we continue to have smaller rallies, which are great, it will be difficult to attract vendors. We will try to get a local RV service company to participate in our rallies whenever possible.

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Much Fun in the Sunflower State

Monaco America 2010 Spring Rally Application



**Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas
Tuesday, May 25 through Friday, May 28, 2010**

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***	50.00
	Total	_____

Make check payable to Monaco America
Mail to: Monaco America
5830 NW Expressway
Box 117
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master.
Gary Granat
Home: (219)462-8795
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Registration deadline: May 18, 2010. Cancellation request must be received by May 11, 2010 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 5/7/10 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes 4 nights (Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri) camping with full hookups; Welcome Gathering; 3 breakfasts; 3 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 Tuesday, May 25 or stays past Friday, May 28, will require a reservation directly with the Kansas State Fair at their normal rate of \$20.00 per night. Call 620-669-3600 for reservations for any extra nights.

*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 Monaco Coach 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 Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged and additional \$50.00

Fun in Gulf Shores, 2009



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By Gary Granat—Monaco America
First Vice President

We are looking at potential sites for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. I know it can be helpful to all of us to have our rally periods determined well in advance; we do need the time to plan our busy schedules.

I again, thank all of the many volunteers who run this wonderful club and make our gatherings so enjoyable.

See you all in Hutchison,
Gary & Carole

P.S. May 2010 is election time; please give your input to our Nominating Committee members.

Rally site has been secured for Fall 2010 rally. It will be held in Tucson, Arizona at Beaudry's RV Resort. The dates are:

October 4th. - 8th., 2010.



Ladies Tea



Our Ladies Tea this rally sponsored **Women's Care Medical Center** in Robertsdale, Al. They are involved in the community to help those girls who find themselves in the unfortunate situation of an unplanned pregnancy. They minister to these women offering love, hope and practical help to all who come through their doors. Those services are provided at no charge to these clients. Our ladies came through again, as usual, with gifts of diapers and baby wipes. They were also generous in giving gift cards that will be used to help the women at the Center with other needed baby items. There were two representatives from the Center that joined us at the Tea. They were Sue Leavins, Executive Director, and Tami McRae, a volunteer in the ministry. By having this event at our Rally, we are able to give back to the community, and hopefully leave a positive mark.

Our charity has been chosen for the Kansas rally. It is the **Children's Emergency Home**. They serve children from 1 day old to 12 years old. They are in need of diapers, wipes, one piece sleepers, blankets, paper goods, and hygiene products. Please **NO** stuffed animals! The ladies in charge of this tea are Joyce Osmus and Judy Wagner. More information will follow in the spring newsletter.



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Nancy Cormier Pet Show

Betty Hamilton and Carol Lenoir wanted to carry on the tradition of Nancy Cormier in having a pet show for the rally. We hope everyone had a great time. Betty did a great job. She contacted Hill's Pet Food and received lots of goodies to share with the pet owners. We were able for all the registered participants to get a goody bag. The bags included red blinking lights, food can lids, a large food bag clamp, and a DVD. Two of our good friends helped out. They were Mick and Ruth Pearson. Thanks so much for jumping in there and lending a hand. We had all kinds of dogs enter, no cats or birds. We even had a "special pet". Carole Granat brought her "special pet husband". Thanks for bringing your "special pet". Sounds like you have him well trained and he minds really well.

We will be having the pet show in Kansas. We are working on a theme. Details will be in the spring newsletter. So get ready to have more "pets" show their stuff in Kansas.



Recipes for the Road

Zucchini Meat Dish

Brown 1 lb. sausage and 1 lb. hamburger and 3/4 cup chopped onion. Drain grease. Put 1/4 cup water on top of meat mixture and add 1 can cream of chicken (or mushroom) soup, 1/2 cup cracker meal and mix. Slice about 4 zucchini in 1/4" slices. Put a layer of sliced zucchini in greased casserole dish. Put in layer of meat mixture, the another layer of zucchini, etc. Put in oven at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Have dish covered with foil. Add 1 cup grated cheese on top and melt.

Inside-Out Chocolate Bundt Cake

- 1 pkg. Jell-O instant chocolate pudding
- 1 pkg. Chocolate Devil's Food Mix
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) chocolate chips
- 1 3/4 cup milk

- 2 eggs
- Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl. Mix by hand about 2 minutes.
- Pour in greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50—55 minutes.



Monaco America Board



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Questions on Club Membership?

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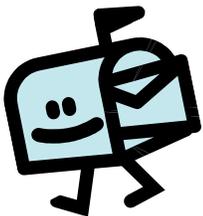
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(Make checks payable to Monaco America)

Did you pay your MA dues?



Don't forget the Spring Elections!!!





Mark your calendars now for the following Monaco America Rallies!

Spring 2010

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, Kansas

May 25th. through May 28th., 2010

(Application for the above rally is on page 3 of this newsletter)



Fall 2010

Beaudry's RV Resort

Tucson, Arizona

October 4th. through 8th., 2010



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