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Monaco America News



I was over at my Mom's the other day and noticed she had daffodils blooming. That's a sure sign of spring here in Texas. Soon the Hill Country will be ablaze with color, more especially with our famous bluebonnets. Our Spring Rally is set in a beautiful area of Texas. I think the bluebonnets will be gone by the time we meet, however it is still a great area to see. There are lots of things to see and do. Also good day trips to take in the area. A must is the German community of Fredericksburg to the north and Medina to the south. Medina is the home of Love Creek Orchards Apple Store and Patio Café. It is a must to see the 4# apple pie. It's a treat just to see them make the pies.



I know Bill and Gary, and their group, have a lot planned for us and it will be fun for all who attend. I know fuel has gone up yet again, however don't let that stand in your way of coming to our great State. Dig deep in all those couch and chair cushions and find that extra change. It just might get you down the road a bit.



This spring we are also having our officer elections. As you read the newsletter, you will see that we are losing our Wagon Master. We are sad to see him and Nancy leave that post. If I'm correct we will also be losing Peggy Morris as our secretary. Peggy has done a superb job for several years and her shoes will be hard to fill. We need those interested in these or any other office to step forward and get your name on the ballot. If you do have an interest in an office, please notify someone on the nominating committee. We need your input and ideas as to the direction you want our organization to evolve and move forward. All of us are proud to be a part of our Monaco America family, and we want our club to stay viable and continue with the fun and fellowship we all enjoy. Whether you run for an office or not your input is always needed and appreciated. This is your club and we need all of you to emerge stronger, and feel confident in the direction our future is headed.

Let's make this rally a one to bring a friend and/or potential new member. With our numbers down we need you out there helping us grow. Take the membership application (which is ready to download from our MA website) with you to your local chapters and road trips. Who knows, that new member and friend may be just around the next bend in the road.

With all that said, saddle up and head to Texas. We're going to have a Texas sized party and a great boot scootn' time in May. Ya'll come on down.

Travel Safe, Carol Lenoir



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A Note from the President



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Here we go again!!! Our Spring 2011 Rally time period is rapidly approaching, literally just days away. Boy, if you haven't gotten your application in, you best do it at once, you don't want to miss the fun or the chance to visit with your many Monaco America member friends. Bill tells me the plans for Kerrville are progressing on target, caterer selected, entertainment hired and commitments received from a number of vendors.

I know you'll find the Guadalupe River RV Resort a neat place to visit. Don't forget, for the early arrivals, there's always morning coffee at the President's coach, please do join us, should be ready by 7:00am each day through Monday the 16th.



As stated previously, Josh Cernia, Monaco RV's National Sales Manager will be joining us for a portion of the rally. He will be able to give us an update as to what is going on at Monaco RV and attempt to answer questions we may have.

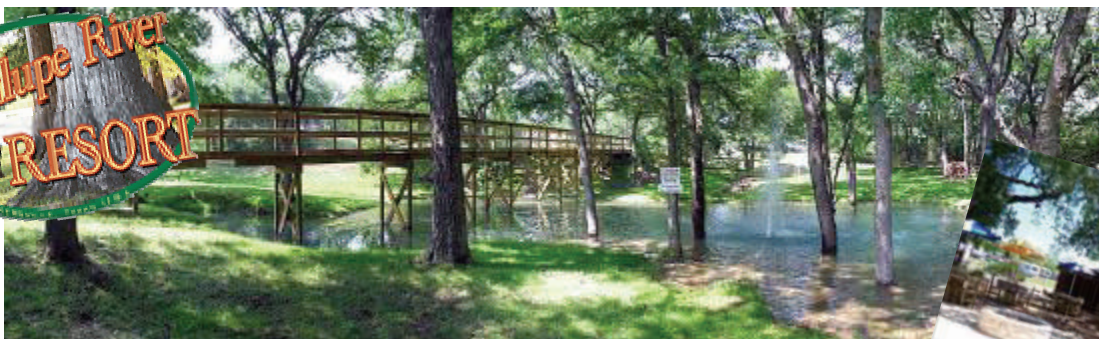
I, also, plan to hold a kind of "brainstorming" session, this to cull from you our members, ideas and suggestions as to how we can possibly enhance our semi-annual rallies and grow our membership. As with any RV club, there is a fairly constant change in membership as we all seem to age and certainly consider the impact of economic concerns.

