



Monaco America News



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With the sun setting low in the western skies, we said goodbye to our friends after another successful rally in Tucson. We hopefully entertained and educated our attendees. We were so pleased to have so many "1st Timers". We hope you all had a great time and will continue to join us. We all have the same thing in common—we enjoy the open road and travelling in our motorhome.



We all want to "Thank" Sid Lenoir for a great "country fair". I'm not sure who won all the games, however I know everyone had a great time. With the sodas and popcorn flowing, the games were well attended. Okay ladies, what did you think about that "frying pan" chunking contest? Some of us got pretty close to those guys. Come to Kerrville and join in on another fair. The washer players have a lot of time to practice.



Some of us will store our rigs for winter, while others "just keep on— keeping on". Whatever the case, keep our next rally in your plans. It's shaping up to be a "Big" time in Texas. You know they always do everything bigger in Texas—at least that's what they say. So get those boots dusted off and head to Kerrville in the spring.

Our spring rally also brings up the time for officer elections. Please think about stepping up to help our great club move forward. If you would like to be placed on the ballot, or would like to place someone's name into nomination, please contact the nomination committee. They are: Doris Highsmith, Sid Lenoir, and Joyce Osmus. You can contact any of the officers as well. All contact information is on our Monaco America website.

Hope to see all of you in Kerrville. Use the recruitment form (found on the website) along with the registration form and bring a friend or new member to Texas.

Safe travels, Carol Lenoir

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From The President's Coach

By: Gary Granat, Monaco America

Carole & I are on our way home from Tucson as I start to write this note. We had a great time in Tucson. Our thanks to Bill Stone for putting the rally together and to Nancy Stone for the terrific Monday Welcome Gathering eats, we ate well.

I'm a little fearful of a possible trend, as you may recall, we had a rally scheduled for Foley, Alabama and the RV park closed about a month before the rally was to begin and we had to scurry for a replacement site. In Tucson, Beaudry RV Resort closed and locked its gate on Monday, October 11th and its reopening is doubtful. thought we only brought rain.

At the General Meeting we did vote to make some changes in the Club's Bylaws and Standing Rules. For the Bylaws the number of member units required for a quorum was changed from 50 to 25. For the Standing Rules we voted to allow membership in Monaco America for all coach brands manufactured by Monaco Coach Corporation and Monaco RV, LLC. We, also, changed the extra fee for guests with any other brand coaches (A.O.B.'s) that attend our rallies, from \$50.00 to \$25.00. There, also, were several wording changes made to bring the documents up to date. The updated Bylaws and Standing Rules will be posted on Monaco America's web site in the near future for your review. Please take the time to look them over.

At the Kerrville rally next May, I will conduct a session to cull your ideas and suggestions for possible improvements in our rallies; content, locations, duration, etc. Remember this is your club and your input is critical. So put your thinking hats on between now and next May and come prepared to share. I'll remind you again in the next Newsletter. Also, in Kerrville we have a commitment from Josh Cernia, Monaco RV's National Sales Manager, to attend at least a portion of our rally. Josh will update us all on what is going on at Monaco RV and will attempt to answer any and all questions we may have.

The following is an update of the Club's chair positions:

Decorating: For Kerrville, will be Peggy Morris & Bev Stebbins

Bar: Lloyd Adkins and Theda Decker have agreed to take on this responsibility

Parking: We will have no permanent chair; a parking committee will exist when needed as determined by the Wagon Master.

Information/Registration: Jeanette Naumann

Craft Coordinator: Carole Granat

Ladies' Tea Coordinator: To be determined by the Tea attendees; at Kerrville the coordinators will be Peggy Morris and Bev Stebbins.

Tom & Judy Cote have handled the Bar responsibilities for the past 5 years, 10 rallies. We all gave them a big THANK YOU.....And we thank them again.....

At the rally we had available what I call a recruitment letter that gives a synopsis of Monaco America and has the Membership Application on the back. I'll ask Bert Garcia to post this letter on the web so everyone can print it and give it, along with a Membership Application to potential members. We **all** need to be proactive in attempting to grow our club. Our goal is to get back to 100 coach rallies, there are significant benefits for us to be at this number or somewhat greater.

Also, remember elections will take place next May in Kerrville. Please make certain you advise one of the Nominating Committee members of your interest to run for an office or to suggest others you feel should be contacted to consider running. Our Nominating Committee members are: Doris Highsmith, Joyce Osmus and Sid Lenoir. You can check the Monaco America web for their contact information. It is critical that we all be involved in some manner in the running of this really fun club.

We sure hope to see many of you in Kerrville,

Travel safe and God Bless America & Canada

Gary & Carole Granat





From the Wagon Master's Coach

By: Bill Stone, Monaco America

Bill and Nancy Stone

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Here we are, home from the rally in Tucson. I need to thank Roy and Kathy Goble for all the work and help in setting up and running the rally, not to mention all the donuts on Friday morning prior to everyone departing. The task of rally master is a great help to the wagon master. We are looking forward to working with Dale and Ann Lemons at the rally in Kerrville, Texas. I want to thank Sid Lenoir for running the country fair for us. A great time was had by all. Ask Sid and Carol, when you see them, how it was to walk out over the Grand Canyon.

