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WHERE SMOKY MOUNTAIN FUN BEGINS!!! MAY 6-9, 2013

As the days warm, our thoughts turn to getting the rig out of storage and dusting it off. Don't forget to drain that "Pink Stuff" out of the water lines. Get out the check list and go over the coach to make sure all systems are a go.

It's also time to think about our spring rally in Sevierville, TN. If you haven't registered, be sure to go to page 5 and fill out the form and send it in. We have a lot planned, and we don't want anyone to miss out on the fun.

We have again planned the "Garage /Craft Sale" again. Bring whatever

you want to sell (No you can't sell the hubby). Even if you don't have anything to sell, we know you will have fun browsing.

Several vendors have committed with a variety of specialties. We have coach detailing, oil and lube, some maintenance by qualified techs, Sky Med, Windshield covers, tow bars, chemicals, and more. It has been a while since we have had 8 or 9 vendors. Some of the vendors have seminars planned as well. So, see you better register so that you

don't miss a thing. River Plantation is a nice park and is very accessible to lots of shops and shows. If you go online (www.riverplantationrv.com) and do some prior research of the area, you will see the numerous things and places to see. Maybe plan your trip to come in early, or stay longer so that you will be able to take advantage of this spectacular area.

As a reminder, go to the website for up to date information on upcoming rallies and events.

Hope to see all of you in Tennessee.



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"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." ~ Lao Tzu



Entertainment in Tennessee

Kenny Evans is a Christian evangelist and entertainer in Pigeon Forge, TN. He was ordained at First Baptist Church Grovetown, GA and has pastored several churches in the east TN area. Kenny Evans is now in his 12th season performing the "Golden Oldies" hits of the 50's & 60's at "Country Tonite Theatre" in Pigeon Forge TN. In Pigeon Forge Kenny has worked with Grand Ole Opry stars Little Jimmy Dickens, Boots Randolph, Jim Ed Brown, and in the 1980's Kenny Evans was a part of the Archie Campbell Hee-Haw Show. Kenny toured professionally throughout the 1990's opening concerts for Kenny Chesney, Sara Evans, Charlie Daniels, and many other country music legends. Kenny Evans now performs regularly at Country Tonite Theatre in Pigeon Forge and tours the U.S. performing the "Golden Oldies Show" at Fairs, Festivals, Theatres, and is also a Christian evangelist, singing and speaking at church concerts, revivals, and conferences.



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"For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move." ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

A Note From the President

We, like many "northerners", head south for the winter months. This is even though it hasn't been too bad in northwest Indiana this year. But the 80's in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas has felt good and we don't have to fight snow and ice.

Now that winter is nearly over, it's time for many of us to start thinking about enjoying our coaches again, if we are not currently doing so. I know Carole and I are certainly looking forward to the Spring 2013 Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. That is such a great area for our spring gathering. We certainly hope to see many of our friends as we get together in the Volunteer State. And don't forget to note your calendars for our Fall Rally this October in Shawnee, Oklahoma, another great facility.

As you will note from Bob Allen's article in this Newsletter, Monaco America has gained 18 new members since last June. As with many clubs, such as ours, we have also lost some members for a variety of personal reasons. These folks will be missed. We do, however, give all our new members a hearty Monaco America WELCOME and we sure hope to see you all in Sevierville and Shawnee.

Please remember to check our web site, www.monacoamerica.com, regularly. Rally updates and other pertinent information is communicated via this mode. Also, as you know, our quarterly newsletter is now handled electronically, unless you notify our editor, Carol Lenoir, requesting mailed newsletters. God Bless America and Canada, see you in Sevierville.
Gary & Carole

FROM THE TREASURER:

This is my busy time of the year as number crunching begins. It entails totaling the year's activities, balancing of all expenses, analysis of income and expenses, etc. An important part of this is tracking dues renewals for 2013. I am happy to report that the dues are rolling in as folks decide to continue for next year and have sent their pay-

ments in before the March 1st deadline. We do an end of year purge in March to remove those folks who no longer wish to continue as Monaco America members. Many of these simply do not pay their dues so they must be removed from membership. But too often it is because folks no longer own their RVs and we hate to lose them and have empathy for their loss of the RV way of life.

But to offset these losses to Monaco America we are encouraged that we have new friends joining us all the time. Eighteen folks have joined our rolls since the end of June. We welcome all of you, and hope you will attend the Sevierville, TN rally in May.

