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Monaco America News



Kerrville Rally was another great one. The entertainment was excellent. Did anyone get turned away at breakfast by the security squad and their "electronic" search??? I'm glad they didn't have authority for strip searches. We had a great facility, and the weather was not too hot. Did anyone take their ants home? The Ladies Tea, seminars, crafts, and Pet Show were some of the highlights. As always, the Ladies Tea was a great success and we all made a sizable contribution to Hill Country Cares. Peggy Morris and her crew outdid themselves. The Pet Show was one of our biggest with Betty Hamilton at the helm. Above is a line up of the new officers that were elected at the rally. The only real change is the "Wagon Master". The newly elected Wagon Master is Sid Lenoir. We want to give a big "Thank You" to Bill and Nancy Stone for all their hard work over the past year in making our rallies a success.

Now on to our Fall Rally in Marksville. As you know this is our **10th. Anniversary**, and we have some new things planned. If you haven't attended a rally in a while, this might be the one to plan for. Your participation, as always, will make this a fantastic time and celebration. We are always looking for ways to enhance our members fun, and I think our new Wagon Master is on track to accomplish this for you. The Paragon RV Resort is an exceptional site, and the staff has been phenomenal to work with. For you golfers, there is a course right next to the resort. The camping and activities will be a little more separated than we are used to, however the Casino has an excellent shuttle service to keep us all connected. We are sure if you come and take advantage of all we will have to offer, you will not be disappointed. This will be a fun trip for you to celebrate and reconnect with your Monaco America family. So pack up the RV and the pets and make your way to Louisiana.

Laissez les bons temps rouler—"Let the good times roll."



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Well how about that rally with no rain!! That alone helps make a rally successful. We had a great time and certainly hope all attendees did also. We found the entertainment outstanding, and thank Bill & Nancy for finding the talent and putting the rally together.

Our annual elections were held; the only change in officers is that Sid Lenoir is our new Wagon Master. We congratulate Sid and we all promise our complete support as he and Carol take on this responsibility.

During the General meeting the members voted on several changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules. Those which passed are:

Bylaws: The term for officers, starting with next spring's election, will be 2 years.

- Rationale: With just two meetings per year our Nominating Committees are constantly working. Members need to understand that accepting to run is not a contract stating they must attend each and every rally. Personal situations should dictate that decision. We need more members to become active in running our club.

Standing Rules: We will add job description synopsizes as an addendum.

- Rationale: It's easier to get members to run for an office if they have some understanding of the position's responsibilities.

Standing Rules: The word "guest" will be eliminated for owners of "other brand coaches" attending Monaco America rallies.

- Rationale: We now permit owners of all motor coaches to attend Monaco America rallies, at the additional fee, and not just as a guest. It, also, allows the posting of Monaco America's rallies in the FMCA magazine.

Another Standing Rule item, which tabled, was the proposal for Monaco America to sponsor/subsidize small regional gatherings. Before we can have any final discussion, our insurance liability concerns must be discussed with FMCA. We will provide feed-back during the next meeting.

Once completed and approved, the amended Bylaws and Standing Rules will be posted on Monaco America's web site. Everyone should take the opportunity to read and understand these documents.

Now back to our Tenth Anniversary Rally this October in Marksville, LA. The week after the Kerrville rally, Sid & Carol Lenoir spent three days at the Paragon resolving concerns we had. They have successfully resolved most of these issues. This rally will be unique; we will have 4 full days for the first time. We will not have the usual Welcome Gathering on Monday instead it will be an actual dinner prior to enjoying our entertainers, Ron & Kay Rivoli. And remember, we have Jim Labriola Thursday evening, and I know Sid & Carol have a number of fun things going through their minds to truly enhance this tenth anniversary celebration. They will share their plans later.

The message is; ***you do not want to miss this rally.***

We hope to see you at Marksville,
 God Bless America and Canada





Bill and Nancy Stone
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"outgoing"
Wagon Master



We are now home from the Kerrville Rally and trying to get back to our old routine. I hope everyone that attended the rally had a good time. One plus for this rally was that it was completely self supporting. We had a surplus of just over \$100.00 and we had not seen that for the last few rallies. It shows that if the attendance is up the rallies will be in the black financially.

The vendors were all happy with their sales. They had a great display area and seemed to get plenty of traffic. The outside vendors had a great deal of work and went home tired. Hopefully we can expect the wash and wax; and the Mobile Lube people to be at the next rally.

Nancy and I leave this job with mixed feelings and have had a good time with it. As many of you know mine and Rick's Mom passed away the day after we got home. We all rejoice that she is in a much better place in the arms of our Lord. We want to thank everyone for the cards and many words of encouragement.

We remain confident in the well being of the club and are looking forward to many more years of rallying with our many friends. It is so nice to spend time with people that have the same interests and truly feel fond of one another. We are looking forward to the fall rally. The rallies are in the very capable hands of Sid and Carol. They will do an outstanding job for all of us.

Bill and Nancy Stone



Sid and Carol Lenoir
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"incoming"
Wagon Master



Greetings from your recently elected 1st Vice President/Wagon Master. We want all of you to know how much we appreciate your support, and your words of encouragement after being elected to this position during our Rally in Kerrville, TX. Here is just a bit of information concerning our background in Monaco America. While returning from a caravan trip to Alaska in 2004, we purchased an '04 Knight in Washington State, and were rewarded with a one year membership to MA. In 2005 while on a return trip from upstate New York, we had registered for the Fall Rally in Bowling Green, KY. That was our first experience, and we have been hooked on MA's events ever since.

