



Monaco America News



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Our fall rally is in Shawnee, OK. Shawnee is a community of about 29,000. It was founded in the 1800's. Here are a few sights to see in Shawnee



Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art



Veteran's Memorial Park



Santa Fe Depot Museum



Citizen Potawatomi Culture Heritage Center



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Hope to see you all there!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Members who joined at our Spring 2015 rally in Marengo, Ohio

Bill and Laura Bender, Green Cove Springs, FL
Harold Bishop, Largo, FL
Dean and Pam Brown, Shepherdsville, KY
John and Diane de Castro, Mesa, AZ
Dave and Pat Gottfried, Tiffin, OH
Jim and Helga Hendrix, Nineveh, IN
Ray and Lalia Nuzzola, Sanford, NC
Gary and Cathryn Rutledge, Lumberton, TX

Members who joined at our Fall 2014 rally in Glen Rose, Texas

Edwin and Virginia Bennett, Hertford, NC
Royce and Donna Blankenship, Plainview, TX
Bobby and Jean Crowell, Hermitage, TN
William and Jean Crowell, Old Hickory, TN
Mike and Kathy Cunningham, New Florence, MO
Bill and Laura Fejfar, Yankton, SD
Norma and Henry, Kindschi, Weatherford, TX
Max and Vicky Satterwhite, Panhandle, TX

Members who recently joined!

Josana Bernzinski and Frank Arsenault, Summerfield, FL
Jim and Ann Phifer, Millville, NJ
Phil and Cathy Schirtzinger, Crossville, TN
John and Jenna Erickson, San Jose, CA
Mike and Sandi Scheafer, Costa Mesa, CA
Dan and Rusty Burgener, Mansfield, OH
Roger and Martha Smith, The Villages, FL
Joe Monroe, Madison, SD
Ron and Ava Stefancyk, Northbridge, MA
Wanda VonDerLieth, Vincennes, IN
Basil and Liz Wisner, Ocean View, DE
Fred and Beth Miller, Chowchilla, CA
Russ and Carol Hoeltzel, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Dick and Jean Blackwell, Johnson City TN
Wayne and Pud Heikila, Dallas, OR
Harlan and Pat Sundholm, Bettendorf, IA



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A Note From the President

Marengo, Ohio; another great rally for Monaco America. We had some unique challenges for this gathering; we were missing our Wagon Master, Sid, our bar chairperson, Ernie and our Information/ Reception chairperson, Dorothy. These are tough shoes to fill, but as always our “super” volunteers came through with flying colors. We didn’t miss a beat. This does not mean that we did not miss these folks, boy did we ever! We thank all our members who conducted seminars; Betty Hamilton, Elmer Franklin, Gary Mann, Carole Granat, and Floyd Cook. The Monaco America Ladies’ Tea was a huge success, no surprise. Carole covers the tea in her article. The Wednesday ROMEO was very well attended and we had a good time with a raffle that benefitted the Ladies’ Tea chosen charity. Doesn’t get any better than that.

We owe a special thanks to Allen and Sharon Jackson, they filled in as Rally Masters and did an exceptional job. Tom and Cathy Fitzsimmons helped the Jacksons and handled our Ice Cream Social. Our thanks go to these two couples along with the many other volunteers who pitched in to make the rally a success. Speaking of pitching; Gene Painter and Fred Miller won the highly sought after Washer Toss top honors. Congrats!!

We were privileged to have several guests; Mike Snell, the president of Monaco RV, his assistant, Theresa Jacobson and Jon Walker, the National Senior Vice President of FMCA and his wife Sondra. Mike gave us an update on Monaco RV and answered members’ questions. Jon talked about the needed changes going on in FMCA, gave us detailed information on the FMC Assist program and also was able to address our concerns and handle questions. We thank all these folks for enhancing our rally.

Monaco RV brought two new beautiful display coaches, a Diplomat and a Dynasty. We were also, surprised by the arrival to two 2010 used coaches. The new diplomat was purchased by one of Monaco America’s member couples. To help in the display of the coaches, we had two sales people from RV Specialists, LLC; Thor & LeeAnn Nordby. In fact they have already promised display coaches for Shawnee.

The two performances by Ron and Kay Rivoli were well received as always. Ron and Kay are long time friends of Monaco America and whom I consider to be true patriots.

I personally had a surprise at this rally. A girl from my childhood greeted me as she and her husband were checking in. This is Pat Gottfried and her husband David. Did I recognize her? No! I hadn’t seen her in 60+ years. What a small world this truly is, it is so neat to meet someone from your past. We hope to see Pat and David at future Monaco America rallies and we thank them for attending the Marengo rally.

Another topic; we, your board members, would like to see the Monaco America plaque on all our member coaches. We need to announce that we are proud to be members of Monaco America. To this end, we have ordered a new supply of plaques. These along with ladder

brackets will be available for your purchase at all our rallies (and online, if you prefer; at a slight additional cost). The cost of these will be a direct pass through of our original purchase price. You don't have to use the ladder bracket, you can mount these any way you deem appropriate, but please do "Show-Off" **Monaco America**!!!!

