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Monaco America News

Spring is here! Pull that cover off and head to the Amana Colonies!

Those of us who have had our coaches in winter storage are more than ready to pull off the cover, put away the winter coats, and hit the road! Those that have fled to a warmer climate to escape the cold, it's safe to come back now.

Our Monaco America rallies have really become an event! Great food! Loads of topics covered in classes provided by fellow members and vendors! The Ladies Tea has taken on a life of its own be-

coming not just a social event, but a fantastic example of members giving back to the communities we visit. There's always a new and interesting craft to participate in. *(No experience or skill required. I know from personal experience)* Our evenings may offer a movie, games, performers, or an evening that puts "Dancing With The Stars" to shame! This group has really gotten out of their "shy" mode and everybody



is up on the dance floor! Trust me, don't know how to dance, we don't care! Everybody joins in!

For those of us that don't like to "rough-it", did I mention full hook-ups & Monaco Techs!

See the application on page 3 and sign up !

Mark your calendars for October 13th—16th 2008!

Our Fall Rally will be at the Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest , Lodi, California, October 13th thru October 16th, 2008

Don't forget to sign up while you are at the Amana Colonies!

At every rally you have the opportunity to sign up for the following rally. We then

have a drawing from all of those who signed up. The lucky winner gets to attend the next rally FREE !

Make sure you sign up at the next rally! The next lucky winner could be you!

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Special points of interest:

- Spring Rally in The Amana Colonies
- Ladies Tea—fun, social and socially conscious
- T-Shirts and Cookbooks available!
- Upcoming Rally Schedule

From the President's Coach



Richard and Linda Cotterall
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Greetings fellow Monaco America members,

Once the rally in Virginia ended, a large group of us traveled South and East to Greensboro, North Carolina for the Monaco Eastern Come Home rally, which was a lot of fun. Monaco

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

Corporation recognized that Monaco America made up 10% of those attending that rally. Many of us met as a group at a mall and went to the coliseum in a caravan, our line of coaches was several blocks long and because the parking committee wasn't ready for nearly 40 coaches, we were held up causing quite a traffic jam. The police had a fit because we were blocking traffic so they made the parking committee pre-stage us in another portion of the parking lot to get us off the street. Fortunately, we had members on the parking committee that took care of us.

As many of you know, North Caro-

lina was in a terrible drought and when a motor home washing company began cleaning coaches (with approved permits), the City was up in arms. Some negative articles hit the papers, so we had no choice but to invoke the "Monaco America" rain machine upon the City. For those who were not there, it started raining the next day and was still raining when we left nearly a week later. We never heard any more complaints about our use of water.

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Gary and Carole Granat
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Hey we're getting close to Amana...Have you sent your application yet? If not, you better do it now, you don't want to miss the fun. The Amana Colonies will offer us a great time and unique experiences. One, there is a performing arts theatre right next to the RV Park. For early arrivals who are interested, we have reserved some seats for the Friday, June 6th, 7:30pm performance of the comedy "The Nerd". The cost to attend is

From The Wagon Master

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

\$21.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please do email us at Granat@worldnet.att.net. Be prepared to pay Monaco America for your tickets at our Information Center upon your arrival. We need to confirm our seat count 3 weeks prior to the performance. Those who decide to attend after they arrive in Amana will need to make their own reservations, pay the non-group rate and take their chances on seat availability so don't procrastinate.

Ron & Kay Rivoli will be our primary entertainers which will include a gospel hour Sunday afternoon. Hutton RV from Ur-

bana, Iowa will furnish display coaches and Monaco Coach Corporation will have tech support for our members. We already have a number of vendors and seminars committed, it's going to be a great rally.

Do come and join us, the Amana Colonies RV Resort is easy to get to and we guarantee that you will not be sorry you came.

See you in Amana and then in Lodi, California....

