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Monaco America News

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Goshen 2009

No doubt economic times are tough, however 71 coaches showed up in Goshen, IN. We had lots of fun and fellowship despite the rains. I think we all, for the most part, stayed high and dry. You had to know it was going to rain.....It was a Monaco Rally. We can all attest to what great food there was. I know for myself, I had to take a long walk after the evening meals. And how about all that pie!!!! Also, the evening meal at the Amish homes were just as good as I remembered from last time.

For the fifty or so that arrived early and travelled to Amish Acres, we all had a great time. I want to thank Elmer Franklin for graciously giving up his spot so that I could go. The meal was fabulous and the play, well, it was top notch. I know all of you were fooled, just as I was, with that bingo game we played prior to the play. How'd they do that??? I'm going to have to figure that one out.

On the first day of the rally, when the meeting was over, we were all off to attend seminars, crafting classes, and visiting the many vendors in attendance. We had new fuel filters installed by the Cummins reps. I know a

lot of folks had their coaches power washed, and other services provided by the vendors that were there. I hope all the vendors had a good show. We know it is important to our rallies to have them keep coming back.

We had great participation at the crafting classes. We had a "mini" rocking chair class, a Christmas ornament cover class, and a decorative card making class. Pam Franklin even had an impromptu class on making boxes. The marathon Christmas ornament cover class was tedious, but well worth it. We should have sent out for pizza. We appreciate the hard work all the crafting teachers put in to make these classes happen.

The overall success of the rally was due to a lot of hard work by the officers. More importantly the numerous volunteers that help make this a rally for everyone to enjoy. It takes everyone getting involved and helping wherever there is a need. I guess I can attest to that. I went from not doing much to helping Pam Franklin with the Ladies Tea. Now, here I am proud and very humbled to be the newsletter editor and

have the opportunity to serve the Monaco America family. I may need your help along the way, so please bear with me. If you have questions about the newsletter, and/or would to submit an article, please email me.

Our fall rally will be in Gulf Shores, Alabama at Gulf Breeze RV Resort. From looking on the website, I don't think you will be disappointed. Looks like a great place and it's close to the Gulf. Maybe you can go get your toes in the sand and surf. We had a respectable showing in the pre-registrations of 26 rigs. We had a drawing to give one lucky couple a "free ride". Congratulations go to Dennis and Elizabeth Kittelson from Florida on winning the drawing. Let's have a big turnout in Gulf Shores, and we hope to see all of you there.

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- Rally Application
- Ladies Tea
- Upcoming Rally Schedule



From the President's Coach



Richard and Linda Cotterall
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Hello Monaco America Member's, Let me start by saying what a great Rally. I must have put on 10 pounds. One thing about our Rallies is we eat really good. I want to thank Gary Granat again for another outstanding Rally. He always does such a great job and a big thanks to Elmer Franklin who did a good job as Rally Master. Also, I want to thank the Officers for



**By Richard Cotterall,
Monaco America President**

all their work throughout the year, the Committee Heads who plan and arrive early. Thank you Volunteers for your good work, for without you our Rallies would not be successful. A special thanks to Leah, for her years of putting together our top notch Newsletter. Thanks to our new Officers, Committee Heads, and Newsletter Editor. It is because of you and your commitment that Monaco America is such a superb Club. Thanks to Pam and Marianne for another outstanding job on the ladies Tea. Thanks to all the ladies who attended, I believe all these charities are very lucky to have a club like ours with such great ladies in it. Congratulations to all the new members, opening up the membership to all Monaco Motor Coaches should help to increase our Rally attendance.

As many of you know, the Monaco America website has shut down. We are looking into trying to get another site started, however it doesn't look like we can retrieve any of the old website information.

Linda and I are not home yet, we should be in California around the first of July. It will almost be time for us to start our trek to the Fall Rally in Alabama. We are already looking forward to it.

Thank you all for your confidence in me as your President for another year, I will continue to work hard along with my fellow Officers to make each and every Rally a success.