Nancy and I hope everyone enjoyed the rally as much as we did. We had several very positive remarks about the catering and our entertainment. We had seven first timers to attend. It was great to see some new faces and get to know some very fine additions to our club. We were able to recruit some new members since we voted to include all of the Monaco built coaches. I think this was a real positive step for our club.

We are in the planning stage for our next rally. As noted it will be at the Guadalupe River RV Resort in Kerrville Texas. We are hoping for a good turnout. We have 28 completed applications to date and several members have indicated they plan to attend. We have had inquiries from some vendors about the possibility of attending. Nancy and I will go to the resort after Thanksgiving to finalize all the arrangements. Our hope is to have double the number of coaches that we had at Tucson. Since we have included all the Monaco brands maybe each one of us can bring a friend or neighbor.

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



I am working on the Fall 2011 rally. We have tentative plans at a site in middle Louisiana. The facility may not be adequate for our needs. We will know more about it next month. Our board has decided to add another day to our rallies starting with next falls rally. The rally fee will remain the same and we will have one more night and 2 meals for our enjoyment. This will be our Ten year anniversary rally, so should be a special time for us all. It would be nice to have a big turn out of members that made the first Monaco America rally.

We hope to see a large number of you in Kerrville.

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 8, 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.

Nancy Cormier Pet Show

We were so pleased and blessed to have our namesake, Nancy Cormier, at our rally. I was especially glad to have her help me with the pet show. As always, we had a great turnout. I think all these pooches are getting to know each other. They were all on their best behavior. We handed out certificates for various categories. Some were, "Most Ear-resistible", "Longest Distance Travelled", "Shortest Distance Travelled", "Best Wag", "Most Toy Crazy", "Most Vocal", "Most Pets Per Rig", and a few more. We hope everyone had fun, and enjoyed the treats provided by Del Monte Pet Foods. Those treats were supplied by Judy Cote via her contact with the company rep. We, and all the dogs, want to "Thank" Judy for her contribution. Nancy and I brought some extra prizes, and hope all the dogs and their owners liked their treats. We will again have the Pet Show in Kerrville. Betty Hamilton and I will bring you more fun for all our pets. More details to follow.



Thanks for your participation,

Nancy Cormier and Carol Lenoir

Ladies Tea—Tucson

Well ladies what can I say except you never cease to amaze me. Your generosity in giving to our chosen charity can't help but give us all a pat on the back. Liz Taggert from Gospel Mission wanted me to tell all of you "Thank You" since she did not get a

chance to tell us before it was time to pack her car, full to overflowing. Ladies you make Monaco America proud.

Peggy Morris will keep us informed on the Kerrville Tea.

Carole Granat



Ladies Tea—Kerrville

The ladies tea will sponsor Hill Country Cares at our tea in Kerrville next May. 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..

I will be in contact with her at a later date and get an updated list before the rally.

Peggy Morris



Our Website Has Photos!



Have you visited the Monaco America website lately? You can find it at MonacoAmerica.com. We have a photo album on-line with more than 1,700 photos available for you to view or print. View your friends who have attended past rallies. Check to see if the photos of you make you look younger!

Go to MonacoAmerica.com, click on Photos and then click on Photo Album. The Photo Album opens in a new window. Power users can go directly to the photo album at photoalbum.monacoamerica.com.

The photos are arranged into galleries by topic. When you click on a gallery, the photos are visible as thumbnails, a slideshow or a filmstrip. Poke around the various controls to view the photos full screen, make the slideshow go faster or slower, or download photos to your computer. Try it!

We need photos from the Hutchinson Rally and the Tucson Rally. You can email photos to Bert Garcia at n8nn@earthlink.net or you can mail a CD to Bert. We need your photos!

Bert Garcia

Monaco America Webmaster



Monaco America Photo Album

The screenshot shows a web gallery interface with a dark green background. At the top left, there is a 'Subscribe to Site' button. Navigation links include 'First', 'Prev', '[1] 2', 'Next', and 'Last'. The main area displays eight photo thumbnails in a 2x4 grid, each with a title and item count:

- Rallies 2001-2005**: Items: 332, 12/18/2009
- Rallies 2006-2009**: Items: 322, 12/18/2009
- Rallies 2010-2015**: Item: 1, 12/20/2009
- Pets**: Item: 1, 12/20/2009
- Sightseeing**: Item: 1, 12/20/2009
- Coaches**: Items: 9, 12/20/2009
- Rally 2004 May - ...**: Items: 15, 3/4/2010
- Rally 2005 Oct - ...**: Items: 36, 3/4/2010

At the bottom of the gallery, there are 'First', 'Prev', '[1] 2', 'Next', and 'Last' navigation links. On the right side, there is a search bar labeled 'Search galleries, photos and videos' and a 'Montages' section with a thumbnail and text: 'Monaco Montage 1 last updated: 5/17/2010'.



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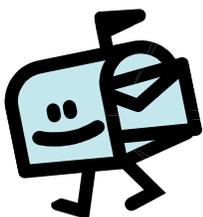
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 your dues check to **Monaco America at...**
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Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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(Make checks payable to "Monaco America")





Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Monaco America Rallies!



Spring 2011

Guadalupe River RV Resort

Kerrville, Texas

May 16th. Through May 19th., 2011

(Application for above rally is on pg. 4 of this newsletter)



Fall 2011 (Tentative)

Paragon RV Resort

Marksville, Louisiana

October, 2011



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