Gary & Carole Granat

FUN TIMES IN THE Amana Colonies

MONACO AMERICA SPRING RALLY 2008

First Name _____ Second Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Monaco Coach Model _____ Coach # _____
FMCA # _____ First Timer? (circle one) Yes No
Handicapped Parking? (circle one) Yes* No

*Amana Colonies
RV Park*

Amana, Iowa

June 8-11, 2008

COST: (circle all items that apply)

Coach and 2 persons	\$295.00
Coach and 1 person	245.00
Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	100.00
Extra person in coach (under age 12)	80.00
Passport for 2 persons^	225.00
Non-member fee**	25.00
Other brand coach fee***	50.00

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Monaco America

MAIL TO:

Diane Baker
2061 Palomino Rd.
Dover, PA 17315
(717) 968-0746



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 20, 2008: Cancellation request must be received by May 20, 2008 for a full refund.

RALLY INCLUDES: 4 nights (Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed) camping with full hookups, 3 breakfasts, 3 evening meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hours, Ladies Tea, craft classes (additional fee may apply for craft classes) and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally.

[Anyone planning to arrive prior to Sunday, June 8 or stay past Wednesday, June 11, must make reservations for those days directly with and pay the RV park upon arrival. The rally rate of \$18.00 + tax is valid for 4 days prior and after the official rally dates. For RV park reservations call (800) 471-7616.]

GOLF: Information on local golf courses will be available.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RALLY should be addressed to the Wagonmaster
Gary Granat • (219) 462-8795 Home • (219) 921-6694 Cell • granat@worldnet.att.net

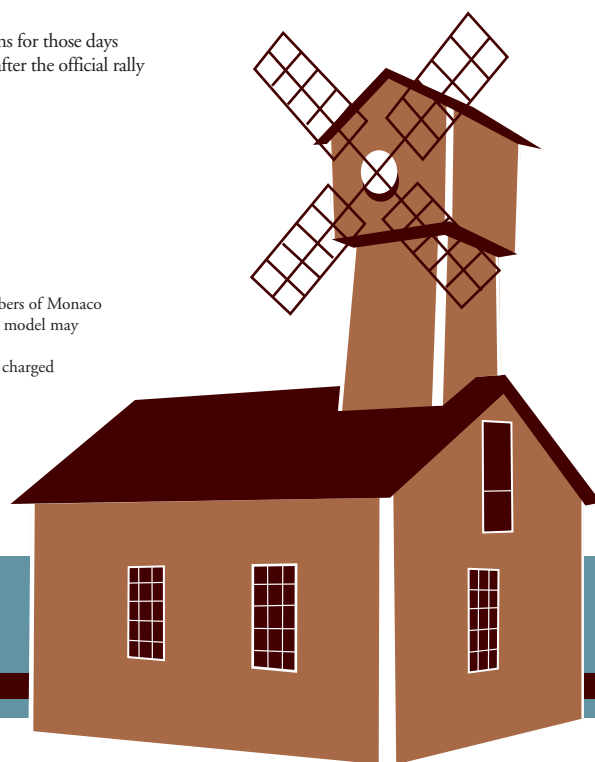
* Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

** Persons owning a Monaco Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for the first year's membership dues. Persons owning any other Monaco Coach model may attend by paying the \$25.00 non-member fee.

*** Persons owning any brand of motorcoach other than Monaco may attend as the guest of a member, but will be charged an additional \$50.00.

^ Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package.

“Verpflichten sie sich jetzt! Lassen sie nicht aus!”
(Sign up now! Don't miss out!)





See ALL our rally photos in color at www.photobucket.com.

Type "monacoamerica" in the "Search Images" box".



Tech Topic

Show us your modifications!

An appeal went out in the last newsletter for examples of modifications and improvements done to coaches for a presentation being prepared for the upcoming rally in Iowa. To date, I've heard from about 6 of you who are very proud of the work you've done to make

your coaches more livable, safe, attractive, useful, etc. Thanks for your participation.

Now, I've got to believe there are a lot more examples of things that have been done to the coaches in our club that deserve to be shared with everyone. Don't be shy, and please don't procrastinate any

more! Get the pictures and stories out to me now so we can make this presentation worthwhile.