Safe travels to all, see you in Gulf Shores,
Rich and Linda Cotterall



Gary and Carole Granat
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Well, I think Monaco America did it again in Goshen....Wasn't that a great rally? All of the wonderful Monaco America volunteers make these rallies work. Volunteers for: Information/Registration, Parking, Security, Decorating, the Ladies' Tea, the Bar operation, Monday's welcome gathering, clean-up, the Morning Devotions, many members conducted seminars and 3 had vendor spaces, and of course our

From The Wagon Master

Newsletter editor who keeps us all informed. Like all good social clubs we would not survive without everyone volunteering in one manner or other. A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers. A few of the many rally highlights were: the wonderful catering by Das Dutchman Essenhaus, the Amish home dinner, the Amish bake sale and our Ladies' Tea and its support of the Bashor Children's Home. What a terrific cause Pam Franklin and Marianne Ball chose to support and were the Bashor folks ever surprised by the level support our ladies afforded them, but you know, we were not. The banner and cards the kids made that evening and sent to the rally showed their overwhelming appreciation for the many gifts. THANK YOU LADIES. The Saturday before rally, 42 of us even enjoyed a neat dinner/theater at Amish Acres. If you were in

Goshen three years ago, you have to agree that the weather this time around was a vast improvement. The Elkhart County 4h Fairground and all their personnel are such excellent hosts for our rallies. I'm certain that Monaco America will return to Goshen at sometime in the future.

Now we move onto our Fall 2009 Rally. We believe you'll find the Gulf Breeze RV Resort to be another great facility, with a ton of interesting places to visit and things to do nearby, for our many adventuresome members. Our Caterer at Gulf Breeze will be "Nine Degrees North Event Catering", formerly known as International Catering. As you may recall, they did a nice job for us in Rayne, LA and in Amana, IA.

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Sweet Home Alabama The Heart of Dixie

Monaco America 2009 Fall Rally Application



Gulf Breeze RV Resort, Gulf Shores, Alabama
Monday evening, Sept 28 through Thursday, Oct 1, 2009

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
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Box 117
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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

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Registration deadline: September 21, 2009
Cancellation request must be received by
September 14, 2009 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 9/14/09 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, Sept 28 or stays past Thursday, Oct 1, will require a reservation directly with the Gulf Breeze RV Resort with a credit card deposit of \$32.00. Gulf Breeze RV Resort telephone numbers are (251)968-8462 or (251)968-8894.)

*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 Goshen, 2009



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**By Gary Granat—Monaco America
First Vice President**

For our entertainment, we expect to have Ron & Kay Rivoli join us again. They're always such a joy to have as entertainers and friends.

If you would like to check out the Gulf Breeze RV Resort online, their web is: www.rvcampresort.com , just click on "Gulf Breeze" and see what they have to offer.

The site for our Spring 2010 Rally has been selected and confirmed. It will be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas. The rally period will be Tuesday evening, May 25th through Friday, May 28th, 2010.

In the meantime, if you haven't done so, you need to get your application in for Gulf Breeze.....you don't want to miss the fun.

See you in Gulf Shores, Alabama,
Gary & Carole Granat



Ladies Tea

The Ladies Tea in Goshen was a huge success. Our theme was Christmas Blessings in May. Bashor Children's Home in Goshen was who we chose to bless at this rally. Again our ladies were most generous as many games, toys and sports equipment were brought for the home. There were also some monetary donations. Steve and Craig came from the home to tell us how they work with the children to overcome various major problems in their lives such as sexual and substance abuse. Several women were able to visit the home and see the beautiful facility. A great work is done there to help these children. The kids made a huge thank you banner and several thank you cards for us. Marianne Ball and Pam Franklin send out a big thank you for the privilege of hosting this tea.



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Bashor Children's Home
2009 Celebration of Children's Artwork





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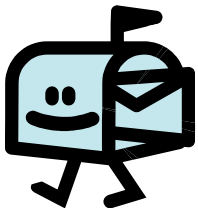
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Mark your calendars now
For the following Monaco America Rallies!

Fall 2009

Gulf Breeze Rv Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama

Sept. 28, through Oct. 1, 2009

Application for the above rally is on page 3 in this newsletter!

Spring 2010

Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas

May 25th through Friday, May 28th, 2010.



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