Also, our Spring Rally is when we hold our annual election for your club's officers. The election is very critical, this is your club and you need to be involved. Every office will be voted upon. If you have any desire to run for a specific office or have any questions regarding duties, responsibilities, etc., feel free to contact any member of the Nominating Committee, Doris Highsmith, Sid Lenoir or Joyce Osmus. And, of course, you can contact any current or past officer with your questions and/or concerns. Please, check the Monaco America web site for contact information.

Carole and I truly look forward to seeing everyone in Kerrville.....

Travel safe and may God Bless America & Canada.....

Gary & Carole Granat





Bill and Nancy Stone
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I am writing this in the last week of Feb. and we are in Kerrville Texas preparing for our spring rally. We have met with Dale and Ann Lemons, our Rally Masters for Kerrville. It is a great help to have someone local that we can depend on to accomplish things that come up when we are back home. Most of the rally preparation is complete and we should have a great rally. We have had more vendors show an interest in attending than we have seen in a long time.

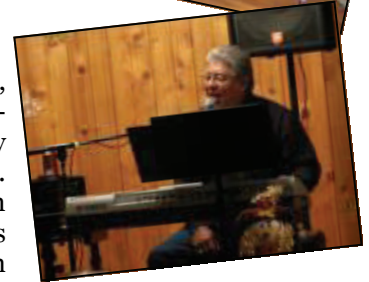
We feel we have hired some good entertainment for this rally. We have included pictures in this column. We will have one night of our famous bingo. Maybe we can talk Ernie into calling again. It is wonderful to have so many talented people within our group.

There is a lot to see and do in the Kerrville area. Just a short distance away is Fredericksburg with all the German food you could want. This is an area of Texas that was acquired by the German government from Spain before the U.S. took control of this part of our country. Germany sent farmers and business people to this area to establish a colony.



There is a fine museum, in Fredericksburg, about the life of Admiral Nimitz. It is located behind the hotel that was owned by his family for many years. George H.W. Bush also has a section of the museum about his service during World War II. This one is complete with a submarine. South from Kerrville, a short drive, is San Antonio with its River Walk and big city shopping.

We are in the planning stages of our fall rally in Marksville La. This should be a fun time for all. We are adding an extra day, so will give us more time to visit old friends and make new ones.



Due To several circumstances Nancy and I will not be able to continue in this position after the Kerrville rally. We still plan to be active in the club and will be available to help in any of the activities. I have notified the nominating committee of this. Anyone who feels like they could and would do this job please notify any of the nominating committee members.

We hope to see many of you at the Kerrville Rally.

Bill and Nancy





Deep in the Heart of Texas
Hill Country

Monaco America 2011
Spring Rally Application



Guadalupe River RV Resort, Kerrville, Texas
Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 19, 2011

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
	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.
Bill Stone
Phone: (405)990-1691
E-mail: bnstone6@yahoo.com

Registration deadline: May 1, 2011. Cancellation request must be received by May 9, 2011 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 5/1/11 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs) 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 Monday, May 16 or stays past Thursday, May 19, will require a reservation directly with the Guadalupe River RV Park at their normal rate. Call 800-582-1916 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 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 Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged an additional \$25.00.

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Monaco America Merchandise



Coach Plaque

Plaque is metal with the painted logo baked on. The metal plaque is inset in a hard plastic mounting bracket. These plaques fit easily on your rear ladder. Measures 12" by 9".
Price: \$15.00 plus \$3.00 Shipping & Handling.