Bob Allen

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Dennis and Julie Heinze, Madison Lake, MN
Eddie and Ann Matsu, Sugar Land, TX
Nancy and Bill Seidler, Winterset, IA
Howard and Peg Anderson, Dassell, MN
Bob and Kay Ballschmiede, Algonquin, IL
Gary and Ruby Huggett, Webster, SD
John and Suzanne McKee, Salisbury, D
Clayton and Ruth Nelson, Windsor, CO
Marion and Ann Posey, Pelham, AL

Stan and Pat Prins, Leota, MN
Dale and Mabel Wohl, Monmouth, IL
Mark and Sheila Heilman, Orange Park, FL
David and Virginia Lebioda, Winter Springs, FL
Charles and Diane Lemley, Sierra Vista, AZ
Dwight and Sue Mallery, Laguna Vista, TX
Bob and Lee Kamnikar, South Haven, MI
Marla and Al Glover, Cocoa, FL
Ken and Connie Tillotson, Wichita, KS



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"A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving." — Lao Tzu

A Note From the Wagon Master

Hi Everybody,
As I prepare this article, the month of March is soon to appear on the scene. Thusly, meaning that the camping season is coming to life. Also, it means that our spring rally in Sevierville, TN is just a couple of months away. So just a reminder, be sure and register if you are planning to attend and have not already done so. A lot of fun, food, and fellowship is being offered to those in attendance. Looks like we'll have at least nine vendors offering coach detailing, oil and lube, onsite maintenance and repair offered by qualified techs, tow-bar reps, digital lighting, windshield covers, and other RV products. Also, most of the vendors will be conducting seminars on the products being displayed in their booths. We have a commitment from one, maybe two, RV dealers to have demos at the rally. Which brand??? I don't know at the printing of this newsletter, however their support is greatly appreciated in advance. Keep your fingers crossed so that it might happen that we will have 70 rigs at this rally. Just by correspondence with interested first time

inquiries leads me to believe that 70 rigs is a realistic number. I can't go into all the planned activities, but I can assure you that a fun filled informative time will be available to all of those in attendance.

Got a question, and a small favor to ask of those who plan to attend the rally. Have you received a gift in the past that you still haven't opened for whatever reason? If so, how about re-gifting those items and bring them to be given as door prizes, bingo prizes, etc. If you can't do the re-gifting thing, then it would be deeply appreciated if each coach in attendance could bring an item to be given as prizes. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Just a heads-up on the detailing vendor. A complete **hand** wash, wax, and wheels will be available for \$220. This vendor is local to the area and comes recommended by local RV businesses and Wagon Masters that have utilized his services at rallies at River Plantation.

Safe Travels, Sid Lenoir

Monaco America Website

In your spare time why not poke around the Monaco America website? You'll find some interesting stuff there. Our website is at www.monacoamerica.com. Upper and lowercase don't matter when you type the name nor is the www required – typing [monacoamerica.com](http://www.monacoamerica.com) will get you there.

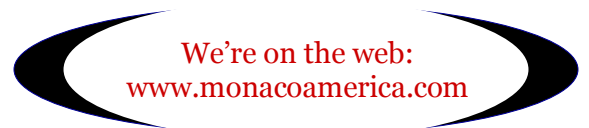
The Membership Roster and Membership Directory are two useful items to view. You will need a user name and password to read them. Your user name is "monaco" and your password is "america". **Remove the quotes and type in all lower case.**

The rest of the website is open for you to read. You will find rally information and a rally calendar. Photos of our club leadership and their contact information are easily found, as are our By Laws and Standing Rules.

All of our newsletters are on the website for you to read. It's fun to read the old newsletters and remember the rallies. On our General Interest page you will find photos of recent Ladies' Teas, recipes, and some great maintenance tips.

If you have some information to share with the club membership, send me an email and we'll discuss how to put it on the web. You can reach me at webmaster@monacoamerica.com.

See you in Sevierville! Bert Garcia, Monaco America Webmaster



Technical Notes:



Measuring and Improving Your Coach's Fuel Economy

This article is a very brief synopsis of the Fuel Economy Seminar I conducted at two of our past rallies. With gasoline and diesel fuel prices approaching an all-time high, this overview will hopefully give you some useful information that is applicable to both gas and diesel coaches.

There are three forces acting on your coach that must be overcome by the engine to keep it moving down the road at a constant speed. They are air resistance, rolling resistance, and grade resistance.

The engine must produce a counter force, called tractive effort, to overcome the net sum of the other three forces. The engine produces tractive effort by transmitting torque through the driveline to the rear wheels of the vehicle. Of course, the engine must burn fuel to produce torque. Any variations in conditions that affect the forces of air resistance, rolling resistance, and grade resistance will cause variations (favorable and unfavorable) in your coach's MPG. The table below lists 13 variable factors that directly affect your MPG:

<u>Variable Factor</u>	<u>Forces Affected</u>	<u>MPG Effect</u>	<u>Your Degree of Control</u>
Cruising Speed	Air & Rolling Res.	Very Significant	Significant Control
Loaded Veh. Wgt.	Rolling Resist.	Significant	Limited Control
Tire Infl. Press.	Rolling Resist.	Modest	Limited Control [^]
Gen Set Usage#	None – Add'l. Fuel Use	Significant	Significant Control
Eng. Fan Clutch Op.	None – Eng. Pwr. Req'd.	Significant	Significant Control*
Wind Dir. & Velocity	Air Resistance	Very Significant	No Control
Ambient Temp	Air & Rolling Res.	Significant	No Control
Altitude (Atmos. Pr.)	Air Resistance	Significant	No Control
Road Surface	Rolling Resist.	Significant	No Control
Hills (Up & Down)	Grade Resistance	Significant	No Control
Traffic (Stop & Go)	Air & Rolling Res.	Significant	No Control
Tire Tread Wear	Rolling Resist.	Modest	No Control
Tire Operating Temp.	Rolling Resist.	Minor	No Control

[^] Note: Tires should be inflated cold to the manufacturer's recommended pressure for the actual load being carried on each axle.

Note: Generator usage is only applicable to MPG if the generator uses fuel from the vehicle fuel tank.

* Note: Fan clutch operational control pertains only to the aftermarket fan clutch for rear-facing radiator coaches. Contact Ed Proctor for more details.

Because the 13 variables listed above may be changing with time while you drive, realize that the only way to know your coach's true average MPG is to measure it consistently and continuously over an extended time period and mileage. To do that, keep a fuel log book in your coach, and record the mileage (odometer reading) and gallons added each time you fuel up. This will allow you to compute tank MPG, overall trip MPG, and lifetime average MPG (since you started your log). When it comes to MPG, what you don't know can hurt you!

Ed Proctor - Tech Advisor

MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY



SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE
 WHERE SMOKY MOUNTAIN FUN BEGINS!!!
 MAY 6-9, 2013



1004 Parkway
 Sevierville, TN 37862

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

4 nights (M, T, W, Th) camping with full hookups,
 Monday Welcome Gathering Meal furnished by River Plantation,
 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening Meals, Entertainment, Vendors,
 Seminars, Social/Cocktail Hours, Ladies Tea, Craft Classes
 (additional cost may apply), and all the FUN that is a

Monaco America Rally.

Early arrivals prior to Monday May 6, or stays past Thursday May 9, will require a reservation directly with River Plantation RV Park at the rally rate of \$28.50 (plus tax). Rally rate will apply four days before and four days after the rally. For extra nights call 800-758-5267 for reservations.

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 will call
 (All applications received after April 1, 2013 will not be mailed, but held at Info. Ctr.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 2 Persons \$345.00
- 1 Person \$295.00
- Passport for 2 *** \$275.00
- Extra person (over 12) \$100.00
- Extra person (under 12) \$ 80.00
- Non-member **** \$ 25.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to Monaco America
 Mail to: Monaco America
 7956 Vaughn Rd., Box 174
 Montgomery, AL 36116

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

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2013 **

Cancellation requests must be received by April 1, 2013 for full refund. After this deadline, requests for refunds will be subject to incurred costs.

- * Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
- ** After this date, call Wagon Master for space availability.
- *** 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.

Attention Crafters

Here are the things to bring to Sevierville for our craft classes:



Carole Granat
Craft Coordinator

Afghan project:
Karen Carlsen will be teaching a ripple afghan project. Bring a



size J crochet hook and a skein of yarn, your choice of color, acrylic, no dye lot .



Button bracelet:
Nancy Seidler will teach us to make these adorable button bracelets. Bring quite a few buttons of different sizes and colors of your choice. Nancy will already have made up some kits to purchase if you desire.

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Have a craft idea or sample? Bring it and maybe we can make it at another rally.



In Tennessee we have chosen "The Sevier County Food Bank" to benefit from our giving spirit. Our "Ladies Tea" chairperson for this event is Pam Franklin. Pam has recruited Sally Crawford and Ruth Pearson to co-chair this event. Pam has contacted the Food Bank and acquired a list of some of the needs they have requested. Of course, if you are involved with Food Banks in your home



towns, you know the needs have risen over the years. This Food Bank has nearly doubled the families they serve and the need is great. The list below is a sampling of the nonperishable's they have provided us. Money is also accepted. With the monies they receive, they are able to purchase items that are requested the most, and fill in the gaps of items that go fast. As you look at the list we have inserted asterisks



beside the items that are most requested.

The list is as follows: Peanut Butter*, Canned Fruits*, Canned Vegetables, Infant Formula (Good Start is the brand usually requested)*, Glucerna*, Muffin Mixes, Canned meats, Diapers (any size from newborn to size 5)*, Oatmeal (instant made packets), Cake Mixes, Boxes of Cereal (prefer nutritious kinds), Spaghetti Sauces and Boxes of Pasta, Mac & Cheese packets, Rice, Dried Beans, and Pancake mixes and Syrup.

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Fall 2013

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma
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