Regarding the FMCAssist program, we do have information on the program in the **General Information** section of our web site, www.monacoamerica.com. Take the time to review this; we never know when its use will benefit us. It's a great program, the cost of which is included in your FMCA membership fee.

A reminder again, next May we have our election of officers. **You** need to consider getting involved in the running of Monaco America. None of the positions are super tough to handle and they can be quite rewarding. There are job synopses on our web site. Check the information and feel free to talk to any current officer(s) and/or a Nominating Committee member. All these members are listed on our web site.

Please let us remember to keep those member friends of ours, who are dealing with difficult health issues, in our prayers.

Carole and I hope to see you all in Shawnee for our Fall 2015 Rally, in the meantime, travel safe and may God Bless America.

Gary & Carole Granat



Allen and Sharon Jackson

A Note from the Wagon Master

Hello to all our Monaco America friends and their families. Time is fast approaching for our Fall Rally which is going to be held September 28 thru October 2, 2015 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in Shawnee Oklahoma. Shawnee is approximately 30 miles East of Oklahoma City. As many of you will remember, Monaco America was there 2 years ago.

The following are a few important facts about the upcoming rally:

If you are planning on arriving prior to Sunday evening there is a team roping occurring that weekend. We have been working with the Expo Center to set aside a number of sites for us but they have not committed to do so at this time. **The center does not take reservations.**

There will be a some vendors at this rally as in the past. One of the vendors is an RV wash/detailer. However, we are still seeking to find a Mobile RV Lube vendor (oil, filters, minor repairs, etc.). The South Central Area FMCA rally is being held around the same time and a number of the vendors appear to be focusing on it.

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.

We planning a "one person's junk is another person's treasure" swap. So bring things to swap.

Also if you are a crafty person and have craft items to sell, we will have an area for you.

Now back to the fun stuff. We will have games, 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.

I am looking forward to serving you as your Wagon Master and will be looking forward to making each and every rally a success. We must remember that this is everyone's rally and not just those on the board. As we move forward, I will be asking for your assistance and constructive feedback in making a rally fun for all.

We wish you safe travel's and our thoughts are with those with health concerns.

Allen Jackson

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

Attention Crafters

Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator



Peggy Norris will be showing us how to make a beaded bracelet and a Kumihomo (Japanese Weaving) bracelet. There will be a class for each bracelet.



Carole will be showing us an interesting craft item.

Ladies Tea News

As usual another fantastic giving back to the community in Marengo, OH. Faith Jagger from Heartbeat of Morrow County was overwhelmed by your generosity. I also spoke to Dawn Weaver about our extra cash donation and she couldn't thank me enough.



A big THANK YOU to Sharon Jackson, Cathy Fitzsimmons, Sandy Barnes, Carrol Henestofel, Peggy Morris, Pam Franklin, and Edie Paynter for hosting a great Tea.

The next Tea will be in Shawnee, Oklahoma and the vote was to sponsor two charities. First is the Youth and Family Resource Center and their needs are: basketballs, footballs, all hygiene products, clock radios, mini clip fans, Wii console and games (E games), Xbox 360 games (E games), pillows, blow dryers, curling irons, hair straighteners, movies - Blu Ray or DVD (PG or PG13), pots and pans, art and craft supplies, and old suitcases or duffel bags.



The second charity is Project Safe and as my contact said, their needs are simple: toilet paper, paper towels, bulk laundry detergent and dish soap. These items have no expiration date and this frees up their cash for other things .



See you in Shawnee, OK!

Carole Granat

Monaco America Fall Rally



September 28—October 1, 2015

Come Back to the Prairie

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center

1700 W. Independence St.

Shawnee, OK 74802

Early arrivals and stays past rally dates will need to call the Expo Center for reservations. Please phone 800-762-7695.

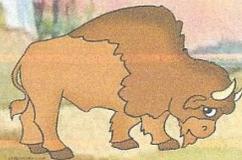


Rally Fee Includes

4 nights camping w/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.

We welcome all coaches in good standing with FMCA

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



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 Sept. 15, 2015 will not be mailed, but held at Info Ctr.)

RALLY FEES

- 2 Members Per Coach \$375.00
- 1 Member Per Coach \$325.00
- Registration for 2 (no camping) \$295.00
- Non Monaco America Member's add extra \$ 25.00
- Monaco America Logo Plaque (pick up at rally) \$ 28.00

TOTAL _____

Make check payable to :

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Montgomery, AL 36116

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 An International club for the owners of All Motorized Coaches

 * 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 *
 * find buttons to start a slideshow or a filmstrip view. When viewing a slideshow, you can control the speed and *
 * select a full screen view. Click around in the photo album to see what you can find. Remember, you can *
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 * tory, you will need a username and password to log in. Your username is "monaco" and your password is *
 * "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 *
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Some info regarding FMCA benefits

To be a member of Monaco America, one must also be a member of FMCA. As such, there are a number of benefits that you might want to use.

Here are a few:

Michelin Advantage Program (also includes Bridgestone)
Staples/Office Depot discount program (excellent for copying)
Costco/Sam's membership program
UPS shipping discount

For a complete list, log on to www.FMCA.com, click on benefits and start looking. Who knows , you may be able to save a few bucks for that next fill up.

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