"Cooking with Monaco America"

This cookbook was put together by the ladies of Monaco America. Many recipes that are RV friendly.
Price: \$6.00 plus \$2.00 Shipping & Handling.



Monaco America Logo Patch

This is an embroidered patch that can be sewn on any garment. Measures 3" in diameter.
Price: \$3.50 plus \$1.00 Shipping & Handling.

Checks should be made to: Monaco America.
Mail orders to: Monaco America
5830 NW Expressway, PMB 117
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

All orders will be shipped via the U.S. Postal Service. These items can also be purchased in person at all Monaco America rallies.

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Item	No.	Price Ea	S&H Ea	Total
Coach Plaque		15.00	3.00	
Cook Book		6.00	2.00	
Logo Patch		3.50	1.00	
Total Order Amount				

Nancy Cormier Pet Show



The Pet Show in Kerrville will be hosted by Betty Hamilton. Please bring your pets for all the fun and prizes. Betty has contacted, and received, treats and prizes from those vendors that have supported us in the past. If you don't have a pet, come anyway. Bring your chair and watch the festivities.



Attention Crafters

All you crafters, since I've been here in the Rio Grande Valley this winter, I've learned a new craft. It's called "Card Stitching". The ones I've seen are really neat and I hope to have a variety of patterns for our craft class in Kerrville.

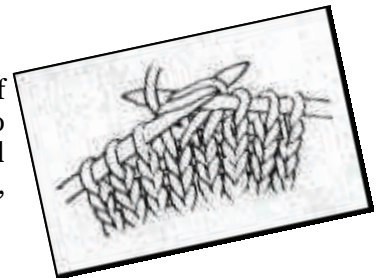
If anyone can offer ideas or wants to teach a future class, I'd really appreciate hearing from you.

Carole Granat



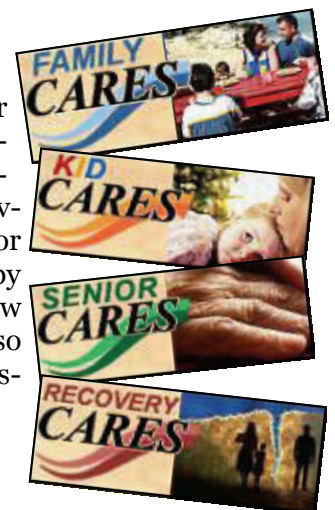
Ladies and Men too!

Sue Ellen Hodge is going to have a seminar in Kerrville, Tips and Tricks of Knitting. She will help anyone who has a project that is having problems. So bring your UFO's or if you want to get started knitting she'll help us. She will bring some of her finished items for display. Join us for an interesting time, even if you don't currently knit.



This spring's ladies tea will sponsor Hill Country CARES at our tea in Kerrville. I have been in contact with Patsy Lackey, Family CARES Coordinator. Under this umbrella they serve Family CARES, Kids CARES, Senior CARES and Recovery CARES and their needs are: Stamps, computer paper, school supplies for the kids. For the shelter the items needed are : Diapers and baby wipes, box/canned foods, coffee, tea and boxed juice, twin white sheets, pillow cases, new pillows, blankets, kitchen towels, sponges, and scrubbies. They also need paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, toothpaste and tooth brushes- adult and children sizes, face soap, combs and brushes.

Peggy Morris





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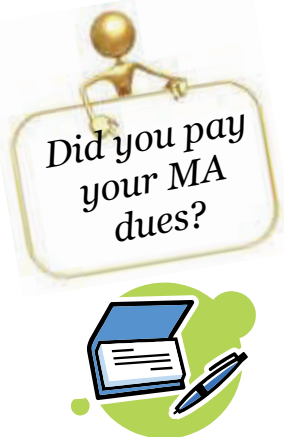
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Upcoming Rally !!!

Fall 2011

Paragon RV Resort

Marksville, Louisiana

October 17—21, 2011



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