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This is my first newsletter. Carol's work is a hard act to follow. I'll get better with practice.

Our spring rally is in Marengo, Ohio, at the Cardinal Center Campground. Marengo is a small village (pop. 342 in 2010 census) in central Ohio.



Some nearby attractions include the Knox County Historical Museum in Mount Vernon.

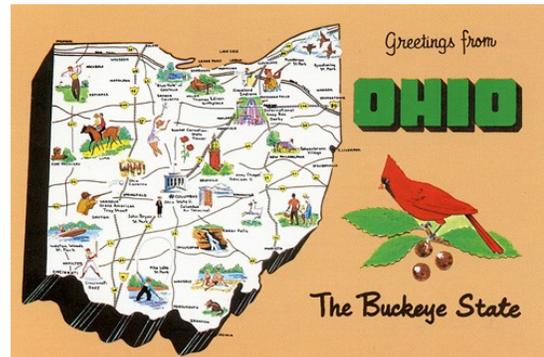


There is also the Richland County Museum (http://www.richlandcountymuseum.org/about_us) in Lexington. It is housed in a circa 1850 schoolhouse building.

Hope to see you all there!

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A Note From the President

Carole and I sure hope that most of you have found a suitable place to help survive this brutal winter that has hit such a large portion our great country. We've been lucky to spend most of the winter in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Our winter here has not been great, but sooo much better than back home in Indiana.

We are now looking forward, with great anticipation, to Monaco America's Spring 2015 Rally. As you know, this rally is being held at the Cardinal Center Campground in Marengo, Ohio. Some of the highlights you can expect in Marengo are:

We will have some representation from Monaco RV

At this point in time, Mike Snell, Monaco RV's president is penciled in to attend

We expect to have at least 2 Monaco display coaches on site

We hope to have a seminar presented by a Monaco RV tech

We may have "service coupons" for Monaco RV's service center in Decatur, IN

*(At this early time, we are awaiting confirmation from Monaco RV, spelling out the total extent of their involvement, **they** will attend at some level)*

Charlie Adcock, the current National President of FMCA and his wife, Gloria, plan to attend a portion of our rally. This will be our opportunity to get an update on the the happenings at FMCA and to ask any questions we may have.

Monaco America friends and entertainers, Ron and Kay Rivoli will perform two shows.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see Ron & Kay, you're in store for entertainment that I know you will really enjoy. Ron & Kay have been a part of several Monaco America rallies and other club rallies, including FMCA

You better get your Rally Application in soon. Our esteemed Wagon Master, Sid and wife Carol, as always, have a great rally planned for us. You really do not want to miss out on the fun. We get to renew old friendships and make new Monaco America friends.

It is not too late to consider running for one of the Monaco America officer positions. Elections will be just two rallies away. I know several current officers will not seek re-election. Even if an existing officer was seeking re-election, it should not deter you from throwing your hat in the ring. Please do consider becoming a candidate, Monaco America needs you and you. Synopses of officer responsibilities can found on the Monaco America web site

Lastly, please make certain that you check the Monaco America web site, www.monacoamerica.com, for possible updates on the rally and all the other information available there. You really should do this on a regular basis.

Carole and I truly hope to see you all in Marengo.

God Bless you, your family and our great country USA-USA-USA-USA

Gary Granat

President - Monaco America



A Note From the Wagon Master

Sid and Carol Lenoir

Hello to all our Monaco America friends and their families. Time is fast approaching for our Spring Rally which is going to be held May 11 - 14, 2015 at Cardinal Center Campground. It is located in Marengo, Ohio. Marengo is approximately 32 miles North of Columbus, OH on I-71. If memory serves me right, we have never held a rally in the state of Ohio, thusly we are looking forward to experiencing the Midwest hospitality, which seem to abound. I make this statement because of how easy it has been to plan this rally with some friendly Buckeyes.

There are a few things I would like to cover concerning this upcoming rally.

There will be no vendors at this rally as in the past. However, we are still seeking to find service vendors for rally attendees (oil, filters, minor repairs, etc.). The geographic location of our rally site heavily dictated this decision.

We are planning on having Monaco Corp. present at our rally, but in what capacity I don't know at this time. Whatever their involvement, I'm sure it will be appreciated by all.

FMCA President Charlie Adcock, and his wife Gloria, will be with us for a couple of days, and we will schedule a Q & A with him and our FMCA reps Sonny Hodge and Dennis Kittelson.

Due to present health concerns, there is a great possibility that Carol and I will be unable to attend our spring rally. First off, I am having pain control issues with my right hip and am looking at getting it replaced. Carol will be having surgery on her left arm and hand next week (3/30). It sure is heck getting old. All the parts are wearing out. You can be assured that we will contribute all we are capable of to make this rally a success.

Allen and Sharon Jackson are the Rally Masters and have Tom and Cathy Fitzsimmons to assist. Gary and your MA Board are well aware of the situation, and have assured me that everything is under control and moving forward. I will also say this ----- Don't count us out just yet because we will do everything we can to show up in Ohio. I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds my future, and if it be HIS will, we will be there if at all possible.

Back to the fun stuff. We will have games, a first aid class, entertainment, crafts, seminars, great food, and lots of fellowship sharing memories. All these things combined will make our Monaco America Rally memorable and lots of fun. So get your applications in and be prepared to have a great time.