In our position, we will strive to address all matters as they arise, however we cannot promise any certain results. What we do offer is an open mind to any ideas that are brought before us. New ideas and their implementation is what will keep our organization one in which you will continue to support by your participation in various events.

Speaking of events !!! The Rally in Marksville, LA, we believe might be one of the best Rallies we'll have in MA. First off we will be celebrating our Tenth Anniversary. Events that have never been presented for your participation are planned. Remember, at a Rally the word "participation" is the key word to determine the level of your enjoyment. We will keep the membership up to date via MA's newsletter and website concerning the progress of our Fall Rally.

Thanks again for letting Carol and me have this opportunity to serve you in this capacity. So ask yourself what you might do to help make this rally a great success??? First, get your Rally registration submitted. Second, sign up new members and bring them along. Also (BAF) "Bring a Friend". We truly believe our Rally at Marksville will be enjoyed by all who choose to attend. See you in Marksville !!!!

God Bless, Sid and Carol Lenoir

Happy 10th. Anniversary



Back Down in Cajun Country

Monaco America 2011
Fall Rally



Marksville, Louisiana

October 17 to 21, 2011

****10th Anniversary Celebration****

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

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Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master.

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Registration deadline: October 10, 2011.
Cancellation request must be received by October 4, 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 10/1/2011 will not be mailed but will be held at will call.)

Rally price includes 6 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri) camping with full 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, October 17, or stays past Friday, October 21, will require a reservation directly with the Paragon Casino & RV Resort at the rally rate of \$14.00 per night. For reservations for extra nights call (800)946-1946.

*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

Marksville Rally Update



First off I want ya'll to know that I've worked harder planning this particular rally than any rally I've ever been responsible for planning since joining MA some time back. Statement sound familiar? Sounds like I would fit right in with some of our past, and present politicians having made a statement such as this, huh!!!

Guys, it has been Carol's and my pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to plan and hopefully bring to reality a rally that will be an experience that you all can be glad that you attended.

All the events for the rally, round tables, seminars, crafts, etc. have been determined but not assigned a date or time. We have events that have never been scheduled at MA Rallies before. By the way, thanks to those MA members that I have contacted to be responsible for coordinating certain events. Without your assistance, our job would be more difficult and time consuming. Thanks again for your willingness to give of your time and ideas.

Meals and entertainment are going to be, well let's just say, great (Bon Appetite)!!! An Auction like you've never seen or attended is planned for the rally. This will be a fun filled time, plus the proceeds will be benefitting St. Jude Children's Hospital. I have ask Ernie, alias "Ernestina", and Dorothy Robertson to assist in this event. Don't be surprised if, by some means of communication, you don't hear from them requesting your donations to be auctioned. I can promise there will be some great items on the block, and a fun time will be had by all. You know how I can make such a promise? The auctioneer told me so!!!



I can't go into a lot more detail, because in doing so, we wouldn't have anything to surprise you with. So to those of you who wish to know more about the rally, get your registration submitted and get on down to the edge of Cajun Country. It will be a time to meet old friends and make new ones at our Marksville, Louisiana Fall Rally. Mark your calendar for October 17 – 21, 2011 at the Paragon Casino and RV Resort. Keep an eye on Monaco America's website for updated rally information (www.monacoamerica.com), because this will be the only edition of the newsletter before the rally.

Monaco America Website

Our new website is at MonacoAmerica.com. It has a wealth of information for club members, and it's waiting for you to check it out. You'll find the latest rally information, including rally applications; and there's a rally calendar that shows you all Monaco and FMCA rallies at a glance, not just Monaco America rallies.

You'll find an up to date membership roster that you can read, save or print. There is a membership directory with a page for each member. You can personalize your page with comments and photos. There's also a list of our current club leadership with their contact information.

Looking for a back issue of our club newsletters? No problem. All club newsletters are on the website ready for you to read, save or print.

We have an extensive photo album with over 1,000 photos now online. You can view them, play a slideshow or download them to your computer for printing.

Our website has an open forum where members can discuss topics or post for sale ads. Only Monaco America members can post comments on the forum, so the discussions will stay focused on topics that interest the membership.

Keep in touch with Monaco America via our website. Make sure our online membership roster has your current email address. You can use the Contact form on the website to update your email address. Have questions about the website? Send them to webmaster@monacoamerica.com.

Bert Garcia



Attention Crafters



Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

For all you crafters, we are having three crafts for you to choose from in Marksville. We will have a jewelry project presented by Peggy Morris, card stitching presented by Carole Granat, and mini scrapbooks presented by Carol Lenoir. The picture at right show some samples. Let's get those creative juices flowing, and join one or all of the offerings. We always have a great time no matter how tedious the craft might be. If you feel you can't do one of these, don't let that deter you. There is always lots of help around to get you untangled.



Ladies Tea



To all Monaco America Ladies



You really outdid yourselves in Kerrville for the Ladies Tea. The donations blew our gal, Patia from Hill Country Cares, away. But now on to the next Tea, Marksville, which will be Hope House of Central LA. Hope House provides safe shelter and essential services to homeless women and their children, empowering them to independence. They have provided me with the following list: toilet tissue, papers towels, paper plates, bath towels, washcloths, any type of cleaning supplies, twin sheets, all baby supplies, copy paper, pens, pencils, hygiene products and children's learning games for all ages. Monetary donations are welcomed. I will be in contact with Sandy Ray of the Hope House at a later date to see about any updates they may have and will get it in the next newsletter and on the website.



Carole Granat



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All **Monaco** Motorized Coaches

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Upcoming Rally !!!

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