My e-mail address is alfetch1@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Al Fetch

President's Coach . . . Continued

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Linda and I attended the Monaco International Rally in Lancaster and then the FMCA Rally in Pomona California the following week. Both were good and I was able to attend several seminars that dealt with running a club associated with FMCA.

Well it won't be long before our next rally in Amana, Iowa. It should be a

great time for all even though diesel prices in California are already over \$4.00 in some places. We can't let these foreign countries dictate if we are going to use our motor homes. Have to make cuts some where else and spend an extra night or two at Wal-Mart. Anyway, having said that, Linda and I have a conflict during the next rally because our oldest Grandson is graduating from High School in California on the last day of our rally and then the following day our

8th Grandchild is suppose to be born. So at this point, I am not sure Linda will be able to come to our next rally so I will be flying there for the first two days. If Linda can make it, we will both fly for the two days. I know it will be a great Rally.

Look forward to seeing you in June and safe travels to you all.

Rich and Linda Cotterall
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Cell: (805) 732-2945

Does this group always have this much fun?

Yes!



Ladies Tea

Hello Ladies

It's getting close to Rally time and in regards to our give back to the community project, as promised I spoke to the Iowa County Food Bank again and updated their list of greatest needs.

In our last newsletter I listed: cereal, peanut butter, pastas, tuna, canned chicken, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, canned juices. They have added the following: canned fruit, pancake mix (the kind you just add water), syrup, tomatoes, tomato sauce and paste, paper products (towels, facial tissues, toilet tissue) and things like the canned

spaghetti's and ravioli, spaghetti sauce and detergents.

They have a good source for canned vegetables so that is not one of their needs.

As usual I know you all will do more than expected.

See you all soon,
Carole Granat



Great friends,
food and fun at a
Monaco America
Rally!



Thank you received

Monaco America received the following card and note:

"I want to thank Monaco America for the warmth and hospitality shown to Donna and myself at the Urbanna

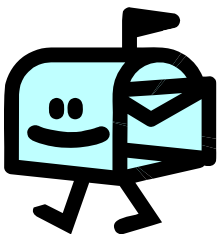
Rally. I was glad to be able to present a seminar and inform the attendees about their FMCA benefits. We had a great time and look forward o seeing all of you at INTO rallies and FMCA conventions.

Safe travels and good health to all,

Jay Blumenthal

National VP-FMCA - International Area"

We hope Jay and Donna will join us again soon!



Moving?

Please be sure to send Diane "Cookie" Baker your change of address and/or your dues check make payable to MA! We get returns with each mailing and then folks call asking where their newsletter is ?!

Email: cookiebaker3@gmail.com

Or: Diane Baker
2061 Palomino Rd
Dover, PA 17315

Did you pay your MA dues?



Order Your Monaco America Cookbook Now!!

Recipes collected at our rallies!

\$8.00 each plus shipping

Contact

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A Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association

An International club for the owners of Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight and Diplomat Coaches

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Questions on Club Membership?

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Annual Dues Only \$15

\$10 Initiation fee

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Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Please circle color choice

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_____	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	XX Large	3 X Large	Red	Light Blue	Ash Gray	White
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_____ Total Number of Shirts

x 10.00 each

_____ Sub total

+ \$ 6.50 Per shirt

_____ TOTAL Make Check Payable to Monaco America

Mail order form to:

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503 Shiloh Circle
Columbia, TN 38401

Only orders accompanied by payment in full by check will be accepted.



Mark your calendars now!
The following Monaco America Rallies
are Confirmed!

Spring 2008 **Amana Colonies RV Park in Amana, Iowa**
Dates: June 8th thru June 11th, 2008

Fall 2008 **Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest, Lodi, California**
Dates: October 13th thru October 16th, 2008

Spring 2009 **Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana**
Dates: May 12th thru May 15th, 2009

*Sign-up while attending the current rally for a chance to win free attendance
at the following Rally!*



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What ?
YES! Still time
to sign up for the next
Monaco America Rally?
Thank Goodness! !