Travel safe, Sid and Carol Lenoir

P.S. Also, we would appreciate any items for door prize drawings that you all would be willing to donate

Sid and Carol Lenoir

Attention Crafters

Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator



For our crafters, Peggy Morris will be teaching a watch bracelet class.



I will be doing a very simple bead bracelet.

Carole Granat

Ladies Tea News



For the Marengo Rally we will be sponsoring the Heartbeat of Morrow County which is a crisis pregnancy and new life prenatal center. Their needs are many. They provide for children up to size 5T. Sleepers and gowns in neutral colors, S,M,&L onesies, 3 pack baby bottles and pacifiers, changing pads, receiving blankets and burp pads, toddler and pre-school socks and underwear to size 5, hooded bath towels and wash cloths, sheets for cribs, pack-n-play and bassinet, diaper bags , shampoo and lotion but no oil or powder. They make up little gift bags with small stuffed animals, teething rings, rattles and brush and comb sets. They will also take very gently used items. If you buy winter things such as coats, sweatshirts, boots, mittens, scarves and hats that are on sale later this year and they are always in need of them. They do not need diapers—there is a diaper manufacturer nearby and they keep them supplied all the time. Money is always appreciated; they buy cribs, mattresses and strollers. Just about anything you would give them will be used.

See you in Marengo

Carole Granat



OHIO - "Heart of it All"



Monaco America Spring Rally

May 11-14, 2015

Cardinal Center Campground

616 State Route 61

Marengo, OH 43334

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping with full hookups, Monday Welcome Gathering, 3 Breakfasts/ Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors, Seminars, Social Hours, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes, & all the FUN that is a Monaco America Rally.

Cardinal Center—419-253-0800

We welcome all coaches in good standing with FMCA

Towables are welcome as guests of attending members at the non-member rate



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 Info Ctr.
(All applications received after April 15, 2015 will not be mailed, but held at Info Ctr.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Per Coach \$375.00
- 1 Person \$325.00
- Passport for 2 ** \$295.00
- Non-member *** \$ 25.00

TOTAL _____

Make check payable to :

Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America
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 Montgomery, AL 36116

Questions concerning the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:

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Visit our website for more information and updates.

www.monacoamerica.com

* Handicapped: Notify Wagon Master as to your special needs. We will try to accommodate based on the Rally Facility.
 ** 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. Website

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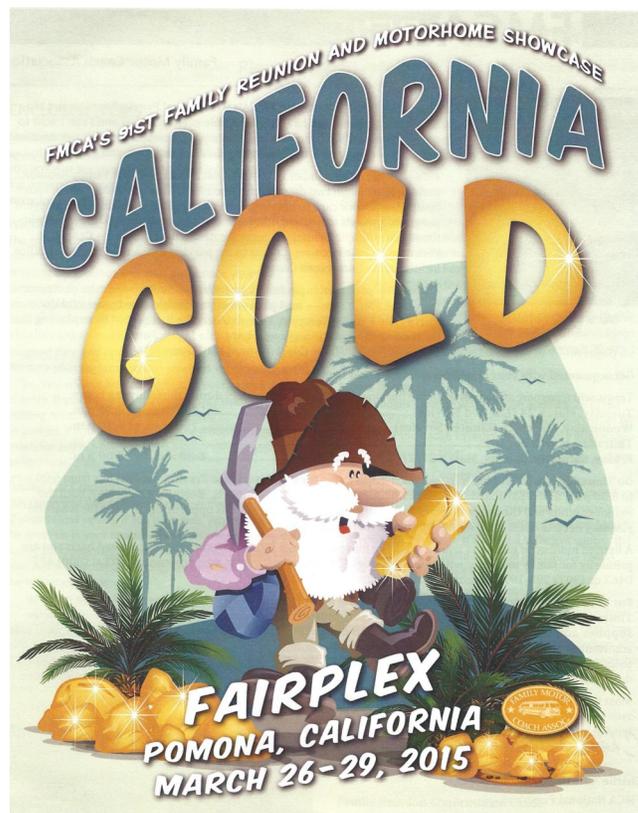
 * Keep current on the happenings in Monaco America by reading our website at www.monacoamerica.com. We *
 * have recently added more than 250 photos from our rallies in Tucson, Amana Colonies, and Sevierville. You can *
 * view our photo album by clicking on the PHOTOS tab at the top of each page. The photos are arranged in *
 * "galleries". When you click on a gallery, you will see thumbnails of each photo. At the top of the page you will *
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 * "america". Omit the quotes and type in all lowercase letters. *
 * Don't forget to read our Monaco America Newsletters. You'll find all of them under the NEWSLETTERS tab at *
 * the top of each page. Enjoy! Bert Garcia, Monaco America Webmaster *

Suellen and I went to the FMCA rally in Pomona. Due to a minor health problem, I was only able to attend one day. I was able to talk to Charlie Adcock (National President) and Jon Walker (National Senior Vice President). They affirmed that they will spend at least one night with us in Marengo.

We had never been to one of their rallies and it was BIG! There were 1135 coaches, 310 exhibit coaches for sale and many, many, many vendors. There were many interesting seminars, 15 or 20 each day, from *You and Your Health* to anything to do with your coach, inside or out. *Early Morning Functional Exercise* was one of Suellen's favorites. I will have a copy of the daily schedule in Marengo for anyone interested.

There were other club meetings, Eks, Diesel RV Club, entertainment and an ice cream social. I wish we had been able to attend the whole thing.

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Alt. Nat'l FMCA Dir



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**UPCOMING RALLY
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

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